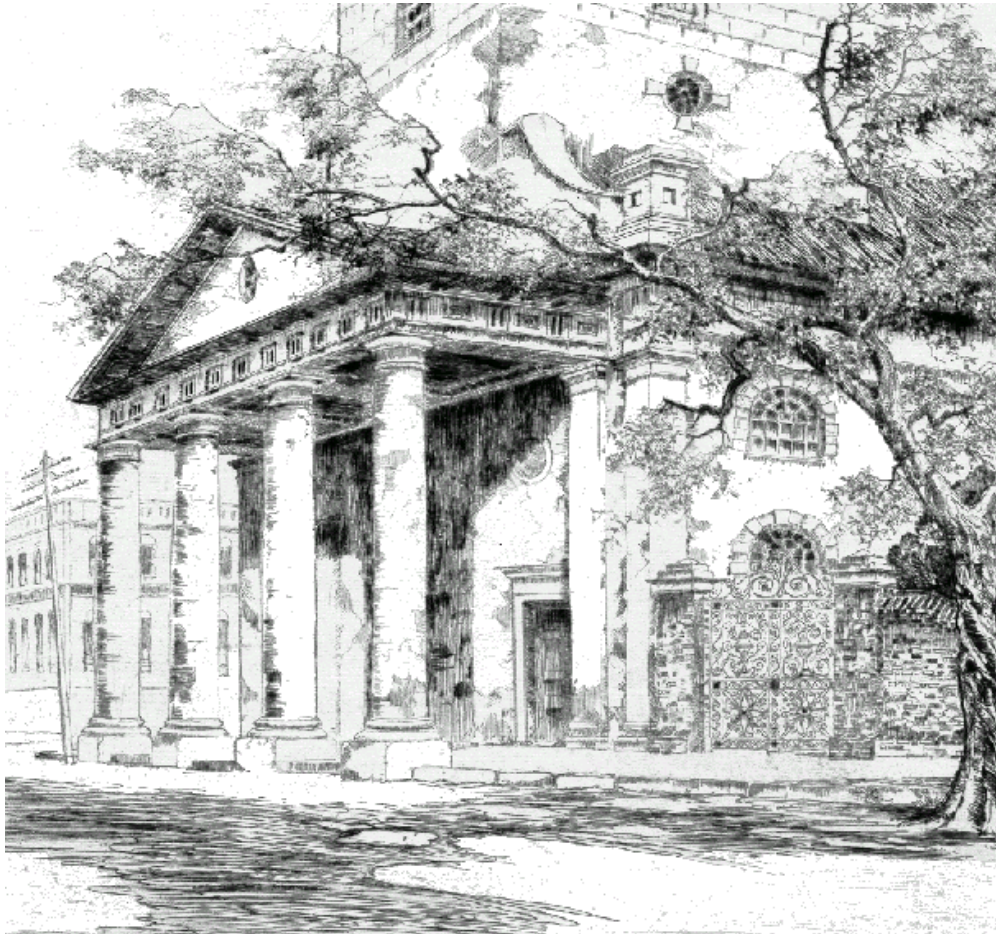




St. Michael's Church
Anglican
Charleston, South Carolina



PALM SUNDAY
11:00 am
March 29th, 2026

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS, HOLY COMMUNION, & THE PASSION

Access our service online!
www.stmichaelschurch.net/members

What's Happening on Sunday and this week:

8:00 am

Reflective Service
(Church)

9:00 am

Contemporary (Church)

8:45 am - 12:15 pm

6 weeks - 23 months

Noah's Nursery

2 - 4 years Gospel Corner

10:00 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL

Children

K-2nd grade Room 204

3rd-5th grade Room 203

Youth

6th-12th grade Room 202

Adult Sunday School

Bill Hyer's Class "A Christian Worldview of the Iranian War."

Kinloch Room

Parent's Class Belsler Chapel

11:00 am

Traditional Service with Organ and Choir
(Church)

Youth Girls Bible Study

5-6 pm Kinloch Room

Youth Group (with dinner)

6- 7:30 pm Kinloch Room

Monday, March 30th

Alpha, 6:30pm Kinloch Room

Maundy Thursday,

6:00 pm Sanctuary

Good Friday Services

12 pm Stations of the Cross
at White Point Gardens

3 pm & 6:00 pm

Good Friday Liturgy,
Sanctuary

Holy Saturday,

Spiritual Counsel &
Confession, 9:30--2:30 pm
call to make an appt.
(843)723-0603

Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Service, Battery

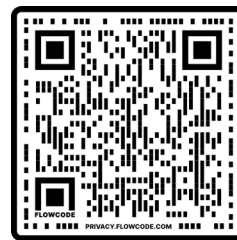
8:30 & 11 am, Sanctuary

10 am Easter Egg Hunt,
Churchyard

Welcome to St. Michael's

Welcome home! We're glad you're here!

