Christ Mass

Monday, December 25, 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 PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST (Please stand as able.)

The twenty fifth day of December. In the five thousand, one hundred and ninety-ninth year of the creation of the world, from the time when God in the beginning created the heavens and the earth, the two thousand nine hundred and fifty-seventh year after the flood. The two thousand and fifteenth year from the birth of Abraham. The one thousand, five hundred and tenth year from Moses and the going forth of the people of Israel from Egypt. The one thousand and thirty-second year from David's being anointed king; in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad, the seven hundred fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome; the fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome; the world being at peace. In the sixth age of the world. Jesus Christ. the eternal God, and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit. and nine months having passed since his conception. was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary, being made flesh. The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

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

Celebrant

O God of love, you are the true sun of the world, Evermore risen and never going down. We pray you to shine in our hearts, that the darkness of sin and the mist of error being driven away, we may this day, and all our life long, walk without stumbling in the way you have prepared for us, which is Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting.

All

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 GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born *this day* of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE SERMON (Please be seated.)

The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

Louise Stover

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains

are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news,

who announces salvation,

who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,

together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see

the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing,

you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the LORD has comforted his people,

he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm

before the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see

the salvation of our God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Psalm 98

Sing to the LORD a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

²With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

³The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶Sing to the LORD with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

⁸Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before th

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4

Louise Stover

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 (Please stand as able.)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by

night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

14"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Assistant Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.)

Louise Stover

Intercessor Welcome! Let your presence among us be reflected in our lives.

All Amen. Welcome, Lord, welcome.

Intercessor With the gift of angel song and joyful spirits, we rejoice at your coming among

us. Sustain us, your people, with joy deep in our hearts. Give our bishops, priests, deacons, and all our faithful leaders a renewed sense of purpose and direction,

that they may lead us in the way you would have us go.

All Amen. Welcome, Lord, welcome.

Intercessor Give the leaders of the nations an urgency for peace and brotherhood, that the

world you entered be blessed by good tidings.

All Amen. Welcome, Lord, welcome.

Intercessor Shower people throughout the world with your blessings of beauty and purpose,

freedom and plenty.

All Amen. Welcome, Lord, welcome.

Intercessor Open our hearts to the needs of those around us who are hungry or lonely, who

struggle with the burdens of living, whose spirits are restless for you.

All Amen. Welcome, Lord, welcome.

Intercessor Make whole those who suffer today with illness, with anxiety, with despair. May

we care about them and care for them as our brothers and sisters.

All Amen. Welcome, Lord, welcome.

Intercessor Gather to your heart those who have died, who are now welcomed into your

eternal embrace and surrounded by your glory.

All Amen. Welcome, Lord, welcome.

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

A Prayer Book for Australia

Celebrant The Lord comes, bringing to light those things now hidden, and disclosing the

purposes of the heart. Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming,

confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

Church of South India (adapted)

All Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbor.

We have walked in darkness rather than in light; we have named the name of Christ, but have not amended our ways. Have mercy upon us, we ask you; for the sake of Jesus Christ forgive us all our sins; cleanse us by your Holy Spirit; quicken our consciences; and enable us to forgive others; that we may hereafter

serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN

Celebrant May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw close and + cleanse you from all

your sins, that you may behold the glory of the Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus

Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE PEACE (Please stand as able.)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.





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Please stand as able.

The Eucharistic Prayer (Scottish Liturgy 1982 Revised 2022)

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People 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

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

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

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.

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

Church of England (adapted)

Priest Let us pray.

All

We praise and thank you, creator God, for you have not left us alone. You have come among us as Emmanuel, the promised of ages, and come to us still in word and Spirit, in bread and cup. Make us holy, and bring us to perfection, that when Christ comes again we may shine like lights before his face, who with you and the Spirit lives forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please be seated.)

THE BENEDICTION (Please stand as able.)

May he who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, bestow upon you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God almighty, the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Assistant Priest Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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Today's Worship Team

Celebrant The Rev'd Shane Scott-Hamblen, ThD

Assistant Priest The Rev'd Barbara Stewart, PhD

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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!) Worship bulletins: https://www.stmikescdm.org/worship-bulletins/

Christmas Poinsettia Dedications

Christmas poinsettias are given by St. Michael's parishioners and friends to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the blessings of this life or in memory of loved ones.

Richard and Susan Zevnik

Steve and Michele Dulson

In honor of George and Jane and Joe and Alice

Dick and Verda Schroeder

Lynne Gardner and Paul Multari

In honor of Ruth Poole

The Stover Family

With thanksgiving for the life and ministry of The Rev. Canon Peter Davis Haynes, a beloved child of God

Sang Moon Kim

Debbie Exley

In loving memory of Landon Exley

Jill & Bill Brady

In loving memory of Peter Haynes

The Dunlap Family

In loving memory of Susan Elizabeth and James Russell Hughes and Jane Francis and Thomas James Dunlap

Ruth Poole

In loving memory of Anne Conover

Stacie Tibbetts

In honor of the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for family and friends

Sally Buschek

In honor of Laura and John Messer

Iane Woodson

Clyde and Pepa Dodge

In honor of our parents and sisters

Jim Palda

In thanksgiving for the Palda family

Norris Battin

In loving memory of Blake and Marjorie Battin

The Vestry of Saint Michael and All Angels

In thanksgiving for the time and talent of Ali Haghjoo, Electrical Engineer!

Louise Stover

In thanksgiving for Catherine and Louise with joy and love for Corinne's birthday.

The Parishioners of Saint Michael and All Angels

As we joyfully welcome the music and ministry of Lukas Hasler

This Week at St. Michael's

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

Holy Eucharist 9:30 am

Sunday Conversations 11:00 am

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

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

Attendance

	Sunday	Children
	Worship	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!

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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

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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