



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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The Rev. Dr. Christopher D. Girata, Rector

Welcome!

Dear friends,

The Season of Advent is here! Today we kick off a new church year with the sacred season that anticipates the moment of God's incarnation. Advent is when we travel through the story of Christ's birth, reminding ourselves of God's amazing love, poured out on each of us.

This year, our Advent theme is *Hope*. At first, hope may seem like a simple theme, and it is certainly one that could be used for any Christian season. But this year, hope carries more weight. This year, perhaps more than any in memory, the hope of Advent is more than a wish. Our hope is in God's incredible promise to be made whole in Christ.

As we journey through this holy season, we want to be your daily partner. I'm excited to announce that our [weekday podcast series](#) is back for the season and will begin on Monday, November 30. In Advent, our podcasts will focus on the theme of Hope, guiding us in daily renewal and refocus on the amazing gift of Christ. These podcasts will dovetail with our concurrent [sermon series](#): Hope and Rediscovering Christmas. I pray these are life-giving to you each week.

To kick off Advent right, I hope you will join us tonight, November 29, for our annual [Advent Festival](#). Beginning at 5 p.m., join us for a short, outdoor worship service, followed by a free, community-wide festival. You will be able to make Advent wreaths, participate in an outreach project, and enjoy a visit from Old St. Nick! The festival will be in the West Field, so don't miss it.

I pray you are having a restful and renewing Thanksgiving holiday. Please take care of yourself and I look forward to seeing you during Advent as we journey to Christmas!

Blessings,

Chris+

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| 5 PM | ADVENT FESTIVAL (OUTDOORS) |

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CONSECRATED WAFERS NOW AVAILABLE DURING SERVICES OF HOLY EUCHARIST:

A limited number of people may attend livestream worship on Sunday at 9 A.M. (Traditional), 11 A.M. (Contemporary), and 8 P.M. (Compline). Attendees must be symptom-free, remain distanced from other households, and wear a mask at all times. Entrance is from the North side of the building and includes a brief screening. At Communion services, consecrated wafers will be distributed as people enter the sanctuary and may be consumed at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer. **Free tickets for the three Sunday services are available on a first-come, first-served basis on Monday at 10:00 A.M. at saintmichael.org/worshiptickets.** Distribution of Holy Communion will be held at 12:15 P.M. - 1 P.M. and do not require a ticket (west entrance).

Note: If Highland Park Public Schools return to online-only instruction, we must discontinue attendance at livestream worship and restrict the number of people entering the building.

VISITORS DURING THE WEEK

should enter through the South entrance. Please schedule your groups with Tish Visinsky, tvisinsky@saintmichael.org, ahead of time.

WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, AND

BAPTISMS are permitted outdoors and in Saint Michael Chapel. Contact Dianne Boyd at dboyd@saintmichael.org.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Ken Brannon kbrannon@saintmichael.org, Vice Rector.

TONIGHT!*



Advent Festival



TONIGHT!

5-5:30 PM: Worship on West Field
5:30-6:30 PM: Advent Activities

Help us kick off the Advent season with a night of fun and fellowship! Join us for outdoor worship on the West Field and then stick around for Advent wreath-making, outreach, and a visit from Old St. Nick! With a special appearance by our Cherub Choir!

Wreath Making • Milk & Cookies • Visit from St. Nick • M&O Activity Tables • Cherub Choir Performance • Contemporary Music



* Masks are required and social distancing should be observed at all times. If inclement weather occurs, we will notify via web and social media. You will still be invited to drive through the West Lot porte cochere to get your Advent wreath kits and grab treats.



This prelude sets Martin Luther's paraphrase of St. Ambrose's ancient Advent text, hymn 54 in our hymnal. The text runs: "Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's son, make here your home. Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth." In this setting, Bach portrays the world's longing for salvation, and a sense of wonder at the miracle by which God came to earth.

Standing, Sung by the Choir

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

The service begins on page 355 of *The Book of Common Prayer*.