- Giving? Use **Venmo** to give! @stmichaelschs
- Visiting?
- Have Needs?
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- Or, go to www.stmichaelschurch.net/pathways
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Name Tags Are Missional!

One of the ways we can all be mission minded is to wear name tags! Wearing name tags helps everyone, newcomers and those who have been around to feel more comfortable starting conversations and engaging relationships. So please, as you come in, write your name on a name tag...even if it's just for the sake of the other. It's one of the ways we love our neighbors as our ourselves (Matthew 22:39).

What is Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, calls to mind the triumphal entry of Jesus, our Lord and King, into Jerusalem. The procession is fundamentally an act of worship, witness, and devotion to our Lord. Palm Sunday is unique in having two Gospel readings. Originally there were two distinct liturgies. The palms were blessed and the Triumphal Entry Gospel was read outside of the church building. The door of the church represented the gate through which Jesus entered the city. The purpose of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem was to fulfill his Father's will; thus it is fitting that this service continues with the reading of the Passion Gospel in which the whole story of the week is anticipated. The emphasis of the liturgy turns to the days that lie ahead in Holy Week. We who hail Jesus as King one moment, may in the next deny him, even joining with the crowd in shouting, "Crucify him!"

Today's Sermon

Hosanna Building to Passion

Preacher: The Rector

Today we welcome back for the 18th year in a row, a live donkey into the 9 and 11am services! Yes, welcome back Mr. Beasley! As we re-enact the final journey of Jesus into Jerusalem, Mr. Beasley will escort us into the city within the sanctuary. Underneath all this, is a critical distinction we must understand. The distinction between Hosannah and Passion. Unless we understand both words, this day may be remembered only for Mr. Beasley instead of the one who in response to our Hosannah's, displays the most profound passion that humanity has ever known. Stay tuned.



(The service may be found in the ACNA Prayer book beginning on p. 554.)

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR PALM FROND AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH!

Prelude

PART I - The Triumphant Procession of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

Processional Hymn, *standing* *All Glory, Laud and Honor* Hymn 154

Refrain:

*All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. *Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One.* **Refrain**
2. *The company of angels is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.* **Refrain**
3. *The people of the Hebrews With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems Before thee we present.* **Refrain**

Officiant Blessed be our God.
People *Now and for ever. Amen.*

Officiant Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a Cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People *And with your spirit.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

***Coloring Books and crayons are available for the children on the table in the Narthex.**

The liturgy begins with the **Acclamation**, which is an "eager expression" of praise.

The first part of the service is titled the **Liturgy of the Palms**. We go back in time to remember how it was on that first week when Jesus rode into Jerusalem to jubilant shouts of "hosanna" ("You save us!") and less than a week later experience the emotional whiplash of "crucify him!" This is how the drama of worship ends today and is the note upon which we walk down together into Holy Week. From this point we travel together the way of the cross... all the way to Easter Morning.

The Gospel, standing *Jesus Rides into Jerusalem**Priest*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew 21:1-11*People**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People**Praise to you, Lord Christ.***The Blessing of the Palm Branches, standing***Officiant*

Let us pray.

We praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his Name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Officiant

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

*People**Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***The Procession***Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

1. *Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;
Thy humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.*
2. *Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.*
3. *Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.*
4. *Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Expects his own anointed Son.*
5. *Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.*

Why the Palms?

To fulfill a 500 year old prophecy made by Zechariah, Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly, people waving palms and putting them across his path as was the custom when people of greatness entered the city. Palms don't only have significance in the church on this particular day. Solomon who lived long before Jesus, had palms carved into the walls and doors of his famous temple. In the last book of the Bible, Revelation, the people of every nation raised palm branches to Honor Jesus. The palms represent victory and obedience to the King of Kings.

The clergy process with our donkey to reenact the final trip by Jesus into Jerusalem,.

