

The First Sunday in Lent Sunday, February 18, 2024 • 10:00 AM Rite II

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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.

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		
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 stmichaelsbarrington.org.

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 stmichaelsbarrington.org for more information and announcements.

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The Holy Eucharist

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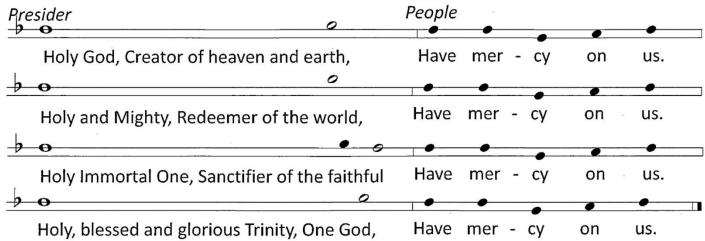
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PRELUDE | Adagio from Concerto in G minor, Antonio Vivaldi, Kyra Himawan

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

The Great Litany

Process during the Great Litany



II.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,



From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws, **Savior deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil, **Savior deliver us.**

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared, **Savior deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment, Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign, **Savior deliver us.**

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial, **Savior deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit, **Savior deliver us.**

III. Hear our prayers, O Christ our God. Hear us, O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations. **Hear us, O Christ.**

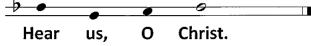
Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet. Hear us, O Christ. **Hear us, O Christ.**

IV. Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.



Give your wisdom and strength to the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless and keep all your people, **Hear us, O Christ.**

V. Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Guard and protect all children who are in danger. Hear us, O Christ.

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts. Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory. Hear us, O Christ.

VI.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.



OPENING ACCLAMATION | BCP 355

Celebrant:Blessed be our God who forgives all our sins.People:God's mercy endures for ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant:God be with you.People:And also with you.Celebrant:Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING | Genesis 9:8-17

Please be seated.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader:The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9| Ad te, Domine, levavi

Read in unison

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE SECOND READING | 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader:The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN / Hymn 150 Forty days and forty nights, Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

THE GOSPEL | Mark 1:9-15

Please stand as able.

Deacon:The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.People:Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Deacon:The Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON | The Rev. Betsy Ward

THE NICENE CREED

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 became truly human. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you. *People:* And also with you.

All may greet one another from a distance.

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.

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY | We shall walk through the valley in peace, Undine Smith Moore

DOXOLOGY | Hymn 380, Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow, Old 100th, Verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Prayer A | Expansive Language

Please stand as able.

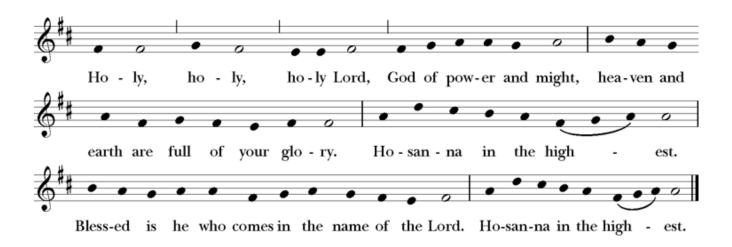
Celebrant:God be with you.People:And also with you.Celebrant:Lift up your hearts.People:We lift them to the Lord.Celebrant:Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People:It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Here a proper preface is said.

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:

SANCTUS | SANCTUS S124 | S124 Holy Holy, David Hurd



The people stand or kneel as able. The Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to lay a hand upon it.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Celebrant and people:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **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.

FRACTION ANTHEM S157 | S157 O Lamb of God, John Merbecke



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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION | Hymn 641 Lord Jesus think on me, Southwell

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Kneel or stand.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Said by the Celebrant & people:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says the following prayer:

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as able.

CLOSING HYMN | Hymn 147, Now let us all with one accord, Bourbon

Process in Silence

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE | organ

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CALENDAR AND EVENTS

- February 14-25 | Uncaged Art Exhibit at St. Michael's Church, please see Sword for dates and hours.
- March 10 | Choral Evensong, 5pm
- March 24 | Palm Sunday, 8am and 10am
- March 28 | Maundy Thursday, 6:30pm
- March 29 | Good Friday Services, more information coming soon.
- 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
- 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:

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

Birthdays		Anniversaries		Remembrances	
2/18 2/19 2/22 2/22 2/22 2/22 2/23 2/23 2/23 2/2	Penny Kazmier James Pepper Suzanne Fleer Connie Wolff Darci Lorenzo Sara Torbeck Semmy Semerad Laura Dern Juliet Duncan Rick Ryba	2/22	Kristy and Sean Harrington	2/18 2/21 2/21 2/23 2/24	Henry Parker Agnes Sanford Terrence Willis Don Johnson June Foy
2/24	Hayden Harris				

AT TODAY'S WORSHIP Preaching: The Rev. Besty Ward Presiding: The Rev. Jesse Perkins Deacon: The Rev. Tim Murray

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Wandefing Heast: "Jesus sought me"



River of Grace

by Lisle Gwynn Garrity Inspired by Luke 5:1-11 Acrylic painting on canvas with digital drawing

"Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (Luke 5:8)

As we begin Lent, this desperate confession introduces us to Peter, the disciple whose story—and wandering heart—we will follow for the next 7 weeks. If you've ever acted in a play or film production, you may have been tasked with writing your character's backstory, imagining the threads of your character's life that form the tapestry of their personality and motivations. If we do this exercise with Peter,

many threads of imagination and historical details weave together. Peter was a commercial fisherman; his business partners were Andrew (his brother) as well as Zebedee and his two sons. Based in Galilee, he was most likely bilingual, speaking Aramaic and Greek. Culturally, he was immersed in Judaism and Hellenism. His business would have been under oppressive control of the Roman government, which arbitrarily imposed harsh rental and harbor fees, fishing licenses, and taxes on domestic fishermen. He was likely a blue-collar worker daily constrained by tides and taxes.

With this backstory in mind, we may hear Peter's response to the abundant catch of fish with fresh ears. There are so many messages within his protest: "I'm not prepared. I'm not capable. I'm not deserving. I'm not faithful enough. I'm not smart enough. I'm not the type you're looking for." Have you ever found yourself saying these things in response to a new calling, or to an abundant gift of grace?

In this image, the bursting nets transform into a river of grace meandering through the composition of Peter's life. The river pours into Peter's hands, but he can't quite grasp the fullness of this gift and calling quite yet, and so most of it rushes right by. As you will see in my other pieces for this series, this river of grace will wander alongside Peter throughout his life. The river represents how his journey with Christ begins and ends: with an abundant catch of fish. He is forever tethered to the overflowing love of God. The river is a symbol of Peter's gifts, as God uses what Peter knows how to do well (being a fisher of fish) and invites him to apply his skills to a new calling (being a fisher of people). It's a visible reminder of the ways God's grace bends and turns and rushes to find each of our wandering hearts.

Despite Peter's resistance, grace seeks him out. His right thumb gets caught in the net. He can't escape the fact that God's goodness and mercy will pursue him all the days of his life (Psalm 23:6). The river rushes in. The question for Peter—and for each of us—is will he follow where it leads? —Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garfity

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