



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 8  
SAINT MICHAEL CONTEMPORARY  
CHURCH | 11 A.M.  
JUNE 28, 2020



The Rev. Dr. Christopher D. Girata, Rector

## Welcome!

Dear Friends,

I hope this note finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. This pastoral letter is longer than most, but I believe the updates are important and deliver this message with great hope!

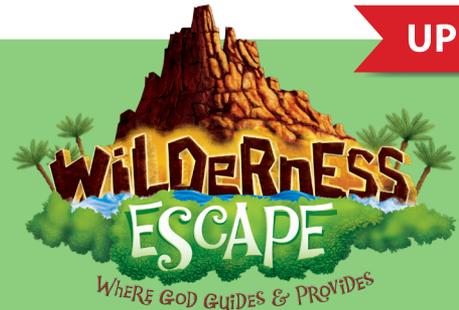
This week, I concluded a special summer series of the [Rector's Bible Study](#) on Philippians. Written while he was in prison, this short letter from St. Paul packs a huge theological punch. Two verses stood out to me as being particularly important for us in this time of uncertainty: *"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:6-7)."* Being told not to worry is like telling a 3-yr-old not to touch something—it doesn't work. Instead, focus on the invitation to take everything to God in order to find peace.

I often hear people voice concern that their problems are too small for God, and so they carry the weight of those problems without sharing the burden. Too many of us might know that feeling, like our worries and concerns are ours alone, but we are taught, as St. Paul has written, that God wants all of us, the good and the bad. God loves us unconditionally, and God wants to know our celebrations and our heartbreaks, our joy and our anger. God loves us, even the bits we may not like.

We each grieve in our own ways. We grieve the loss of freedom this virus has put upon us. We grieve the loss of security that our economic uncertainty brings. We grieve with those who feel rejected, judged, persecuted, and unloved because of the color of their skin. And in our grief, we can feel lost and exhausted, which is why we need reminders. We need to be reminded of God's love and faithfulness. We need to...

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UPDATE!

Due to the continuing uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, *Saint Michael and All Angels' Children and Family Ministry will be making the transition to a digital VBS!* We are so looking forward to this year's Vacation Bible School, Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides which will be held on August 3-7. Be on the lookout for second registration, available from July 5-19.

[FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/VBS](#)

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to act justly and to love mercy

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The Church has  
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### PERSONAL PRAYER

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BISHOP MOORE CHAPEL

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JULY 12

# JONAH

GOD'S RELENTLESS LOVE

*saint michael contemporary sermon series*

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## GET TO KNOW YOUR CLERGY

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WITH SPECIAL GUEST  
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*Faith Fellowship, and Formation*

**REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1**  
**CLASS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8**

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## CURRENT PARISH STATUS

as of THUR 6/25/20 1:30 p.m. CDT

ONLINE WORSHIP CONTINUES ON SUNDAYS AT 9 A.M. AND 11 A.M. AND ONLINE FORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE. To learn more, visit [saintmichael.org/live](http://saintmichael.org/live) and [saintmichael.org/liveformation](http://saintmichael.org/liveformation).

**Although we are not able to gather in person for public worship, the Bishop has given permission for the safe distribution of consecrated bread on Sundays from 12 noon - 1:30 P.M.** Details, including instructions about how to sign up for a 15-minute slot, are available online at [saintmichael.org/communion](http://saintmichael.org/communion).

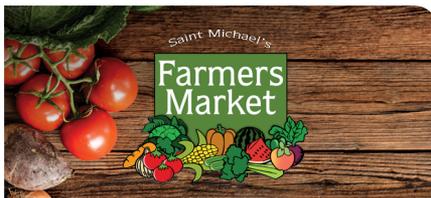
**BURIALS AND WEDDINGS:** Committal ceremonies and weddings may be conducted outdoors as long as people are physically distanced and masked. For more information, contact Dianne Boyd at [dboyd@saintmichael.org](mailto:dboyd@saintmichael.org).

**CHURCH BUILDING:** Beginning June 29, the Saint Michael and Bishop Moore Chapels will be open for private prayer each weekday from 12 noon - 1:30 P.M. The Saint Michael Bookshop will reopen at their regular hours Mon-Thurs, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., on July 6. For more information visit [saintmichael.org/chapelprayer](http://saintmichael.org/chapelprayer).

**EMPLOYEES:** While some staff will continue to work from home, up to 50% of our workforce (28) has returned to the campus.

**SAINT MICHAEL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL (SMES):** The school will determine their re-opening policies in light of guidance from the local school district. For more details: [smesdallas.org](http://smesdallas.org).

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact Ken Brannon, Vice Rector at [kbrannon@saintmichael.org](mailto:kbrannon@saintmichael.org), or Kristen Burk, Executive Assistant to the Vice Rector at [kburk@saintmichael.org](mailto:kburk@saintmichael.org).



