

Saint Michael and All Angels

Episcopal Church in Corona del Mar, CA

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24, 2023 ♦ 9:30 am



A very warm welcome! We are delighted to have you join us. This bulletin has been designed to help you worship with us. Please note that wherever it says “stand, sit, kneel” (Episcopalian Calisthenics!), such are only suggestions. We Stand to Praise; Sit to Listen; and Kneel to Ask. You are welcome to do whatever you are able or find most comfortable.

We hope you will not find our silence before the liturgy to be a lack of hospitality. We merely have a custom of keeping the silence before the liturgy as a time of preparation and talking to God. We will be very enthusiastic to talk with you and each other after the service. There’s an old adage which says, “Before liturgy, talk to God. During liturgy, let God talk to you. After liturgy, talk to each other.”

Please remember St Michael’s in your prayers and we hope you will return to worship with us again!

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Reader

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea into a world that had no room for him. As we light these candles, help us to make room for him; may our hearts and minds be filled with his light and his love.

All

Almighty God, you came among us that we might have abundant life. Grant that we may wait in hope for the joy promised by your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

THE INTROIT HYMN *(Please stand as able and join in singing.)*

New English Hymnal #501

Advent Prose

Rorate Caeli



Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. [Refrain]

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away: thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. [Refrain]

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✙ Blessed are you, holy and living One.

All You come to your people and set them free. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE

Hymnal S-95

Lord, have mercy upon us

Richard Proulx

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has three measures: the first measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the second measure is labeled 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy.' The second staff has three measures: the first measure is labeled 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy.'; the second measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third measure is labeled 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.' The notes are simple quarter and half notes on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE SERMON *(Please be seated.)*

The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Melinda Rader

Reader A Reading from the Second book of Samuel.

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

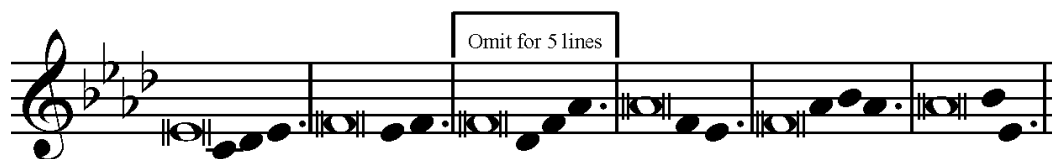
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as able and join in singing.)

THE CANTICLE: The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

Mode 8



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✚ My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me bless-ed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27 *(Please be seated.)*

Marjie Blevins

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE

Hymnal 56

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

Soloist will sing the first verse of the Sequence followed by all singing the refrain.

Re - jice! Re - jice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the first verse of the Sequence, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a slur over the final two notes. The lyrics 'Re - jice! Re - jice!' are written below the staff. The second staff contains the refrain, also in G major, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a slur over the final two notes. The lyrics 'Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!' are written below the staff.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

Assistant Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Assistant Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please join in singing the refrain of the Sequence as the procession returns.

Re - jice! Re - jice!

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THE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE INTERCESSIONS *(Kneel as able or be seated.)*

Michael Strong

Intercessor You astounded Mary with her invitation to bear your Son. Surprise us with your delight in us, with your invitation to do your will, with the light of Christ growing within us. Surprise us, Lord, again and again.

We are your children. Increase the faith in us, day by day, season by season. Empower us to seek and do your will. Cause us to surprise ourselves by opening up our hearts to find that you are always there.

All **Surprise us, Lord.**

Intercessor We pray that the leaders of all the nations demonstrate wisdom and a heart for the good of their people and peace between neighbors.

All **Surprise us, Lord.**

Intercessor We pray that the peoples of all the nations realize freedom and an end to hunger and poverty. Enable a spirit of generosity to flow throughout the world.

All **Surprise us, Lord.**

We pray for our neighbors with whom we work and live. Surprise us with what can be accomplished when we work together for the common good. Open our eyes to see you in each person we meet. Open our hearts and hands to each need we encounter.

