



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
CHURCH | 9:00 AM  
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Dear Church Family,

For many of us, we are ending the first full week of social distancing and have experienced numerous changes and cancellations in so many areas of our lives, both big and small. These changes can be frustrating, disappointing, and even heartbreaking. It seems like most people are trying to discern an uncertain future, but we simply can't predict what tomorrow holds.

Instead of trying to make plans when plans are hard to make, perhaps we can try to become more comfortable with uncertainty. Faith calls us away from certainty and predictability and into a state of trust. We are called to trust in God, to trust in one another, and to trust in the power of love. As for me, I'm going to stay in my lane, so to speak, and offer some thoughts about how to be the church in an ever-changing world, especially when church has also changed.

First, I ask you to **continue supporting our church leaders**. When I can, I pass along your notes of gratitude and kudos to our amazing Saint Michael team of clergy, staff, and volunteers who are hustling to do whatever they can to support our community. We will likely never know the full extent of their efforts, but we can certainly keep them in our prayers and join me in praise for them whenever you can.

Second, **take care of one another**. Please pray for everyone in our Saint Michael family. Prayers are going up for those in our community and check-ins are happening with those

we know are most in need ([click here to send prayer requests to us](#)). However, the church is not just comprised of leaders and staff – we are all the church! Make phone calls, write notes, and have video chats. Little moments that safely connect us keep our spirits up.

Third, **check in with your neighbors**. We are so blessed to be part of a church community. Even when we are physically isolated, we are never alone. Each of us are also surrounded by neighbors who do not belong to any faith community. Please be aware of them, safely check in on them, and add them to your personal prayers.

Fourth, join us in working to **continue our community outreach ministries**. There are specific ministries available to SMAA members that can help meet needs and keep everyone safe under the current CDC recommendations ([click here to read more](#)). The needs in our community do not stop just because of the virus, and neither should our thoughtful, safe service.

Fifth, **please continue to give**. This may seem like a small thing with all that's swirling around us, but continued giving allows us to take care of our staff, keep our worship available to everyone, and secure ministries in our community ([click here](#)). Now, as much as ever before, we are being called to be a faithful witness to the hopefulness we find in Jesus. This hope is an essential gift to one another and to our world.

Lastly, I invite you to **rest in the peace of God** when you can. There is more information at our fingertips than can be absorbed and it's easy to

drown. Instead, please take care of yourself. Sabbath is not only meant to be a break in the rhythm of our week, but also a break whenever we need one. When the pressure of the world seems to weigh you down, pause, take a deep breath, and rest in the love of God that surrounds you on all sides. God's touch can be healing, and we all need a little healing these days.

I look forward to celebrating with you all live online this Sunday at both the 9am and 11am services. This week, we will have digital bulletins available on our website that includes the music so you can sing along

at home ([click here to watch](#)). You all continue to be in my daily prayers, and I can feel yours for me. I am grateful for each of you and for Saint Michael!

Blessings,

Chris +

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ALL SERVICES

### CURRENT PARISH STATUS

as of 3/20/20 3:27 pm

In light of CDC recommendations, the Bishop's pastoral directive, and Governor Abbott's Executive Order, **all public gatherings have been cancelled or moved online until at least Easter Day, April 12, 2020. This includes public worship. In addition, we now must avoid small groups larger than 10 people.** Funerals are discouraged at this time but if one must be held, it is limited to 10 people. Most Saint Michael staff are working from home, although some clergy and other critical staff are working on-site. People who are sick or in high-risk groups should stay home.

**We will be livestreaming worship, Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m.** We will also be offering online worship during Holy Week and Easter Day and endeavoring to provide online formation opportunities beginning March 29. [Learn more about Saint Michael LIVE!](#)

For ongoing parish status updates and resources concerning COVID-19, please visit [saintmichael.org/C19](http://saintmichael.org/C19).

**#SMAACARES:** If you or someone you know is in need of assistance during this time of crisis, please call our 24/7 Priest-on-Call line: (214) 232-7512.

Have a prayer request? Please let us know: [saintmichael.org/prayer](http://saintmichael.org/prayer)



*Prelude by de Grigny*  
*Nicolas de Grigny's Livre d'Orgue is considered the height of the French Baroque organ repertoire. The Tierce en taille played this morning is a profound piece that portrays intense yearning. The solo voice is at times reflective and at times active, spanning multiple octaves with its flourishes.*

*Standing*



*Prelude by Bach*  
*This setting of Vater unser im Himmelreich ("Our Father, who art in heaven") is one of Bach's most complex and challenging works for organ. Its five voices consist of two freely composed imitative voices, two voices that play the hymn melody in canon, and an active pedal line. Listen for call and response between voices that symbolizes our prayers to God.*

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*The service begins on page 351 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Prelude

Recit de tierce en taille, from Premier Livre d'Orgue      Nicolas de Grigny

Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 682      Johann Sebastian Bach

#### Processional Hymn

Hymn 150 "Forty days and forty nights"      *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!  
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!  
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.  
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smytton (1822-1870), alt.  
 Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody alt. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt., harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

#### Lenten Acclamation and Penitential Sentence

BCP 351

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*Kneeling*

#### Confession of Sin

BCP 352

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.

