



**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
Sunday, March 10, 2024 • 8:00 AM Rite I

## St. Michael's Episcopal Church

### CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Jesse Perkins, *Rector*  
The Rev. Jim Swarthout,  
*Assistant Rector*  
The Rev. Tim Murray, *Deacon*  
The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsy) Ward,  
*Retired Priest Associate*  
The Rev. Ralph Osborne,  
*Retired Priest Associate*  
*The Rev. Judy Heinrich,*  
*Retired Deacon*  
Theresa Halminiak, *Parish*  
*Administrator*  
Sara Torbeck, *Director of Music*  
Jerry Egger, *Organist*  
Kay Lewis, *Junior & Senior High*  
*Youth Ministry*  
Kim Curtis, *Facilities Manager &*  
*Sunday School Director*  
Carol Hebert, *Bookkeeper*  
Caren Hunter, *Director of Little*  
*Angels Christian Preschool*

### VESTRY

Bill Ferry, *Senior Warden*  
Liz Gabis, *Junior Warden*

2025  
Marisa Boynton  
Brant Deichmann  
Ellen Lindeen

2026  
Sam Adams-Lanham  
Wes Kimes  
Lynn Mayberry

2027  
Paul Carrubba  
Amy Hoff  
Jeff Tolle

John Davis, *Treasurer*  
Craig Anderson, *Clerk*



## St. Michael's Welcomes You!

Whether you are visiting with us for the first time today or if St. Michael's is your home, we welcome you and are glad you are joining us for worship. Wherever you might be in your spiritual journey, we invite you to continue to explore a deeper relationship with God and a stronger spiritual life.

### Saturday Worship

5:00 p.m. **Saturday Evening Holy Eucharist Spoken Service** (Small Chapel)

### Sunday Worship and Education Schedule

8:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
9:00 a.m. **St. Michael's Jr. (LiFT)** | Sturtz House (*summer hours vary*)  
10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
10:00 a.m. **Sunday School** | Visit [stmichaelsbarrington.org](http://stmichaelsbarrington.org)  
6:30 p.m. **St. Michael's Sr. High (LiFT)** | Sturtz House (*as scheduled*)

### Things to Remember

- When it is time for Holy Communion, walk up to the altar and stand or kneel at the altar rail.
- A digital version of this bulletin is available by visiting our website at [www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/blog](http://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/blog).

We also live-stream all services to Facebook and the parish website. This provides a way for everyone to worship with us, even if they are not comfortable returning in person. If you come up for communion, you will likely be seen in our online video by those worshipping at home.

Please visit our website at [www.stmichaelsbarrington.org](http://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org) for more information and announcements.

### Contact Information

The Reverend Jesse Perkins, Rector  
[jperkins@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:jperkins@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

The Reverend Deacon Tim Murray  
[tmurray@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:tmurray@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

Theresa Halminiak, Parish Administrator  
[thalminiak@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:thalminiak@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

Kim Curtis, Facilities and Sunday School  
[kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

Sara Torbeck, Choir Director  
[storbeck@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:storbeck@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

Bill Ferry, Senior Warden  
[sr-warden@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:sr-warden@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 10, 2024 | 8:00 AM | Rite I

#### PRELUDE | Organist selection

*A bell will sound three times, inviting the congregation to stand.*

#### A Penitential Order

*Process in Silence.*

#### OPENING HYMN | Hymn 423 Immortal, Invisible, St. Denio

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION | BCP 319

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

*The Celebrant says:*

Here what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

#### THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION | BCP 320

*The Deacon or Celebrant:*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Said in unison.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant Continues:*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### TRISAGION

*Repeat three times:*

*Celebrant:* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

*People:* **Have mercy upon us.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray

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

## THE FIRST READING | Numbers 21:4-9

*Please be seated.*

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22| *Confitemini Domino*

*Read in unison.*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands;  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;  
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food  
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them  
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

## THE SECOND READING | Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE GOSPEL | John 3:14-21

*Please stand as able.*

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

*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON | Kay Lewis

**THE NICENE CREED | BCP 326**

*Please stand. Said in unison.*

**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 1

*Intercessor:*

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.**

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop; Joseph, Archbishop of the Upper Nile Province, and Simon, Bishop of the Diocese of Renk, South Sudan; for Jesse, Jim, Betsy, Ralph, Tim, and Judy, our clergy; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, Joe, for the leaders of the 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 reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, 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 those who travel on land, on water, in the air or through outer space, 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 those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: Susan Beuttas, Campbell Mears, Annilee Quinlan, Rita Gabis, Harry D. Wintringer IV, and Linda Keclik, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have requested our prayers: Karen, Jackie, Mary Jane and Nancy, Kristin, Lynda, Emma Rose, the Kean family, Zach and Jenny, Spencer, Meg and Charlie, Sarah and Evelyn, Jeff, Richard, Nancy, Christine, Jeff, Sharon, Andy, Marilyn and Pat, Caden, Sadie, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, Amy, Karen, and Dan.

Are there others? [PAUSE].