All **Surprise us, Lord.**

Intercessor We pray for healing for those with troubled spirits, who suffer from addiction, loneliness, and despair. We ask for healing for those who struggle with the consequences of illness or recovering from surgery, especially _____. Reveal to us how to join in your saving and healing work through the power of your Spirit.

All **Surprise us, Lord.**

Intercessor We pray for those who have died and now rest in your eternal embrace, especially _____. May the light of your love surround them and comfort those who grieve their deaths. Surprise them with the sure hope of the Resurrection.

All **Surprise us, Lord.**

Intercessor We are your people. Increase the faith in us day by day. Surprise us with your loving, liberating, and life-giving presence.

All **Surprise us, Lord, again and again.**

Intercessor For what else shall we pray?
Congregation is invited to say intentions aloud or in silence.

Celebrant Let us all pray together,

All **Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant The Baptizer's voice cries in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord," he who will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclose the purposes of the heart. As Salvation dawns upon us, let us confess our mistakes in penitence and faith.

Silence

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE *(Please stand as able.)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary" by Charles Wood



St. Michael's website



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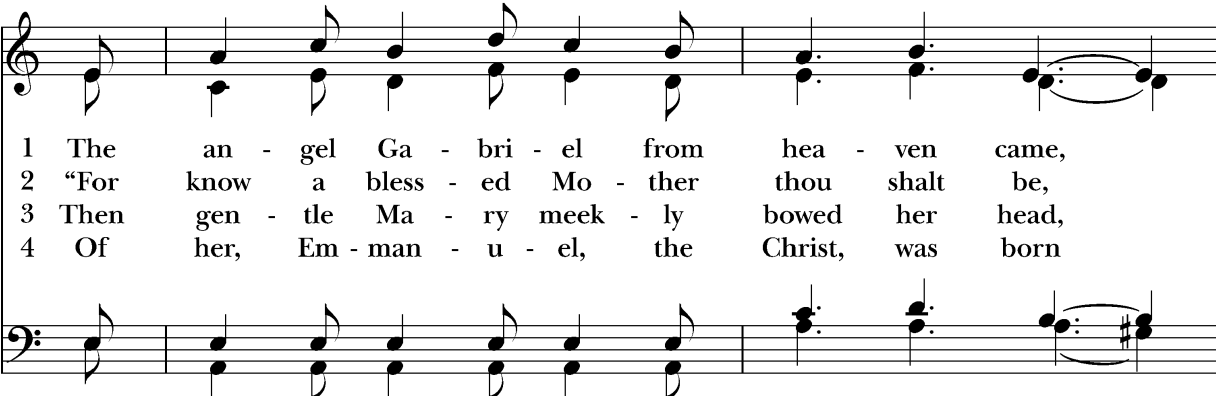
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THE PRESENTATION HYMN


Hymnal 265

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

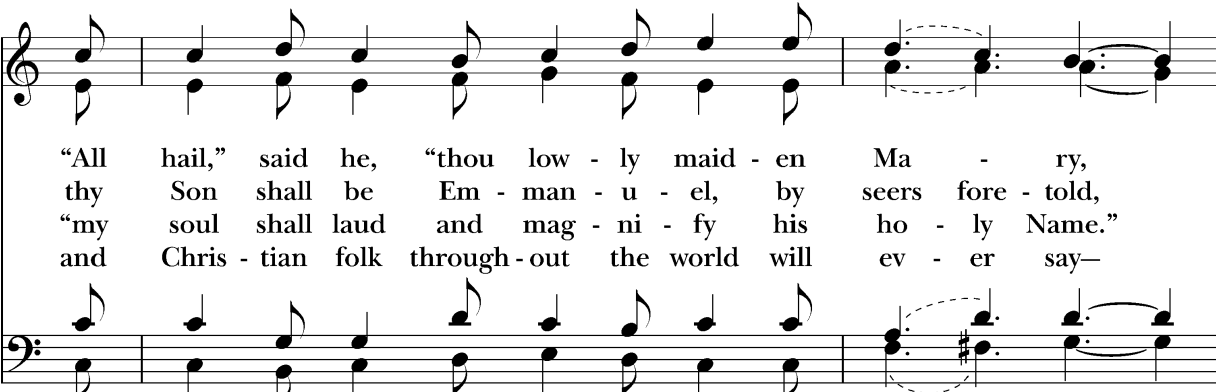
Gabriel's Message



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

The Eucharistic Prayer (Scottish Liturgy 1982 Revised 2022)

