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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 • 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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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 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

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. 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

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 26, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. | Rite I

PRELUDE | Jerry Egger, organ

The Word of God

Please stand as able.

OPENING HYMN | Hymn | 492 Sing, ye faithful, Sing with gladness, *Finnian*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant continues:

COLLECT FOR PURITY | BCP, p. 323

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA | BCP, p. 324

Said in unison.

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God
the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God
the Father. Amen**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY | BCP, p. 173

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues:

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING | Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Said in unison

Psalm 23 | *Dominus regit me*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE SECOND READING | 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

THE GOSPEL | John 10:1-10

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

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON | The Reverend Ralph Osborne

Please stand and say in unison:

THE NICENE CREED | BCP, p. 326

**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 | BCP, p. 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop; Joseph, Archbishop of Upper Nile Province and Simon, Bishop of the Diocese of Renk, South Sudan; our clergy: Ralph, Jim, Betsy, Tim and Judy, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Michaels. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next rector for our church. We ask your direction and guidance for those in discernment for our new spiritual leader, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Grant us perception, faithfulness and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations. Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. Come Holy Spirit.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald our President and J.B. our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor The Shipleys, Heather, Jackie, Dolores, Bonnie, Mitzi, the Compton family, Morgan, Paul, Clark, Kristen, Braelyn, Kimberlie, Kathy, Doug, Sally, Mary, John, Teresa, Kitty, Olivia and family, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty, and all whom you alone know.

And we pray for all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We thank you for the birthdays and anniversaries of: Carolyn Schaefer, Roseanna Shipley, Tina Summerfield, Erica Ward, Sue Ferry, Jim Steed, and Leslie and John Yerger. We give thanks for prayers answered.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially Denise, Florence Compton, Margaret Linde, Angus Ray, Patricia Kean, Dorothy Duffy, Alfred Watt, Angela Newell, and Patti Cross. let us pray to the Lord, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Michael and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

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

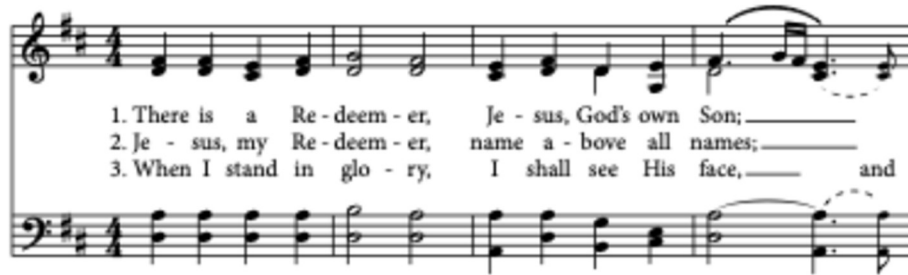
THE OFFERTORY

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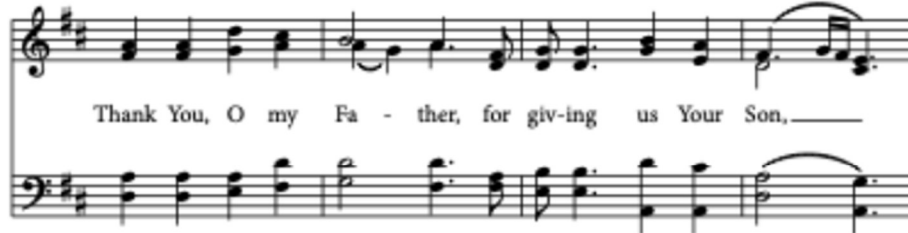
MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY | Hymn | There is a redeemer, Melody Green



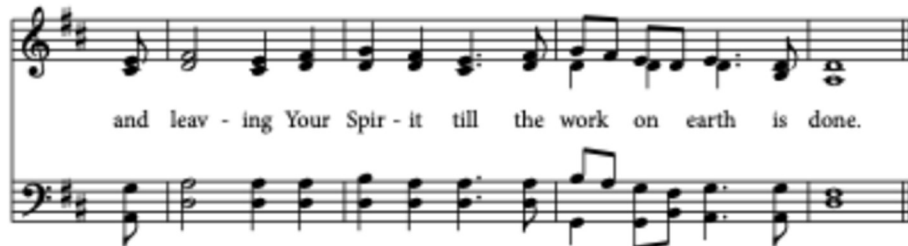
1. There is a Re-deem-er, Je-sus, God's own Son; _____
2. Je-sus, my Re-deem-er, name a-bove all names; _____
3. When I stand in glo-ry, I shall see His face, _____ and



pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho-ly One.
pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Hope for sin-ners slain.
there I'll serve my King for-ev-er in that ho-ly place.



Thank You, O my Fa-ther, for giv-ing us Your Son, _____



and leav-ing Your Spir-it till the work on earth is done.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
EUCCHARISTIC Prayer I | BCP, p. 323

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, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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.

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

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others

who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with 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 has 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: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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.

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

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, and includes all benefits of the Sacrament. (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 as fingers will contaminate the 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 | 664 My shepherd will supply my need, *Resignation*

Kneel or stand

Celebrant: Let us pray. *Said in unison.*

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 EASTER BLESSING

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN | Hymn | 304 I come with Joy to meet my Lord, *Land of Rest*

DISMISSAL

Deacon or Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE | Jerry Egger, organ

What's in *The Sword* this week?



CALENDAR AND EVENTS

- Sunday, April 26, Welcome brunch between services 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, May 3, 2026, Youth Sunday high school graduate recognition. Youth preacher will be Jackson Summerfield at both services. Sunday school teachers, volunteers, and LIFT Board recognition.
- Sunday, May 10, Mother's Day

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.
- **Prayer Shawl** | Meets in the Library at 1:00 p.m. the second Friday of every month.
- **Book Club** meets in the Library at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month.
- **Silver wagon donations** are distributed to food pantries on the third Sunday of every month.
- **Additional dates and times** can be found on the St. Michaels website calendar.

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

The Shipleys, Jackie, Heather, Dolores, Bonnie, Mitzi, the Compton family, Morgan, Paul, Clark, Kristen, Braelyn, Kimberlie, Kathy, 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		Anniversaries		Remembrances	
4/27	Carolyn Schaefer	4/30	Leslie and John Yerger	4/26	Margaret Linde
4/28	Roseanna Shipley			4/26	Angus Ray
4/29	Tina Summerfield			4/26	Patricia Kean
4/30	Erica Ward			4/27	Dorothy Duffy
5/1	Sue Ferry			4/30	Alfred Watt
5/1	Jim Steed			5/1	Angela Newell
				5/2	Patti Cross
					Florence Compton
					Denise

AT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Preaching: The Reverend Ralph Osborne

Presiding: The Reverend Ralph Osborne

Deacon: Tim Murray

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