For all whom we remember today, 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, especially, Sophia Stewart, Penelope Stewart, Richard Curran Sr., Cotliss Anderson, Norton Penny, Patrick Kane, Wayne Stallard, Edna Fox, Max Hoffman, and Henry Tantillo, 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.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*



## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*All may greet one another with the Peace of Christ..*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

## The Holy Communion

### THE OFFERTORY

*Thank you for your gifts in support of the church's mission and ministries. The offering plates are in the rear at both doors or offerings may be made online at [stmichaelsbarrington.org](http://stmichaelsbarrington.org).*

**MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY** | Hymn 706 In your mercy, Lord you called me, *Halton Holgate*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Prayer II | BCP 340

*Please stand as able*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People:* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People:*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

**Celebrant:** All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Celebrant:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM | BCP 337

**Celebrant:** O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People:** **Have mercy upon us.**

**Celebrant:** O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People:** **Have mercy upon us.**

**Celebrant:** O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People:** **Grant us thy peace.**

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS | BCP 337

**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.**

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to come forward to the altar rail for Communion or a Blessing.*

**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.

*Please come forward to receive Communion, receiving the Bread while standing or kneeling at the altar rail. While receiving both the Bread and the Wine is tradition, receiving the Bread alone constitutes full participation in this Holy Communion. (Gluten free Bread available upon request).*

*To also receive the Wine, you may remain at the altar rail to drink from the chalice; please do not dip or intinct the Bread into the Wine. If you prefer, you may instead go to the Wine station to receive in an individual, compostable cup.*

*If you would like a blessing instead, cross your arms and the priest will bless you. If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability [or pandemic], is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP 457)*

**MUSIC AT COMMUNION** | Twilight, Herman Beeftink, Maya Zahir, Paul Pituch, and Sally Dong,  
flutes, Jerry Egger, piano

## **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Kneel or stand.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Said by the Celebrant & People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen**

## **THE BLESSING**

Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the Celebrant says the following prayer:*

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand as able.*

## **CLOSING HYMN** | Hymn 671 Amazing Grace, *New Britain*

*Process in silence.*

## **DISMISSAL**

*Deacon:* Let us Bless the Lord.

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

**POSTLUDE** | Organist



## What's in the Sword this week

### CALENDAR AND EVENTS



- **February 21-March 20** | Stations of the Cross, weekly on Wednesday at 6pm
- **March 10** | Choral Evensong, 5pm
- **March 24** | Palm Sunday, 8am and 10am
- **March 28** | Maundy Thursday, 6:30pm
- **March 29** | Good Friday Service, 12pm
- **March 29** | Good Friday Evening Service, we will be joining the Salem United Methodist Church in Barrington at 7pm.
- **March 30** | Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday Evening, 8pm
- **March 31** | Easter Sunday Services, 9am and 11am
- **March 31** | Easter Egg Hunt following the 11am service.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

- **Sundays 10:00am** | In Person Sunday School
- **Sundays 9:10am** | Lent Adult Study with Deacon Tim in the Conference Room
- **Sundays 11:30am** | Lent Adult Forum with The Rev. Ralph Osborne in the Library
- **Tuesdays 9:30am – 11:00am** | Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study
- **Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm** | Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study via Zoom
- **Fridays at 6:00 AM** | Men's Fellowship meets in the Community Room

### MONTHLY EVENTS

- **Last Tuesday of Every Month** | Prayer Shawl meets in the Library at 6pm
- **Third Wednesday of Every Month** | Book Club meets in the Library at 7pm

### Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Karen, Jackie, Mary Jane and Nancy, Kristin, Lynda, Emma Rose, the Kean family, Zach and Jenny, Spencer, Meg and Charlie, Sarah and Evelyn, Nancy, Jeff, Richard, Christine, Jeff, Sharon, Andy, Marilyn and Pat, Caden, Sadie, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, Amy, Karen, and Dan.

Birthdays	Anniversaries	Remembrances	
3/10	Susan Beuttas	3/11	Richard Curran, Sr.
3/11	Campbell Mears	3/12	Cotliss Anderson
3/13	Annilee Quinlan	3/13	Norton Penny
3/14	Rita Gabis	3/13	Patrick Kane
3/15	Harry D. Wintringer,IV	3/13	Wayne Stallard
3/16	Linda Keclik	3/14	Edna Fox
		3/15	Max Hoffman
			Penelope Stewart
			Sophia Stewart
			Henry Tantillo

### AT TODAY'S WORSHIP

*Preaching:* Kay Lewis

*Presiding:* The Rev. Jesse Perkins

*Deacon:* The Rev. Tim Murray

*"Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-704397. . All rights reserved"*







THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## Wandering Heart: "I'm fixed upon it"



### Beseeching

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Matthew 16:21-23

*Ink on paper*

"God forbid it!" says Peter to Jesus (Matthew 16:22). In this image, Peter beseeches Jesus to avoid the cross, to not let the prophecies become reality.

After ten years in ministry, I work in a church for the first time. In this text, I feel Jesus speaking directly to me: "You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things" (Matthew 16:23). This is exactly where frustration surfaces for me in my amazing church job. It is when I have set my eye on human things. I worry about the budget. I worry about the email. I worry about the building. So why am I so focused on human things? And the negative ones, at that?

Because I'm human. Because these things matter. But not if I miss the grandeur of this incredible organization sharing the expansive love of God!

With every brush stroke in this ink painting, the humanity of Peter's face deepens, his expression clarifies. He cannot let his beloved friend be murdered. He worries about human

things. How weighty and legitimate those things feel. Jesus seems free of those human worries. He focuses with confidence on the path ahead, though Peter's concern causes him to falter.

Perhaps we can each be free of human concerns as well... However, that feels like a pipe dream, and Jesus knows it: "Get behind me, Satan" (Matthew 16:23). He does not blame Peter. Instead, he calls out Satan from within his friend. In doing so, he offers us a much needed reminder to refocus. Thanks be to God. —**Hannah Garrity**



© A SANCTIFIED ART | SANCTIFIEDART.ORG