

# EASTER DAY JOY: A CHILDREN'S SERVICE

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# WELCOME

# **GET CONNECTED!**

Welcome! Follow these steps to find out what life is like at Saint Michael. Questions? Contact Rob Springer-Kyle at rspringer@saintmichael.org or 214-692-3008.



#### Fill Out the Welcome Card

We will follow up with you to help you get plugged into our church.

#### Sign Up for E-mails

Stay up to date with the latest activities happening in our parish.





#### **Attend Saint Michael 101**

In this class, you'll hear all about our many ministries, opportunities for involvement, and the exciting future of our parish.



# Easter Plate Offering



#### **OurCalling**

OurCalling helps our unsheltered, homeless neighbors walk with

Jesus and get off the streets. Offering more than a bed and a meal, we build custom exit strategies for each person to help them get out of homelessness for good.



# **Gateway of Grace**

Gateway of Grace is a 501c3 helping refu-

gees start over, many of them survivors of severe trauma, with donated furniture, pocket money, groceries, baby showers, job assistance, language lessons, and more. Most important, perhaps, Gateway trains volunteers and churches to adopt refugee families, the point where friendships form and integration begins.

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# **OUR FOCUS:** Build Christian Disciples for a Transformed Community



Rob Springer-Kyle leads our Welcome and Engagement ministries at Saint Michael and he would love the opportunity to connect and answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact him at (903) 405-7447 or <a href="mailto:rspringer-kyle@saintmichael.org">rspringer-kyle@saintmichael.org</a>.



#### Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

Today, we join with Christians around the world to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You are one of thousands of Saint Michaelites who are becoming part of God's holy chorus, singing and praising the gift of Christ who loves us so completely that death itself does not have the final word. We join with old friends and welcome new friends to this joy-filled celebration.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, I encourage you to join us in our prayers and thanksgivings as we celebrate Jesus's resurrection once again. Here at Saint Michael, we celebrate resurrection with a renewed sense of hope for our future. Our world can often feel heavy and scary, but we move confidently into a future where we can make a difference. We are more aware of the needs in our world than ever before, and we are also more aware of our ability to help when we act with the faith of Christ. I hope that we come to God's table today with gratitude for our gifts and with passion about our discipleship. We have been called by God and now that sacred call as followers of Christ compels us to fulfill God's love now.

Easter is a gift to each of us, an invitation to renew our commitment to one another and to the world God loves. Today, I am even more grateful to travel the Way of Christ with you as part of our Saint Michael family. May this beautiful Easter celebration fill you with the power of the resurrection and uplift you this day and forever!

With great hope,



#### A PRAYER FOR EASTER

You are our resurrection to new life, O God. You are our hope, guide, counselor, and deliverer.

In the midst of fear and uncertainty in our world and in our lives and when the powerless and vulnerable of the world are overwhelmed by mighty forces recall us to our true source of help, restoration and reconciliation.

Awaken us again to your loving presence within us and beyond us.

Awaken us again to hope and the pure freedom of serving you and your children, through

Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

— The Rev. Dr. Robert S. Dannals, Seventh Rector of Saint Michael and All Angels

### JOY: A EUCHARIST FOR CHILDREN

#### Welcome

Standing

# The Lighting Of The Christ Candle "The Light Of Christ"

The light of Christ has come into the world. The light of Christ has come into the world.

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## The Opening Song

## "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains that He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia! Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia! Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

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# **The Opening Sentences**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, you raised your Son Jesus from the tomb;

help us to tell others of your great power. Amen.

#### **The Gospel Procession**

#### "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus."

I have decided to follow lesus.

I have decided to follow Jesus.

I have decided to follow Jesus.

No turning back, no turning back.

#### Other verses:

Though none go with me, still I will follow.

The cross I'll carry 'til I see Jesus.

The cross before me, the world behind me.

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# The Bible Story

# **The Song After The Story**

"Sing We Now Of Jesus"

Sing we now of Jesus, ris'n on Easter day.

Sing we now of Jesus, ris'n from death's dark grave.

Lift up your voice, with all the world rejoice;

Sing we now of Jesus, ris'n the world to save.

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#### The Children's Creed

I believe in God the Father, who has made me and all the world. I believe in God the Son, who has loved me and saved me. I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who is in me and all creation.

Seated

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Celebrant and People

# **The Sunday School Prayer**

Celebrant and People

God be in my head. God be in my heart.
God be in my left hand. God be in my right hand.
God be in my whole life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

## **Additional Prayers and Silence**

Reader Let us thank God for our families, friends, and our pets.

We pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader Let us praise God for God's love and goodness, and for

our blessings. We pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader Let us pray to God to help others. We pray to you, O

Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader Let us ask God for the things we need; may we enjoy

the food we eat, the home we live in, the health that we have, and when we are sick that we may be well

soon. We pray to you O, Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

**The Offertory** 

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks To The Risen Lord"

**Refrain:** 

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. **Refrain** 

During the season of Easter, we omit the Confession as a way of celebrating Christ's triumph over sin and the new life for all who are joined with him in his death and resurrection.

Please be seated for the Announcements.

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Spread the good news o'er all the earth: lesus has died and has risen. **Refrain** 

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever. Refrain

Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior. **Refrain** 

"Alleluai, alluluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord" Alleluia No 1 Hymn 178, v. 1-3

# The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" New Britain Hymn 380, v. 3

# The Prayers Over The Bread and Wine To Thank God For Jesus

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.

# The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

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All baptized persons of any age regardless of their denomination and tradition are welcome to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper.

Eucharistic prayer continues

Celebrant and People

Members of the congregation may come forward to receive Communion from the Celebrant.

Please join in the singing of the Communion songs.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# **Communion Songs**

#### "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find. Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!

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#### "The Lord Is Great (Psalm 8)"

#### **Refrain:**

The Lord is great! Everybody sing: la, la, la, alleluia! The Lord made us! Everybody sing: la, la, la, alleluia!

God made the beasts, the birds in the tree, The fish in the water, and God made me! **Refrain** 

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# "Praise Him, Praise Him"

Praise Him, praise Him all ye little children.

God is love. God is love.

Praise Him, praise Him all ye little children.

God is love. God is love.

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#### "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

Singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

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When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

Singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

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## "Rejoice In The Lord Always"

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice.

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# Thank You To God For Our Time Together

Thank you, Jesus, for this Holy Meal. Thank you for giving us this Holy Food that gives each of us the gift of life. And thank you for caring for us. Amen.

# **A Blessing**

#### The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

# **The Closing Song**

# "I Will Sing, I Will Sing"

I will sing, I will sing, a song unto the Lord.

I will sing, I will sing, a song unto the Lord.

I will sing, I will sing, a song unto the Lord.

Alleluia, glory to the Lord!

# Standing

Celebrant and People

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#### **Refrain:**

Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord. Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord. Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord. Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.

We will come, we will come, as one before the Lord. We will come, we will come, as one before the Lord. We will come, we will come, as one before the Lord. Alleluia, glory to the Lord! **Refrain** 

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