*Majesty, worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory, power, and praise;
Majesty, Kingdom authority
Flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.*

*So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12, *seated*

Bible p. 797

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:19-29, *standing, pray responsively by whole verse*

- 1 *Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.*
- 2 ***This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.***
- 3 *I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.*
- 4 ***The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.***
- 5 *This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.*
- 6 ***This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.***
Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!
- 7 *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 8 ***The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.***
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
- 9 *You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.*
- 10 ***Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.***

Children's Church will return on Sunday, April 12th

Song

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to His breast,
 The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on His bid - ding wait.
 and in His bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

WORDS: Jeanette Threlfall, 1873

MUSIC: *Ellacombe*, from *Gesangbuch der H.W.K. Hofkapelle*, 1784; harm. William Henry Monk, 1868

This tune is a keyboard No. 186

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The Homily

Hosanna Building to Passion

The Rector

Reflective Music

Officiant The Lord be with you.
 People *And with your spirit.*
 Officiant Let us pray.

The Scriptures teach that much of our spiritual renewal is by the washing of the Word of God, which cleanses our minds and purifies our hearts.

Prayers of the People, *kneeling*

On this Palm Sunday we acknowledge ourselves to be a people capable of shouting “hosanna” one moment and “crucify” the next. Heavenly Father, give us the grace and character to be a people who listen, absorb, and live into the passion of Holy Week and then live out the transforming message of the Cross. *Silence*

Help us Lord to be faithful in walking this Holy Week with you, and help us to invite others to share the miracle of your Easter Resurrection. *Silence*

The Confession

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
(*Silence to reflect on those you have hurt or those who have hurt you.*)

All: ***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Absolution

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

The Peace, *standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with your spirit.***

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

All children return to their pews from Children’s Message and Worship.

Welcome & Announcements, *seated*

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Offertory Anthem

Processional to Calvary from The Crucifixion
Sir John Stainer

*Fling wide the gates, for the Saviour waits to tread in His royal way;
He has come from above, in His power and love, to die on the Passion Day.
His Cross is the sign of a love divine, His Crown is the thorn-wreath of woe,
He bears His load on the sorrowful road, and bends ‘neath the burden low.
How sweet is the grace of His sacred face, and lovely beyond compare,
Tho’ weary and worn with the merciless scorn of a world He has come to spare.
The burden of wrong that earth bears along, past evil, and evil to be, -
All sins of man since the world began, they are laid, dear Lord, on Thee.
Then on to the end, my God and my Friend, with Thy banner lifted high!
Thou art come from above in Thy power and love, to endure and suffer and die.*

In the **Confession of Sin** and **Absolution**, our sins, both individual and corporate, have been confessed, and we have been powerfully reassured of God’s complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ. In Morning Prayer we begin with a cleansing admission and confession of sin followed by an authoritative pronouncement of God’s forgiveness in Christ Jesus. This is always “ground zero” for Christians. We move out from here.

The **Peace** is a particularly good time to welcome visitors and newcomers. Please take a moment to extend God’s peace to those around you. That peace, which the world cannot give, comes only through the forgiving of Jesus Christ. This peace is not rooted in our circumstances but in the presence, promise, and power of God and Christ’s redeeming work.

Link to Venmo



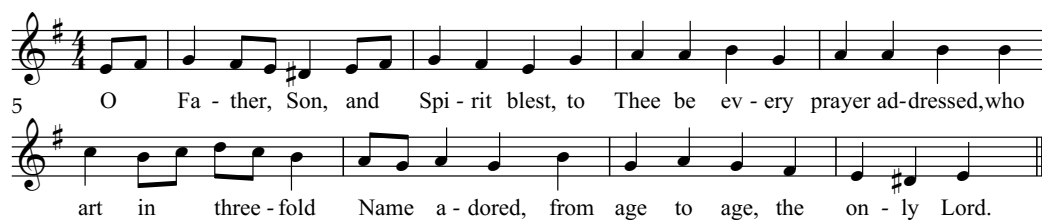
The **Doxology** swells up out of our gratitude to God for his goodness to us. The word “doxology” literally means “glory saying,” and so in this song we give God glory for his triune nature and as the author of all blessings.

The **Holy Communion**, the Supper of the Lord, is not only a sign of the love that Christians ought to have among themselves for each other but is especially a sacrament of our redemption by Christ’s death.

The **Sanctus** is the song of the seraphim contained in the great vision that the prophet Isaiah experienced while worshiping in the Temple in Jerusalem. This vision is recorded in the 6th chapter of Isaiah. It is inspired by Isaiah’s vision of the heavenly court “Holy, holy, holy” acknowledging transcendence of God.