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being, and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment. Day and night celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your Word became flesh, and on this day was born of the Virgin Mary. He emptied himself, taking our human form, That through his incarnation and passion we might come to share in his divine nature.

Filled with the Spirit, who at the first Creation moved over the face of the waters, and overshadowed the blessed Virgin at Nazareth, we await with joy the fulfilment of your new Creation.

As children of your redeeming purpose who celebrate the birth of your Son, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Schubert, Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Hymn continues on next page.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father. In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us, and lived for a time among us, that we might for ever live with you. In the manger at Bethlehem, in his flight to Egypt, and as the carpenter's son, the Only-begotten bent low to meet us.

Obedient to your calling, he accepted death on the cross. When you exalted him on the third day, and bestowed on him the name above all names, he opened the gate of glory that we might be your children, and share in his kingdom of Peace.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, desiring to complete the work for which he came into the world, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.” After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command.

All We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are One Body, because we all share in one bread.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert, Proulx

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first line of the musical score for 'The Agnus Dei'. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.' The line ends with a quarter rest in the treble staff and a half note in the bass staff.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second line of the musical score. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues with harmonic support. The lyrics are 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.' The line ends with a quarter rest in the treble staff and a half note in the bass staff.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third line of the musical score. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues with harmonic support. The lyrics are 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:'. The line ends with a quarter rest in the treble staff and a half note in the bass staff.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth line of the musical score. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues with harmonic support. The lyrics are 'give us your peace, give us your peace.' The line ends with a quarter rest in the treble staff and a half note in the bass staff.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey you are welcome to come forward to receive the consecrated wine and wafers. Wine will be served by our chalice bearers from the common cup. In keeping with the pandemic safety guidelines from our bishop, the communicant may drink from the chalice or, in the alternative, the chalice bearer will dip the wafer into the wine and place it directly on the communicant's tongue. If you prefer not to have wine, simply cross your arms over your chest after receiving the wafer.

Gluten-free wafers are available: just ask the priest when you come forward.

Congregants worshiping on Zoom or Facebook Live may say the following:

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Marienlieder: The Annunciation" by Johannes Brahms

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please kneel or sit as able.)*

Priest Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

THE BENEDICTION *(Please stand as able.)*

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of Almighty God, ✚ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

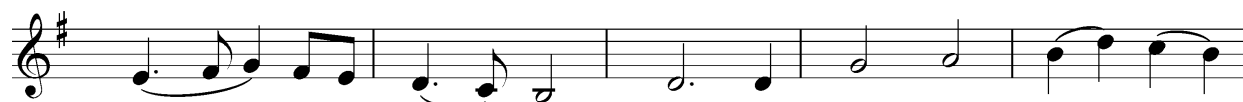
Wesley, Helmsley



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

THE DISMISSAL

Assistant Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Today's Worship Team

Celebrant	The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD
Assistant Priest	The Rev'd Barbara Stewart, PhD
Chalice Bearer	Melinda Rader, Marjie Blevins
Acolyte	Colette Spence
Altar Guild	Jim Palda
Flower Guild	Flower Guild
Ushers	Steve Dulson, Clyde Dodge
We Serve Coffee Team	Gail Haghjoo, Steve Dulson

Godly Play (ages 3-11)

9:30 am in the Yellow Room

This week, The Mystery of Christmas.

Susan Caldwell is storyteller with Skylar Mineshima assisting

Youth Group (ages 11-14)

9:30 am in the Conference Room

Fourth Sunday is dedicated to Rest — no session this week.

