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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⁺

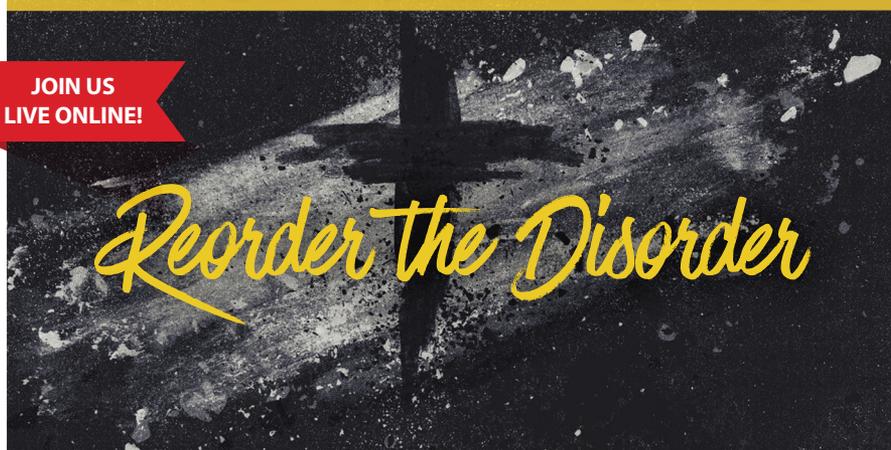


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LENTEN SERMON SERIES



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Reorder the Disorder

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](#).

#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](#)

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

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

The Collect of the Day: Contemporary

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 Lesson *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Seated

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Open Up My Eyes

Open up my eyes
Open up my heart
Open up my ears
So I can listen

Open up my eyes
Open up my heart
Open up my ears
So I can listen

Lord, let Your Word
Be upon my mind
And upon my lips
And upon my heart

Lyrics continue on next page

Open up my eyes
Open up my heart
Open up my ears
So I can listen

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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.**

**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.**

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,

The Prayers of the People: Lent IV

Lector O gracious Lord, may your church be a home for the weary,
a shelter for the fearful, a strength to the weak, a place of heal
ing and forgiveness to the troubled and the guilty. We pray for
all who are spiritually hungry, for all who have lost faith or who
have lost hope. Lord, let your light shine,
People in our hearts and in your world.

Lector Lord of life, we pray for all without adequate food or shelter, all who do not have a home to call their own. We pray for all who have no one to care for them. Lord, let your light shine,

People **in our hearts and in your world.**

Lector We come to you, Lord of love. We give you thanks for our homes and loved ones; may we not take their love for granted. In loving each other may we learn of your love for us. Lord, let your light shine,

People **in our hearts and in your world.**

Lector Loving Lord, we pray for families where there is misunderstanding, neglect, or violence. We remember all who are caring for loved ones who are ill; for those parted from their loved ones due to sickness. Lord, let your light shine,

People **in our hearts and in your world.**

Lector Lord, in love you welcome us home, you come to meet us and lead us to your kingdom. We pray for all who have the joy of your nearer presence. Lord, let your light shine,

People **in our hearts and in your world.**

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.

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.

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

Kneeling

Standing

*Please be seated for
the Announcements*

*Stand at the direction of the
Celebrant*

*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 Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn: Psalm 23 (He Restores My Soul)

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures
Leads me beside still waters

He restores my soul
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For his name's sake

He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For his name's sake
He restores my soul

You prepare a table before me
In the presence of my enemies
You anoint my head with oil
My cup runs over

He restores my soul
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For his name's sake

Surely his goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever

Yea though I walk through to the valley of the shadow of death I will
fear no evil

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

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.

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

Glory to you for ever and ever.

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.

By your will they were created and have their being.

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.

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

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.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

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:

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.

*As the Celebrant continues
please be seated*

*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.*

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,

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

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

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.**

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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 Hymn: Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this
Thy Table, O merciful Lord,
Trusting in our own righteousness,
But in thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy
So much as to gather up the crumbs
Under thy Table.
But thou art the same Lord
Whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
And to drink his blood, that we may evermore
Dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.

*Please join in the singing of the
Communion Hymns*

Kneeling

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

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.

Standing

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 Psalm 23 (He Restores My Soul)

He restores my soul
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For his name's sake

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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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