Doxology

ERHALT UNS HERR



5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to Thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who
art in three - fold Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt.
Music: Erhalt uns, Herr, melody from Geistliche Lieder, 1543

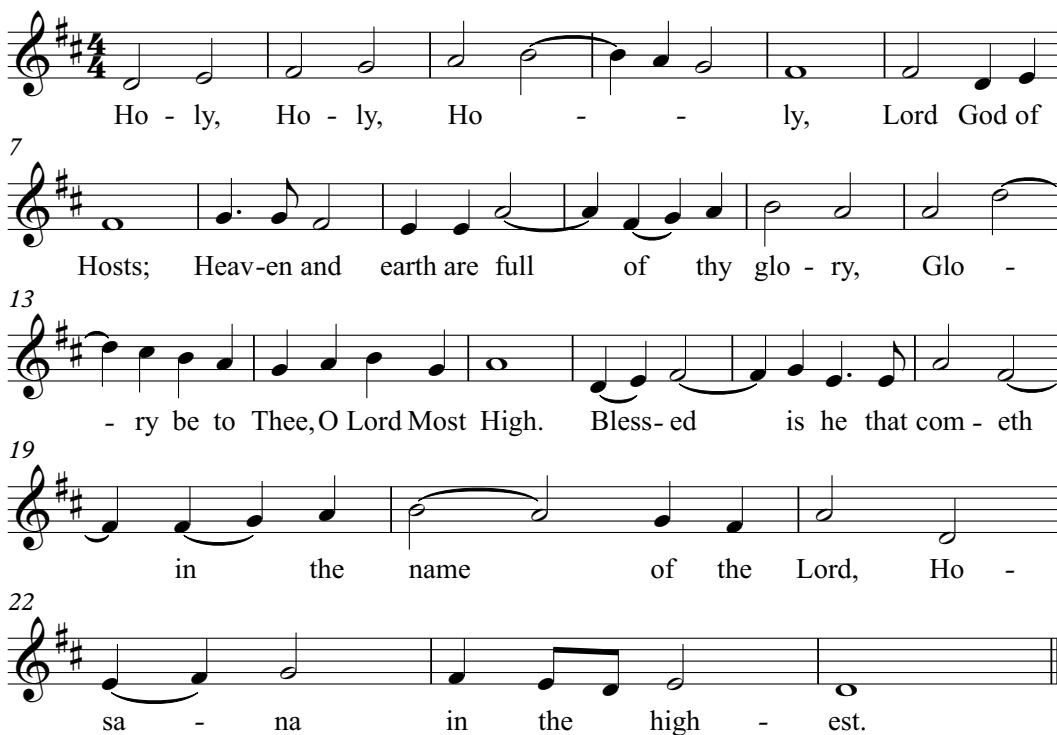
PART II - The Holy Eucharist

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

Celebrant And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 114



7 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - - ly, Lord God of
13 Hosts; Heav - en and earth are full of thy glo - ry, Glo -
19 - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
22 in the name of the Lord, Ho -
sa - - na in the high - - est.

Music: Healey Willan (1880-1968) © 1928 Oxford University Press

Prayer of Consecration, *kneeling*

Celebrant And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

The Lord's Prayer, *kneeling*

All ***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.***

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

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.

The Invitation

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will guide you to the rail. At the rail, please kneel if able. Receive the wafer in your hands and consume it. To drink from the chalice, gently guide the base; to intinct, keep the wafer in your hands and the server will dip it for you. Gluten-free wafers are available—please let us know. If you prefer not to receive, come forward with arms crossed for a blessing. If you are not baptized, our clergy would be glad to speak with you after the service.

The **Lord's Prayer**, so called because Jesus gave this prayer to His disciples as an example of how to pray, has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since year 400 A.D. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is very ancient. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the sacramental bread also symbolizes God's presence, which is something that is also essential to our getting through the day.

During Communion:

When we gather together, we remember the presence of Jesus. By repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with His disciples, we join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch the drama or listen to it unfold, we enter into the story as we, too, take the bread and wine and eat and drink.

As you approach the rail, you may choose to receive the bread and wine from the cup at the rail.

*** Gluten Free Wafers are**

Available: If you need a gluten free wafer, please indicate this at the altar rail by placing your hand over your heart.

ORDER FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

General: Two lines in center aisle, returning to pews via side aisles

SIDE AISLES begin first, walking to the back and using the back Crossing Aisle to access the center aisle. Please return to your seat using the side aisles.

CENTER AISLES are second, starting from the back. Please return to your seat using the side aisles.

Those seated in the center aisles from the **READER'S PEW** forward (pew # 42-39, including front crossing aisle pews) may return to their seats using the center aisle.

Those seated upstairs may receive Communion at a station in the balcony.

Please wait until the Communion ministers are in place, then follow the direction of the ushers.