Contact: Susan Caldwell (scaldwell@stmikescdm.org)

Parish Prayer List

Barbara	Peggy	Burton	Edie	Rebecca	Florence
Joni	Kitty	Jeanne	Parry	Julie	Ron
Marilyn	Sue	Tom	Jason		

For the repose of the soul:

Peter Bob

Prayer requests remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

To submit a name to the prayer list contact Brooke Pauley or The Rev'd Dr. Shane Scott-Hamblen.

Worship with us:

Tuesday Morning Holy Eucharist: Tuesdays at 8:30 am (in person only)

Featured saint for Dec. 26: Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr.

Lectionary Study with Fr. Shane: Tuesdays at 10:00 am (in person and Zoom)

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday2023> Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: cdm080100!

Prayer Vigil for Peace: Fridays at 6:00 pm (in person and Zoom)

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday2023> Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: cdm080100!

Worship bulletins: <https://www.stmikescdm.org/worship-bulletins/>

A Time of Prayer: First Wednesday of the Month at 2:00 pm (Zoom only)

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday2023> (Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: cdm080100!)

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Announcements:

Children's Christmas Pageant

A big thank you to all those who volunteered and came to last Sunday afternoon's Children's Christmas Pageant.

It was a special time to gather and support our Saint Michael's Godly Play program, to sing Christmas Carols, and to enjoy the reenactment of the Nativity.

Many thanks to Fr. Shane for playing the pipe organ and to Ali Haghjoo as Fr. Christmas and Gail his helper.

Thank you also to Kristy Kiper, Elizabeth and Evans Henry, Brooke Pauley, Joni Malcolm, Julie Sheffield, Susan Leinberger and Jan Cannan for all their support.

The blessing of the living Creche came with much joy and wonder! Anne Conover's blessed memory and tradition lives on.

Wishing you all the best this holy season.

—Susan Caldwell, Director of Christian Education

Love Your Neighbor: From Jewish Origins to the Good Samaritan to MLK

Sarah Rosenson will lead this Zoom-only 2-session seminar starting with an exploration of the idea of loving your neighbor as yourself. Leviticus includes the positive formulation of this idea, and Rabbi Hillel states the negative formulation. We will then discuss Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan from the New Testament. Jesus tells this fascinating story in response to a fellow Jew's question about how you define "neighbor" in this concept. And then we will discuss quotes from two speeches by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which refer to the parable of the Good Samaritan. Each quote makes a vitally important point about repairing the world.

Thursday, Jan. 11 - Part 1

Thursday, Jan. 18 - Part 2

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Pacific)

For more about Sarah Rosenson, visit her website at <https://www.sarahsclass.net/>

To sign up, contact Robert Montgomery at kmont54@gmail.com

Prayer, Then Care Hospitality Ministry

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (Romans 12:13, NIV)

For those on our prayer list, we have begun organizing a team of folks who would like to help with following up with calls, cards, and visits. To learn more or to sign up, please contact:

- Fr. Shane at fr.shane@stmikescdm.org or (845) 240-4516
- Beth Bianchi at bethebianchi@gmail.com or (949) 636-3418

Join "We Serve"—an Easy Avenue to Fellowship!

The "We Serve" rotating schedule to host the after-service snacks has launched with a variety of delicious nibbles. More hosts are needed to partner for upcoming Sundays to fill out our schedule. You may either donate \$25 for donuts or bring your own yummys. Sign up with Gail Haghjoo or online at <https://bit.ly/weservesignup>.

Stewardship

Stewardship is about being grateful, responsible, and wise stewards of the gifts that we receive from God. We are committed to thoughtfully and rigorously nurturing the healthy, sustainable development of our financial resources, our campus, our people, and our planet, for our children and future generations.

The annual gifts of parishioners support the mission and ministries of Saint Michael's and ensure that God's work through this parish will grow and thrive. Estimating your annual gift allows the vestry to plan more accurately for the programming and ministries Saint Michael's can accomplish.

