



★ ★ ★ SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS ★ ★ ★

VETERANS DAY

★ ★ NOVEMBER 13 | CHURCH | 5:30 PM ★ ★

WELCOME



We're glad you're here!

We'd love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Saint Michael is a vibrant group of people choosing to live life as a community: pursuing Jesus, caring for one another, and serving those in need.

While you're here with us today, we'd love for you to do two things:

- 1. Fill out a Welcome Card.** They're in the pew back in front of you, or use the QR code to use the quick, mobile-friendly "Get in Touch" form.
- 2. Stop by a Welcome Hub in the church lobby.** You'll see greeters wearing "Welcome" ribbons/lanyards and they can answer questions about a worship service, formation class, or childcare.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

At Saint Michael we are all about connecting, serving, and growing. To learn more about us, find ways to get involved, or see a map of the campus, scan the QR code.



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OUR FOCUS: Build Christian Disciples for a Transformed Community



Rob Springer leads our Welcome and Connection ministries at Saint Michael and he would love the opportunity to connect and answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact him at (903) 405-7447 or rspringer@saintmichael.org.

The cover reflects the color of the liturgical season, which is green during the season after Pentecost.

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I am very pleased to welcome you to Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church this evening. Every year, Saint Michael and All Angels celebrates Veterans Day with a special, festive service. Our time of prayer and praise honors all those who have taken the oath of service and those who care for them. Although the sacrifices made can never be repaid, it is our hope that this evening's worship will be a grace-filled tribute to all those who give and have given so generously.

In preparation for worship, I invite you to take a few moments to breathe deeply and center your heart and mind. What we do tonight connects us to faithful Christians through the centuries, and with countless faithful men and women in our own community.

No matter who you are, God walks with you and sustains you, and together, we can care for one another along the way. If you are seeking a community of faith, know that we would love for you to join us at Saint Michael. Our prayers are with you tonight and for the journey ahead.

Blessings,

The Rev. Dr. Christopher D. Girata
Rector

LESSONS & Carols

4 p.m. in the Church

December 4

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Begin the Advent Season with this beloved service of readings, music, and processions led by the Saint Michael Choir.

Saintmichael.org/AdventLC

December 18

CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

As we prepare for Christmas and the birth of Christ, join us for this beloved service, featuring nine Lessons and Carols sung by our Saint Michael Choristers and Saint Michael Choir.

Saintmichael.org/ChristmasLC

January 22 — New Service!

EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS

A special evening of music and lesson readings: the Contemporary and Traditional music departments will perform selections of Epiphany hymns and original arrangements to observe the Light of the World given to all.

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The flowers adorning the Altar
are given in memory of
John Michael Teal,
Staff Sergeant,
United States Air Force

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

Prelude

Organ Voluntary

Welcome

The Reverend Kenneth H. Brannon

Entering Procession (*standing, sung by all*)

“Almighty Father, strong to save” *Melita*

Hymn 579

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, our peo - ple shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -
firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.
watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.
rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

The Opening Acclamation (*standing*)

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

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

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lesson *Micah 4:1-5* (*seated*)

Chris Wiley

Captain, United States Air Force, Retired

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn (*standing, sung by all*)

“O God of every nation” *Llangloffan*

Hymn 607

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,
re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,
where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,
when hope and cour-age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign
in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - ri - ous o'er all the world's do - main.

The Gospel *John 15:12-17* (*seated*)

Chris Wiley
Captain, United States Air Force, Retired

[Jesus said to his disciples,] “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know

what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Homily (*seated*)

The Reverend Andrea Baker
Chaplain (Major), United States Army

Litany from The Book of Worship for United States Armed Forces (*standing*)

Leader Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country’s story.

People We give you thanks, O God.

Leader For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth.

People We give you thanks, O God.

Leader For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world’s common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows.

People We give you thanks, O God.

Leader For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service.

People We give you thanks, O God.

Leader O almighty and merciful God, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

The Collect for Heroic Service (*standing*)

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for the Nation (*standing*)

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Anthem (*seated*)

Judge Eternal

Gerre Hancock

Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgement
purge this land of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release,
and the city's crowded clangor
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavour,
cleave our darkness with thy sword,
feed all those who do not know thee
with the richness of thy word;
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.

— *Henry Scott Holland*



Gerre Hancock is most known for his tenure as Organist and Director of Music at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Ave in Manhattan from 1971 to 2004. A patriarchal figure in Episcopal church music for his generation, his time at St. Thomas saw that church's Choir of Men and Boys grow to a reputation as one of the finest in North America. A native of Lubbock, TX, he passed away in 2012 in Austin. "Judge Eternal" is one of his best known choral pieces, and was written for the 1988 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Houston. Its text is a fitting prayer for our country and a natural match for the Feast of Christ the King. Musically, Hancock combines a grand English cathedral style with his own Americana.

Leader Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

People **Heal us.**

Leader We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

People **Forgive us.**

Leader We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

People **Inspire us.**

Leader We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

People **Enlighten us.**

Leader We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

People **Renew us.**

Leader Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. **Amen.**

Hymn (*standing, sung by all*)

“My country, ‘tis of thee” *America*

Hymn 717

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing; land where my
no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy
all the trees sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal
lib - er - ty, to thee we sing; long may our

fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride,
rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;
tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take,
land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let freed - om ring.
my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

The Blessing (*standing*)

Dismissal (*standing*)

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Armed Services Medley

Army

Over hill, over dale, As we hit the dusty trail,
And the caissons go rolling along.
In and out, hear them shout, Counter march and right about,
And the caissons go rolling along.
Then it's hi! hi! hee! In the field artillery,
Shout out your numbers loud and strong,
For where e'er you go, You will always know,
That the caissons go rolling along.

Marine Hymn

From the Halls of Montezuma To the shores of Tripoli
We fight our country's battles In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title Of United States Marine.

Navy

Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh.
Farewell to college joys, we sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay.
Through our last night on shore, drink to the foam,
Until we meet once more.
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home.

U.S Air Force

Off we go into the wild blue yonder, Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em boys, Give 'er the gun! (Give 'er the gun now!)
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

Coast Guard

We're always ready for the call, We place our trust in Thee.
Through howling gale and shot and shell, To win our victory.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide, Our pledge, our motto, too.
We're "Always Ready," do or die!
Aye! Coast Guard, we fight for you.

Reception to follow in the Garden Cloister

Veterans are invited to follow the flag of their service branch up to the altar for the 2022 group photo.

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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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