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## **HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

*The order of service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP)  
The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

*Standing*

Opening Song: This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice?  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

*Lyrics continue on the next page*

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy worthy worthy

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Welcome

The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Al - might - y God, to you all hearts are o - pen, all de - si - res known, and  
4  
from you no se - crets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
8  
in - spi - ra - tion of your Ho - ly Spi - rit, that we may per - fect - ly love you, and  
12  
wor - thi - ly mag - ni - fy your ho - ly Name; through  
15  
Christ our Lord. A - men.

*Music by Justin Brooks and  
David Gentiles*

The Collect of the Day: Contemporary

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone:

Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Seated* The Lesson *Genesis 22:1-14*

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Open My Lips

Open my lips I will sing Your praise forever  
Open my lips oh Lord  
I will sing Your praise forever  
A broken spirit and a contrite heart  
These You will not despise  
Open my lips I will sing Your praise forever

The Gospel *Matthew 10:40-42*

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

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Bob Johnston

*Seated*

"Horrible Choices"

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,**

*Standing*

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 Prayers of the People: Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying  
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the  
salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and  
for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Our Presiding Bishop;  
George and Michael, our Bishops and for all the clergy and people, let us  
pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, and Eric, our Mayor, for the leaders of all nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of Saint Michael, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

### Concluding Collect

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Parish Prayers of the People

Rosalie Anderson, Jay Angelino,  
Kathryn Anschutz, Fritz Arko,  
Laura Blom, Ed Bright,  
Elizabeth Buchanan,  
Pat Bywaters, Pat Coleman,  
Ralph Cousins, Katy Davis,  
Martha Dever, Mark Dietz,  
Diane Grant, Richard Grimm,  
Jody Guenther, Winnie Hamlin  
Jim Howell, Lynn Jerabek,  
Charles Kennedy, Jim Klingeman,  
Jeff Kunzler, Mallory Leblanc,  
Harrison Marcus,  
Matthew Massengale,  
Virginia McEwen, Judy Mercer,  
John Morelock, Heather Nemeck,  
Babs Owen, Libby Owens,  
Tom Park, Christopher Pawlo,  
Shannon Phillips, Punkin Power,  
Greg Prickett,  
Rhoda Ramsbottom,  
Matney Rolfe, Jim Rogers,  
Sandra Rose, Monti Ann Skeby,  
Ellis Skinner, Darla Snead,  
Pat Snider, Fredna Stewart,  
John Stoneham, Alan Stuckmeyer,  
Ellen Terry, Ann Townsend,  
Valerie Guenther Unger,  
Don Waddington,  
Jack Day Watson, III,  
Mary Jane Williams,  
Hal Whitaker,  
Catherine Carr Worley

*Kneeling*

### Confession of Sin

*Priest* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.

### The Absolution

*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.

*Standing*

### The Peace

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

**People** And also with you.

*Please be seated for  
the Announcements*

### The Birthday Blessing

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Hymn: I've Always Loved You

I don't know how to explain it  
But I know that words will hardly do  
Miracles with signs and wonders  
Aren't enough for Me to prove to you

Don't you know I've always loved you  
Even before there was time  
Though you turn away I'll tell you still  
Don't you know I've always loved you  
And I always will

Greater love has not a man  
Than the one who gives his life to prove  
That he would do anything  
And that's what I'm gonna do for you

Don't you know I've always loved you  
Even before there was time  
Though you turn away I'll tell you still  
Don't you know I've always loved you  
And I always will

*Stand at the direction  
of the Celebrant*

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

*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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

9 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - and might,  
 15 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry ho - sa - nna in the high -  
 22 -est. Ble - ssed is he who comes in the name of the Lo -  
 rd. Ho - sa nna in the high e - st.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Our Fa-ther who art in hea - ven. Hall - o - wed be thy na -  
 8  
 me. Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in  
 15  
 hea - ven. Give us this day, our dai - ly bread, for - give us  
 23  
 our tre - s - pa - sses. As we for - gi - ve tho - se who tres - pass a  
 31  
 gai - nst u - - s. Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion.  
 39  
 But de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, the  
 47  
 pow - er and glo - ry for - e - ver. A - - - men.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleulia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleulia.

*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.

*In this time of social distancing, we are united in our faith and in the spiritual reception of the body and blood of Jesus Christ*

*Please join in the singing of the  
Communion Hymn*

### Communion Hymn: There Is A Redemmer

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til  
the work on earth is done

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
O for sinners slain

Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til  
the work on earth is done

When I stand in glory I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place

Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til  
the work on earth is done

*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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Chorus: Chorus of There Is A Redeemer

Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til  
the work on earth is done

The Dismissal

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

**People**        **Thanks be to God.**

*Standing*

*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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