We hope you will prayerfully estimate your annual gift to Saint Michael's in whatever amount is comfortable. We are grateful for each and every pledge, no matter the amount.

You may complete the Estimated Annual Gift form below, tear out, and place in the offertory plate, or submit your pledge online at <https://www.stmikescdm.org/stewardship-pledge/>

▼ Tear off here ▼



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PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

- ☐ setting up payments from my checking account/credit card.
- ☐ including the church in my estate plans.
- ☐ making my gift through stocks or securities.

My 2024 Promise: Acknowledging that we are Rooted in Abundance, I/we promise \$_____ for ministry.
I/we plan to fulfill this pledge ☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ semiannually ☐ annually

Notes:

This Week at St. Michael's

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Sunday Conversations
4:30 pm Choral Prologue
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

- 9:30 am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 26

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist
7:00 pm Tuesday Night at Mike's

Thursday, December 28

- 8:30 am Men's Fellowship

Friday, December 29

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 pm Prayer Vigil for Peace

Sunday, December 31

- 9:30 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Sunday Conversations

*For more info, contact the church office at
949-644-0463 or church@stmikescdm.org.*

Weekly Finance Update

As of Sunday, Dec. 17

Weekly Pledge Income	\$2,771
Weekly Other Income	\$10,112
Weekly Budgeted Exp	\$12,147
Net Income	\$736

Attendance

	Sunday Worship	Children and Youth
Nov. 5	104	17
Nov. 12	82	6
Nov. 19	75	8
Nov. 26	76	7

Altar Flowers

Each Sunday, members of the congregation may sponsor altar flowers, chapel flowers, and the sanctuary light in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life or in memory of loved ones. Call the church office at (949) 644-0463 or make your dedication via our website at <https://bit.ly/SMAAFLOWERS>.

Sunday Worship Livestream

Join on Zoom:

<https://bit.ly/stmikessunday2023>

Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532

Passcode: cdm080100!

Join on Facebook Live:

<https://facebook.com/SMAACDM>

Donate Online

Visit <https://www.stmikescdm.org/give/> or use your mobile device to give via PayPal:



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Office Hours:

Monday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Tuesday 7:30 am to Noon
Wednesday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Thursday 7:30 am to Noon
Friday Closed

Parish Directory:

<https://smaa.breezechms.com>

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Julie Sheffield, Junior Warden
Keith Lumpkin, Stewardship
Kim Montgomery, Christian Education
Louise Stover, Senior Warden
Stacie Tibbetts, Treasurer
Steve Morris, Ombudsman

Adult Christian Education and Small Discussion Groups

Visit our website for more information on St. Mike's
Adult Christian Education and Small Discussion Groups.

St. Mike's Sunday Conversations

11:00 am in Michael's Room and on Zoom

Dec. 24: Prof. Jean-Pierre Isbouts' *History and Archaeology of the Bible* – part 17: The Kingdom of Herod the Great.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/sundaysat10>

Meeting ID: 966 632 5340 / Passcode: 221426

Contact: Kim Montgomery

Tuesday Nights at Mike's

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Studying *Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith* by Henri Nouwen.

Dec. 26: *Spiritual Direction*—Chapter 10.

Our word—*Patience* (Julie).

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/tuesdayatmikes>

Meeting ID: 834 2976 3754 / Passcode: none

Contact: Beth Bianchi

Bible Challenge

Third Sundays at 8:30 am in the Conference Room

Jan. 14: Begins study of a new book TBD.

Contact: Susan Caldwell

Inklings! Book Group

Third Mondays at 10:30 am in the Davis Library

Jan. 15: studying *The Lion, the Witch and Wardrobe*
by C.S. Lewis.

Contact: Susan Caldwell

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Fridays at 10:00 am

Please join us as we knit or crochet and pray!

Contact: Barbara Stewart+ at (949) 378-9780

Men's Fellowship Group

Thursdays at 8:30 am in the Davis Library

Studying *How the Irish Saved Civilization*
by Thomas Cahill.

Contact: Kim Montgomery