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The First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 22, 2026 • 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 and to fill out a welcome card located in the pews. You may place the card in the offering plate to receive information about St. Michael's.

Sunday Worship and Education Schedule

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| 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, Rite I |
| 9:00 a.m. | St. Michael's Jr. (LiFT) Sturtz House <i>(summer hours vary)</i> |
| 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 <i>(as scheduled)</i> |

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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The Holy Eucharist

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

The Great Litany

Process during the Great Litany

| <i>Presider</i> | <i>People</i> |
|---|----------------------|
| Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, | Have mer - cy on us. |
| Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world, | Have mer - cy on us. |
| Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful | Have mer - cy on us. |
| Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God, | Have mer - cy on us. |

II.

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

Sav - ior del - iver us

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.

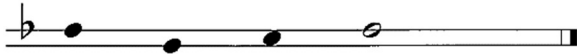
By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,
Savior deliver us.

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.

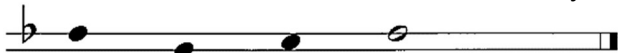
Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.
Hear us, O Christ.

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.

IV.

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



Hear us, O Christ.

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.

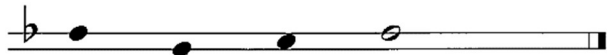
Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.
Hear us, O Christ.

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.

Show 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 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Please be seated.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

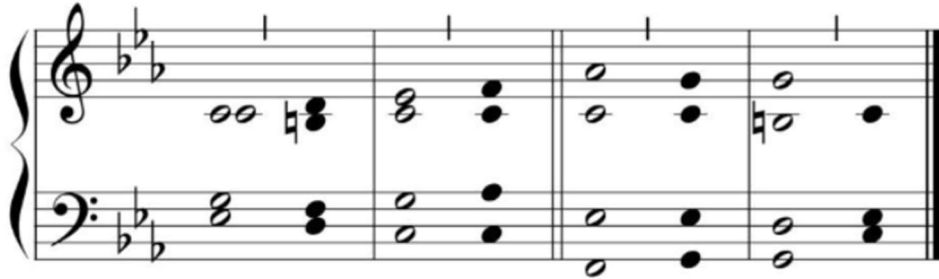
Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32 | Congregation please join on **bolded** verses

Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



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¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no quile!

³**While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, ***
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; ***
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

⁶I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁷**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; ***
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁸**You are my hiding-place;**
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁹"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

¹⁰Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

¹¹**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; ***
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

¹²**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; ***
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

THE SECOND READING | Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN | 142 Lord, who throughout these forty days, *St. Flavian*

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 4:1-11

Please stand as able.

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

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON | Father Ralph Osborne

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 | Forty Days of Lent, Brian Childers, Children's Choir

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 | S127 Holy Holy Holy, Calvin Hampton

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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM | S158 O Lamb of God, Healey Willan

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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION | 309 O food to pilgrims given, O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

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 | 147 Now let us all with one accord, *Bourbon*

Process in Silence

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY WEEK

The Lenten schedule is beginning. Stations of the Cross Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m.

March 29, Palm Sunday, services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

There will be services in the chapel at 6:30 p.m. March 30th-April 1st.

April 2, Maundy Thursday, services at 6:30 p.m.

April 3, Good Friday, communion for sacrament at 7:30 a.m. and service at 12:00 p.m. The 7:00 p.m. service will be held at the Salem United Methodist church.

April 4, Great Vigil of Easter, service at 8:00 p.m.

April 5, Easter Sunday, services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

What's in *The Sword* this week? (scan to sign up for the newsletter)



CALENDAR AND EVENTS

Important upcoming coffee hours and services.

- **February 21**, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Lenten retreat offered by Deacon Laurie Michaels entitled **The Cup We Share: A Journey of Blessing, Brokenness, and Belonging**
- **February 25**, Stations of the Cross begins on Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. and continues through Lent. Additional dates and times can be found on the St. Michaels website calendar.
- **March 15**, Special Parish Meeting following the 10:00 a.m. service in the Community Room.
- **March 15**, Choral Evensong at 4 p.m. Come one and all.

WEEKLY EVENTS

- **Sundays 10:00 a.m.** | Children's Sunday School
- **Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 a.m.** | Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study at the Sturtz House
- **Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.** | Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study via Zoom
- **Fridays at 6:00 a.m.** | Men's Fellowship meets in the Community Room

MONTHLY EVENTS

- **The second Friday of every month** | Prayer Shawl meets in the Library at 1:00 p.m.
- **Last Tuesday of every month** | Prayer Shawl meets in the Library at 6:30 p.m.
- **Book Club** meets in the Library at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. The next discussion will take place Wednesday, February 25 so as to not conflict with Ash Wednesday services on February 18.

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Leslie and John and the Yerger family, Dolores and Earl and the Duncan family, Judie, Florence, Kristen, Marcia, David, Truman, Holly, Bruce, Chris, Emily, Jodi, Kathryn, Kim and the Lessner family, Ralph, Jack, Amor, Braelyn, Lisa, Kimberlie, Jesophine, Kathy, Denise, Doug, Sally, Mary, John, Teresa, Kitty, Olivia and family, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty, and for all whom you alone know.

Birthdays

2/22 Suzanne Fleer
 2/22 Connie Wolff
 2/22 Darci Lorenzo
 2/22 Sara Torbeck
 2/23 Semmy Semerad
 2/23 Juliet Duncan
 2/24 Rick Ryba
 2/24 Hayden Harris
 2/25 Dennis Harms
 2/28 Christine Olson
 2/28 Julia Yerger

Anniversaries

2/22 Kristy and Sean
 Harrington

Remembrances

2/23 Don Johnson
 2/24 June Foy
 2/25 David Larson
 2/25 Katy Pepper
 2/25 Bill Allen
 2/25 Jean Clendinning
 2/27 Mary Beth Kovacik
 2/27 Philip R. Lessner, Jr.
 Barbara Ferris
 Dolores Marie Mendoza

AT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Preaching: Father Ralph Osborne
Presiding: Father Ralph Osborne
Deacon: The Rev. Tim Murray

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