Prelude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome

Processional Hymn

Hymn 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion

Llangloffan



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

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

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

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.**

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lesson *Isaiah 64:1-9*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you

Seated

have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Chanted by the choir

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (Anglican chant)

Henry Walford Davies

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Standing, Sung by the Choir

Sequence Hymn

Hymn 56, v. 1 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

Hymn continues on next page

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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The Gospel *Mark 13:24-37*

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know

when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Seated
Standing

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Christopher D. Girata

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 IV

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for ____.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially ____, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially ____, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Parish Prayers of the People

Bobby Anderson,
Kathryn Anschutz, Fritz Arko,
Jerry Baldrige, Trudy Best
Brent Booker, Elizabeth Buchanan,
Pat Bywaters, Frances Campbell,
Nicoli Charmoli, Sarah Clements,
Ralph Cousins, Betty Crawford,
Ellie & Isabel Curiel,
Peggy Daniel, Leon Farmer,
Alison Grage Fleming,
Margaret Geddings, Steven Grage,
Michael Gratkowski,
Richard Grimm, Jody Guenther,
Polly Hairston, Jim Hamlin,
Amy Heller, David Henderson,
Josh Hight, Kathryn Houseman,
Kathy Howard,
Arleen Hutchinson, Joe Jephson, Jr.
Lynn Jerabek, Charles Kennedy,
Richard Kilgore, Jim Klingeman,
Jeff Kunzler, Emma Lacey,
Julie Springer Larimore,
Mallory Leblanc, Kyle Lessard
Agustin Martinez,
Robert Moss, Heather Nemeč,
Amanda Neuhoff,
Tom Park, Sandra Porter,
Punkin Power,
Rhoda Ramsbottom,
Celise Rocha, Sandra Rose,
Kathryn Shea, Betty Perry Smith,
Rusty Smith, Lucy Sogandares,
Fredna Stewart, John Stoneham,
Ellen Terry, Jere Thompson, Jr.,
Patty Thompson,
Valerie Guenther Unger,
Kael Walker, Jack Day Watson, III,
Mary Jane Williams,
Catherine Carr Worley

Concluding Collect

Celebrant Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Kneeling

Confession of Sin

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

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

*Please be seated for
the Announcements*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

O Thou, the central orb

Charles Wood

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.



Charles Wood composed most of his music toward the end of his life and thus his sacred works display a level of great maturity, following in the late-romantic footsteps of composers such as Stanford, Elgar and Parry. The text is by the English priest Henry Ramsden Bramley who is famous for his collaboration with John Stainer on the book "Christmas Carols, New and Old" which popularized Christmas carols in late-Victorian England.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
 Our nature all shall feel eternal day
 In fellowship with thee, transforming day
 To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

- Henry Ramsden Bramley

Presentation Hymn

Standing, Sung by the Choir

Hymn 60, v. 1 "Creator of the stars of night" *Conditor alme siderum*



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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



With the start of a new liturgical year this first Sunday of Advent, we introduce a new, rather extroverted setting of the Sanctus.

Sung by the Choir



20th-century Welsh composer William Mathias is particularly important to Saint Michael because he has previously been commissioned by Saint Michael to write new choral music premiered by our choir. Notice the music's growing excitement at "heaven and earth..." leading up to a "Hosanna in the highest." Note, too, that the music repeats itself starting at "Blessed is he..."

Hymn S 128 Sanctus and Benedictus

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

Kneeling

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him,

you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Michael all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

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.

Celebrant and People

The Celebrant continues

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.

Sung by the Choir

Fraction Anthem: S154

David Hurd

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Members of the congregation
 present in the sanctuary may
 partake of the consecrated wafers
 that were handed out upon entry*

Kneeling

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.

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

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Concluding Hymn

Hymn 68 “Rejoice! Rejoice, believers”

Llangloffan

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!

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Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eghwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

Postlude

Fugue in g minor, BWV 578

Johann Sebastian Bach

Standing, Sung by the Choir


This standalone fugue, often called the “Little” Fugue, is one of Bach’s more popular works. Curiously, the music stays strictly in its original key until measure 33 – when the music moves in new harmonic directions. This may be a reference to Jesus: his life of 33 years opened to us the way of salvation, and this Advent, we again wait and prepare for how he will transform our lives at Christmas.

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.

THIS SATURDAY!



Saint Michael Advent Retreat

Peace be to God's People

with the Rev. Claire Brown

December 5 | 9 - 11 AM | \$20 | via Zoom

In the liturgical season of Advent we prepare for the birth of Jesus and celebrate the peace that God has brought to the world through the birth of God's Son. But this holy peace is not only a gift; it is an invitation to join in God's work. Join the Rev. Claire Brown, co-author of *Keep Watch With Me: An Advent Reader for Peacemakers* for a morning of prayer and reflection on our call to be peacemakers.

