



The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 10, 2024 • 10:00 AM Rite II

St. Michael's Welcomes You!

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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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
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.

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 for more information and announcements.

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PRELUDE | Twilight, Herman Beeftink, Maya Zahir, Paul Pituch, and Sally Dong, flutes, Jerry Egger, piano

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

The Penitential Order

Process in silence.

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

The people stand or kneel as able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION | BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant continues:

Jesus Said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your god with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION | BCP 352

The Deacon or Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Said in unison.

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 our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant continues:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

S84 Kyrie Eleison

Plainsong Mode 1, Missa orbis factor, Mass 11 arr. David Hurd

Repeat 3x



Cantor:Ky - ri - e E - - le - i - son.
Choir:Ky - ri - e E - - le - i - son.
Congregation:Ky - ri - e E - - le - i - son.

4 Repeat 3x



Cantor:Chri - ste E - - le - i - son.
Choir:Chri - ste E - - le - i - son.
Congregation:Chri - ste E - - le - i - son.

8 Repeat 2x



Choir:Ky - ri - e E - - le - i - son.
Congregation:Ky - ri - e E - - le - i - son.

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Cantor:Ky - ri - e - - E - - le - i - son

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

THE 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*



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

GRADUAL HYMN | Burgundy Book 8 On Eagles Wings, *Michael Joncas*, Marisa Boynton, soprano

THE GOSPEL | John 3:14-21

Please stand as able.

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

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.**

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 seasonable 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 Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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.

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY | Feed my lambs by Natalie Sleeth, St. Michael's Children's Choir with Maya Zahir, Paul Pituch, Sally Dong, flutes

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.

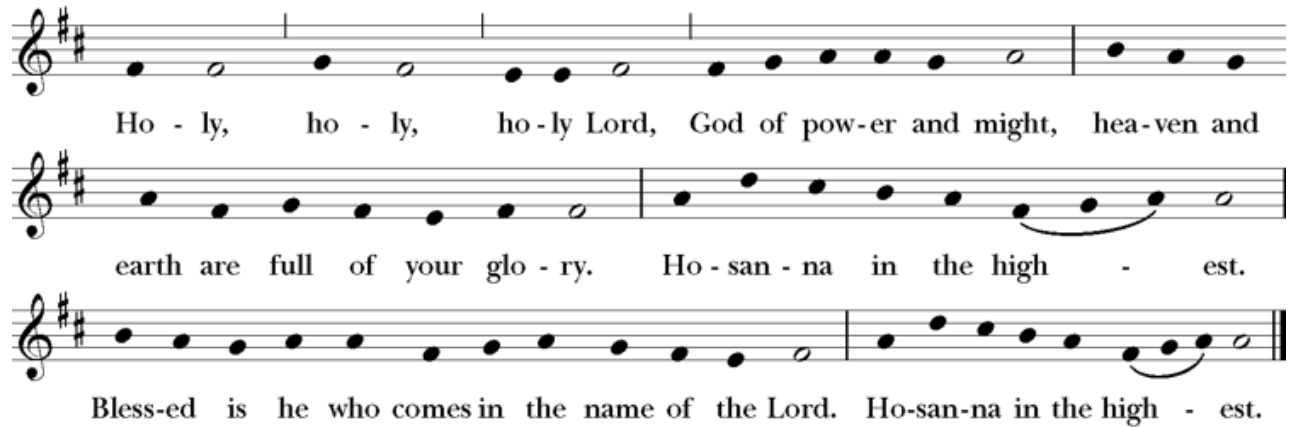
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 | S124, David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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.**

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



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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 | Hymn 706 In your mercy, Lord you called me, *Halton Holgate*

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:

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.**



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

3/10 Susan Beuttas
 3/11 Campbell Mears
 3/13 Annilee Quinlan
 3/14 Rita Gabis
 3/15 Harry D. Wintringer,IV
 3/16 Linda Keclik

Anniversaries

Remembrances

3/11 Richard Curran, Sr.
 3/12 Cotliss Anderson
 3/13 Norton Penny
 3/13 Patrick Kane
 3/13 Wayne Stallard
 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

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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**