

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist -Rite II - Year C

August 10, 2025 11:00 a.m.



St. Michael's Episcopal Church Norman, Oklahoma

The Rt. Rev. Wallis Ohl, Celebrant
Father Joseph Farber, Rector
The Rev'd Ann Williams Murray, Associate Priest
The Rev'd Laura S. Blazek, Deacon
David Zittel, Senior Warden
Josh Yarbrough, Junior Warden
Jon O. Roberts, Organist-Choirmaster
Nancy Littlejohn, Parish Administrator
Debi Kelley, Financial Secretary

*The Sanctuary Candle is given by Jim & Amy Gardner
in honor of their anniversary.*

*The Altar flowers are given by Ron Stiehler
for the birthdays of Trip and Andrew Stiehler.*

The Rector, vestry and members of this church wish to extend a most hearty welcome to visitors who are worshiping with us today, It is a privilege to extend to you an invitation to make this your church home. Here you will find a "Family" type parish and we hope you will stay after the service so that we may have the opportunity to meet you and extend the hand of Christian fellowship.

Welcome, Announcements and Blessings

Prelude

Hymn in Procession All Stand

"The God Of Abraham Praise"

Hymnal 401

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend;
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

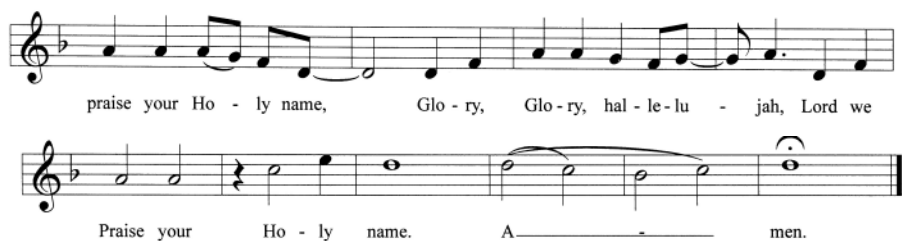
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

Celebrant 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**

Gloria

Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
 praise your Ho - ly name, Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
 praise your Ho - ly name. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to His peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al -
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we
 praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we
 praise your Ho - ly name. You take a - way the sin of the world: have
 mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, In the
 glo-ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we



The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *All sit.*

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?

says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

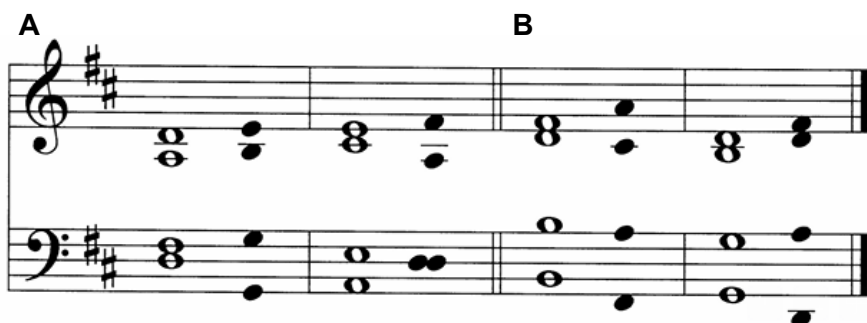
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your

doings from before my eyes;
 cease to do evil, learn to do good;
 seek justice, rescue the oppressed,
 defend the orphan, plead for the widow.
 Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD:
 though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;
 though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.
 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;
 but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword;
 for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 *Deus deorum*



- A** ¹ The LORD, the God of gods, has **spoken**; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to
 its **setting**.
- B** ² Out of Zion, perfect in its **beauty**, *
 God reveals himself in **glory**.
- A** ³ Our God will come and will not keep **silence**; *
 before him there is a consuming flame,
 and round about him a raging **storm**.
- B** ⁴ He calls the heavens and the earth from **above** *
 to witness the judgment of his **people**.
- A** ⁵ "Gather before me my loyal **followers**, *
 those who have made a covenant with me
 and sealed it with **sacrifice**."
- B** ⁶ Let the heavens declare the rightness of his **cause**; *
 for God himself is **judge**.
- A** ⁷ Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
 "O Israel, I will bear witness **against you**; *

for I am God, your **God**.

B ⁸ I do not accuse you because of your **sacrifices**; *
your offerings are always **before me**.

A ²³ Consider this well, you who forget **God**, *
lest I rend you and there be none to **deliver you**.

B ²⁴ Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving
honors **me**; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the
salvation of **God**."

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Sequence Hymn *All stand.*

"What Does The Lord Require"

Hymnal 605

Verses 1 -3 before and Verse 4 after the Gospel.



1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.
4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum - bly walk with God.)



hum - bly walk with God.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet,

so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Laura Blazek

The Nicene 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.**

Prayers of the People *Form VI* *All remain standing.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Poulson our Bishop; and for all
bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Silence The People may add their own thanksgivings

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember and pray for St. Aidan's
in Tulsa and for the Church of the Holy Cross in Owasso.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of
Rwanda.

Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



The Holy Communion

Offertory *All sit*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High

Offertory Hymn

"O God Of Bethel, By Whose Hand"

Hymnal 709

Unison



1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;
2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace:
3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan - dering foot - steps guide;
4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,
5 Such bless - ings from thy gra - cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;



1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:
2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed - ing race.
3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.
4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!
5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.