Admission includes entry to the event and a copy of "*Keep Watch With Me: An Advent Reader for Peacemakers*".

saintmichael.org/adventretreat

Saint Michael and All Angels Nativity Pageant

DECEMBER 13

9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - STREAMED (ONLINE ONLY)

Don't miss out as Saint Michael and All Angels' youngest parishioners reenact the story of the birth of Jesus. The performance will be live streamed through the Saint Michael website and on the Saint Michael Facebook page.

saintmichael.org/nativity

MISSION & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

I Believe in Angels



NOW - DEC 1: ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

JOIN US IN PURCHASING GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AND SENIORS AT JUBILEE PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!



Heart of Giving

NOW - DEC 20

MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING OUTREACH PROGRAMS: AUNT BETTE'S COMMUNITY PANTRY, THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND, JUBILEE PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER, OR NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES.

Join us for NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES MONTH

LAST DAY:
MON, 11/30

Help address food insecurity across Dallas by making a tangible contribution. You are welcome to leave canned goods and other grocery items in a receptacle at the inner or outer south entrance of Saint Michael.

SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/NDSM

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

Your giving keeps our ministries alive in the community and in your home.

EASY TEXT-TO-GIVE | Text "give" to (855) 703-9385

— Christmas —

LESSONS *and Carols*



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
5:30 PM | LIVESTREAM**

Mark your calendars for this amazing livestreamed event, Sunday, December 20 at 5:30 p.m.

SAINT MICHAEL'S FARMERS MARKET *Holiday Market*

Klyde Warren Park | December 19 | 9 AM - 1 PM

Come support some of your favorite farmers, ranchers, and food artisans and enjoy this beautiful oasis in the heart of downtown Dallas. Pick up edible delights for your holiday table, friends, & neighbors in a safe, socially distanced, outdoor space.

For more information, visit saintmichaelsmarket.com.

The Bookshop has a great selection of nativities from all over the world and are fair trade. We also have a great selection of ornaments that make wonderful gifts.

The store is open Monday-Friday from 10-3.



SAINT MICHAEL PRESENTS



Festive Holiday Organ Concert

Jonathan Ryan, Dr. Margaret Harper, and Philip Fillion, Organists

SUNDAY, DEC. 6 | 4 PM | IN-PERSON & STREAMED LIVE

featuring our own award-winning Saint Michael organists. Dazzling virtuosity, holiday favorites, and selections for two organs are sure to delight you in this cozy holiday concert. You will be able to join in virtually from the comfort of your own home, so tell your friends, neighbors and family to join us! Free and open via live streaming to the public.

FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/HOLIDAYSMP



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saintmichael.org/chapelprayer

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

EVERY SUNDAY | 12:15 - 1:00 PM

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COVID-19 protocols.*



IN-PERSON WORSHIP (LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE)

We extend a warm welcome to all those who are attending worship services in person! Here are a few guidelines that will make your time with us safer and more enjoyable.

In-person worship is available every Sunday at 9 A.M. (Traditional), 11 A.M. (Contemporary), and 8 P.M. (Compline). Reserve up to 5 tickets for your household beginning at 10 A.M. every Monday: saintmichael.org/worshiptickets. Consecrated wafers are available during all Communion services.

Livestreams and video recordings of our weekly services continue to be the way that most people participate in worship. Visit saintmichael.org/live to tune in.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

+ If you choose to worship in person, here are some important guidelines:

- Masks are required (ages 2+)
- Maintain at least six feet distance from everyone not living in your household
- No shaking hands, hugs, or any physical contact with people outside your household
- No physical passing of the peace (although eye contact and a wave is encouraged)
- No congregational singing (unless outdoors)
- No passing of the offering plate (you may give as you leave or online at saintmichael.org/give)
- Leave the building immediately after worship ends and socialize outdoors.

If you have any questions, please contact Ken Brannon, Vice Rector, at kbrannon@saintmichael.org.

Sunday services are offered live, streamed, and on-demand, at 9 AM CT, 11 AM CT, and 8 PM CT.

Worship with us online: saintmichael.org/live | Worship with us in-person: saintmichael.org/worshiptickets

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