Absolution

Kyrie

BCP 356

Hymn S-96

Franz Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day: Contemporary

BCP 219

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

*Chanted by the choir*

Psalm 23 (Plainsong)

arr. Jonathan Ryan

The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Sequence Hymn

Standing

Hymn 411, v. 1 & 2 "O bless the Lord, my soul" *St. Thomas (Williams)*

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace hath made thee whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5  
Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

The Gospel *John 9:1-41*

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking

him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said

to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Mary Lessmann

*Seated*

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Standing*

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 III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
That we all may be one.

**Parish Prayers of the People**

Kathryn Anschutz,  
Susan Arellano,  
Jennifer Ryan Ball,  
Laura Blom, Ed Bright,  
Elizabeth Buchanan, Dan Busbee,  
Carolyn Cochran, Ralph Cousins,  
Katy Davis, Martha Dever,  
Diane Grant, Richard Grimm,  
Jody Guenther, Charles Hall,  
Larry Hawkins, Tony Horton,  
Jim Howell, Lynn Jerabek,  
Charles Kennedy, Jim Klingeman,  
Emma Lacey, Robert Lorch,  
Harrison Marcus, Cora Mason,  
Matthew Massengale,  
David Nutt, Haley Odlozil,  
Babs Owen, Libby Owens,  
Tom Park, Brad Patton,  
Christopher Pawlo,

Shannon Phillips,  
 George Poston, Punkin Power,  
 Rhoda Ramsbottom,  
 James Gustav Ream,  
 Brady Reardon,  
 Jim Rogers, Sandra Rose,  
 Refel Rushing, Ann Rushton,  
 Lynn Rushton, Marty Schaufele,  
 Miranda Shelton,  
 Randy Slaughter Jr.,  
 David Smallwood, Pat Snider,  
 Fredna Stewart, John Stoneham,  
 Ellen Terry, Ann Townsend,  
 Valerie Guenther Unger,  
 Jack Day Watson, III,  
 Merial West, Bob Wilbur,  
 Mary Jane Williams,  
 Sarah Williams, Hal Whitaker,  
 Catherine Carr Worley,  
 Susie Yeckel

*Please be seated for the  
 Announcements*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

### Concluding Collect

#### The Peace

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,  
 lay not our sins to our charge,  
 but forgive that is past  
 and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;  
 to decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
 that we may walk in a perfect heart  
 before thee now and evermore.

- *Lidley's Prayers (1566)*

### Presentation Hymn

#### All Things Are Thine

*Erbalt uns, Herr*

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts to offer thee; And hence with grateful hearts to-day Thine own before thy feet we lay.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*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.

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

*The Eucharistic prayer continues*

Hymn S 129 Sanctus and Benedictus

Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The Prayer of Consecration

BCP 362

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: S153

Ambrosian Chant

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 There-fore let us keep the feast.

*Kneeling*

*Cantor*

*People*

## Communion Hymn

### Hymn 343 "Shepherd of souls"

*St. Agnes*

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
heav - en - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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*Kneeling*

### The Post Communion Prayer

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.

### The Blessing

*Standing*

### The Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Concluding Hymn

### Hymn 620 "Jerusalem, my happy home"

*Land of Rest*

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when  
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they  
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as  
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with  
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they  
3 mas - ter of the choir; ten thou - sand times would  
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyrs'  
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
2 still re - jice in that most hap - py place.  
3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.  
4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.  
5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Words: F. B. F. (ca. 16th cent.), alt. Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk hymn; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Duchanan (1889-1983)  
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## Postlude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654

Johann Sebastian Bach

  
*Bach's masterful chorale prelude on the hymn "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness" is chosen today for its affinity with Laetare Sunday. Today is a moment of reprieve in the middle of Lent. It takes its name from in today's introit, which begins with the Latin word "Laetare," which means "rejoice." Bach's chorale prelude is a perfect fit here because it takes as its point of departure a hymn about God's goodness to us.*

*The foregoing text of the worship service contained in this order of worship is taken from the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The Book of Common Prayer alone is of authority in the worship of the Episcopal Church. This program is provided for convenience of use on this occasion.*

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