Presentation of the Offerings *Please stand and sing*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
 peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
 more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord
People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift 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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of
 glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse
 of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their
 courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their
 being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human
 race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You
 made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you,

and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus *The people stand or kneel.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

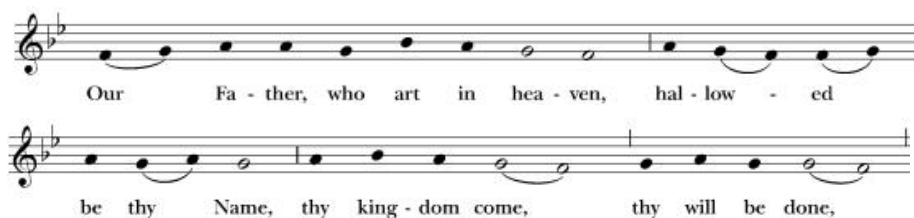
Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen**

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

The Lord's Prayer



on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Voices

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, grant us your peace.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and stand or kneel at the rail to receive by extending your cupped hands. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may cross your hands over your chest for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Hymns

"This Is The Hour Of Banquet And Of Song"

Hymnal 317

1 This is the hour of ban-quet and of song;
2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev-eral ways;
3 Feast af-ter feast thus comes and pass-es by,
this is the heaven-ly ta-ble spread for me;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
yet, pass-ing, points to the glad feast a-bove,
here let me feast, and feast-ing, still pro-long
the Bread and Wine con-sumed: yet all our days
giv-ing us fore-taste of the fes-tal joy,
the brief, bright hour of fel-low-ship with thee.
thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.
the Lamb's great mar-riage feast of bliss and love.

"O What Their Joy And Their Glory Must Be"

Hymnal 623

1 O what their joy and their glo-ry must be,
2 Tru-ly "Je-ru-sa-lem" name we that shore,
3 There, where no trou-bles dis-trac-tion can bring,
4 Now, in the mean-while, with hearts raised on high,
5 Low be-fore him with our prais-es we fall,
1 those end-less Sab-baths the bless-ed ones see;
2 ci-ti-ty of peace that brings joy ev-er-more;
3 we the sweet an-thems of Zi-on shall sing;
4 we for that coun-try must yearn and must sigh,
5 of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;

1 crown for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest:
 2 wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there,
 3 while for thy grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise
 4 seek - ing Je - ru - sa - lem, dear na - tive land,
 5 of whom, the Fa - ther; and in whom, the Son;

1 God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.
 2 nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.
 3 thy bless - ed peo - ple e - ter - nal - ly raise.
 4 through our long ex - ile on Bab - y - lon's strand.
 5 through whom, the Spi - rit, with them ev - er One.

Celebrant Let us pray. *All Stand*

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living
 members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

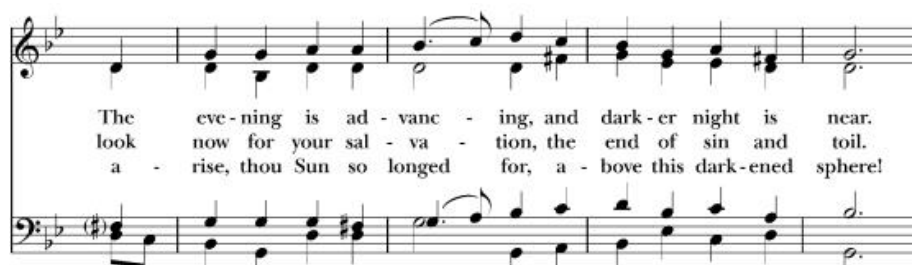
Hymn in Procession

"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"


Hymnal 68



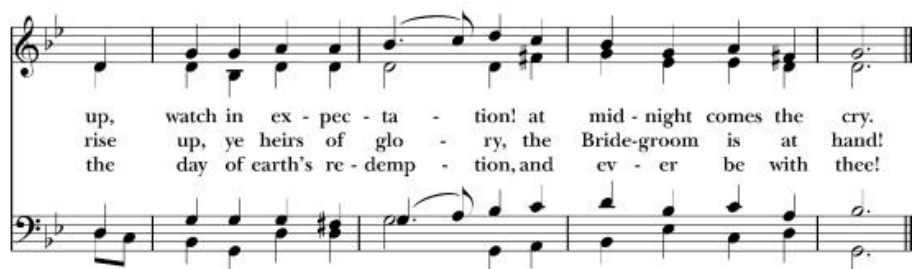
1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Please keep these people in your prayers this week

For those with health concerns: Kim Kline, Brother James Phillips, Charles Kietzman, LaVetta Dent, Mike Scott, Anne Burris Grieves, Woody Campbell, David Zittel, Susan Bennett, McKenzie Million, Keith & Jeanne Giles, David & Susan Nagel, Syra Vaz, Bill Armstrong, Jennifer Warren, James Smith, Russell Badder, Debbie Price, Ron Stiehler, Nancy Hancock, Tom & Nancy Wakely, Mark Gilje, Josh Yarbrough, Suzanne Moore, Tom Selvidge, Linda Gill, Becky Young, Nancy Littlejohn, Ashley Kellogg.

For those experiencing long-term illness: Robert Harrington, Cory Chesnut, Amy Schones, Will Blair, Cindy Croom, Michael, Eliza Rodrigues, Cecilia Prytko.

Birthdays: 8/10 William McGovern-Fagg, 8/12 William Petrie, 8/16 Jim Gardner

Anniversaries: 8/10, Peter and Karen Goodchild, 8/10 Jim and Amy Gardner

This week at St Michael's

Monday, August 11	Crafts 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 13	Lectio Divina 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 14	Meal Prep for the Unhoused 5:00 p.m.
Friday, August 15	Saucy Sisters 5:30 p.m.

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