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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 • 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 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

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

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Sunday, April 26, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Rite II

PRELUDE | Jerry Egger, organ

The bell will ring three times, inviting the congregation to stand.

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 OF PURITY | BCP, p. 355

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

GLORIA | S280 Glory to God, Robert Powell (please turn to the S section of your blue hymnal)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY | BCP, p. 225

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues:

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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.**

Psalm 23 | *Dominus regit me*

You spread a ta - ble be - fore me, and my cup is run - ning o - ver.

Pedal *Pedal*

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

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

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

⁴Though 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.

⁵You 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.

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

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.

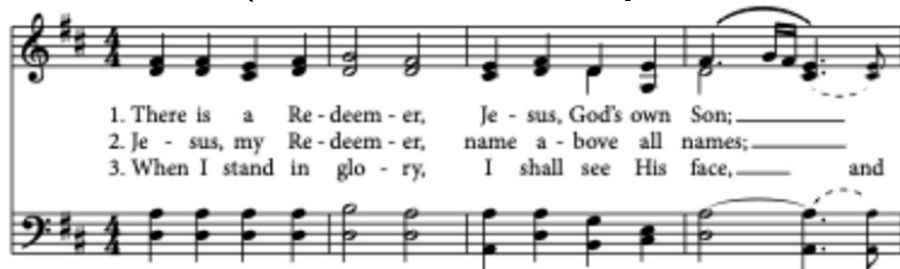
“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

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.**

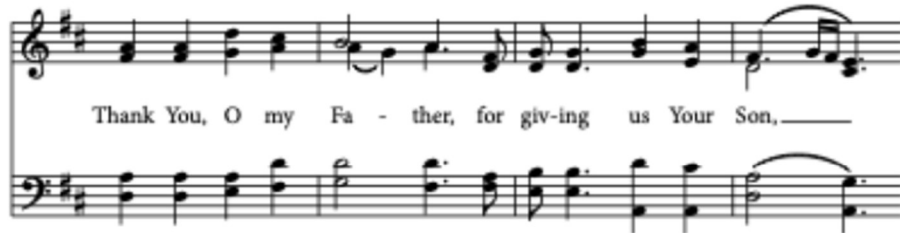
GRADUAL HYMN | There is a redeemer, Melody Green



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 GOSPEL | John 10:1-10

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

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

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON | The Reverend Ralph Osborne

Please stand and say together in unison.

THE NICENE CREED | Expanded Language

**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 III | BCP, p. 387

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop; Joseph, Archbishop of the Upper Nile Province, and Simon, Bishop of the Diocese of Renk, South Sudan; for Ralph, Jim, Betsy, Tim, and Judy, our clergy; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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 all may hear your voice in their 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 pray for Donald, our President and J.B. our Governor, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: Carolyn Schaefer, Roseanna Shipley, Tina Summerfield, Erica Ward, Sue Ferry, Jim Steed, and Leslie and John Yerger.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for those who have requested our prayers:

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 for all whom you alone know. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We remember today:

Denise, Florence Compton, Margaret Linde, Angus Ray, Patricia Kean, Dorothy Duffy, Alfred Watt, Angela Newell, and Patti Cross.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

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.

Offerings may also be made online at stmichaelsbarrington.org/give or by scanning the QR code.

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY | The King of love my shepherd is, Robert Lee

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 B | 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 | S114 Holy Holy, Holy, Healey Willan



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People Stand or Kneel as able:

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

The Celebrant lays a hand upon the bread.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Michael, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM | S154 Christ our Passover, David Hurd

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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, p. 457)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION | 664 My shepherd will supply my need, *Resignation*

COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (as needed)

Celebrant: In Christ's name and on behalf of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.**

Please kneel or stand as able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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 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.
- Saturday, May 2, 11:00 a.m-3:00 p.m. KidFest at Citizen's Park in Barrington. Free outdoor celebration for families. Enjoy activities that inspire healthy habits kites, spark creativity and encourage time in nature. Kids ages 2-10 can fly a free kite, build a birdhouse, race through an obstacle course, or explore the creatures that live in the pond. Food and drinks available for purchase. Contact lizgabis@mac.com if you are interested in attending with the St. Michael's group.
- 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.

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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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