Song, seated

His Mercy is More



1. What love could re - member no wrongs we have done? Om - ni - scient, all know - ing, He
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is
3. What rich - es of kindness He lav - ished on us. His blood was the pay - ment; His



counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.



Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is more.

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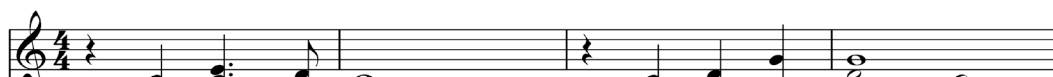


Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - ery morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

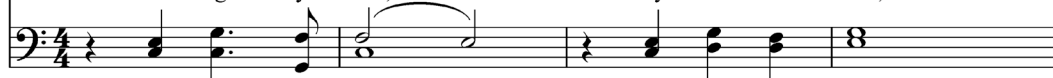
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Song, seated

O Mighty Cross



1. O might - y cross, love lift - ed high,
2. O might - y cross, what throne of grace,
3. O might - y cross, O Christ, so pure,
4. O might - y cross, my soul's re - lease;



The Lord of life raised there to die;
He knew no sin, yet took my place;
Love held Him there, such shame en - dured;
The stripes He bore have brought me peace;



Refrain



His sac - ri - fice on Cal - va - ry



Has made the might - y cross a tree of life to me.



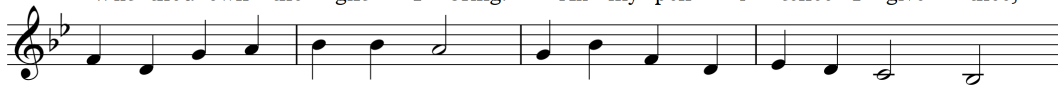
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Song, seated

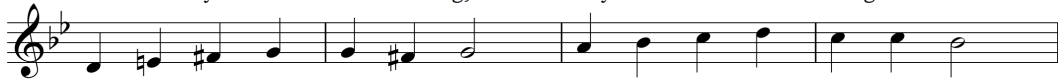
Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured



1. Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious Bo - dy bro - ken,
2. Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
3. By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound and the nail - ing,
4. Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i - tence I give thee;



be to me, O gra - cious Lord, of thy bound - less love the to - ken.
 all that love of God could give Je - sus by his sor - rows gave me.
 by the pain and death, I now claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 thou art my ex - alt - ed King, of thy match - less love for - give me.



Thou didst give thy - self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Text: John Brownlie (1859-1925)
 Music: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

Song, seated

My Song is Love Unknown

1. *My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
 Love to the loveless shown that thy might lovely be.
 O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?*
3. *Sometimes they strew His way, and His strong praises sing,
 Resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
 Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, for His death they thirst and cry.*
7. *Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
 Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.*

Song, seated

Go to Dark Gethsemane Hymn 171

1. *Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;
 Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour;
 Turn not from his griefs away, learn of Jesus Christ to pray.*
2. *Follow to the judgement hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
 O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
 Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.*
3. *Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
 Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete;
 "It is finished!" hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.*

Singing During Communion:

The Christian life is deeply personal yet is essentially corporate by nature, not private. Every act of worship is intended not only to glorify God for God's sake, but to lift up and build up one another in Christ for His sake as well. The word "liturgy" literally means "the work of the people." A central function of liturgy is to send the message that in a worship community there are no bystanders. It is corporate through and through and from one end to the other. Singing is also a form of prayer that can help carry the heart to God not only in the words being sung but beyond the reach of words. At St. Michael's, therefore, we encourage you to continue to pray by singing both before and after you come to Communion yourself. In this way all of us are helping each other to lift our hearts continuously in the midst of receiving the greatest gift ever given...the life of Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer, *standing*

All: *Heavenly Father, 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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Reflective Music

**Part III - The Procession into Holy Week & Good Friday through
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

Officiant We are now going to read the crucifixion story of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Anglican tradition brings home the powerful contrast between the hosannas of the people in the procession in one moment, and the denying of Jesus by these same people in the next. Today represents the polarity of our human nature, one minute following our Savior and the next betraying him in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(Matthew 27:11-56)

(The congregation may read the portions marked "Congregation.")

Please be seated until the Narrator describes the Lord's arrival at Golgotha, then stand.)

THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 27:11-56 ESV

Narrator: Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him,

Pilate: Are You the King of the Jews?

Jesus: You have said so.

Narrator: But when Jesus was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to Jesus,

Pilate: Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?

Narrator: But Jesus gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?

Narrator: For Pilate knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered Jesus up. Besides, while Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the leaders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Congregation: Barabbas!

Pilate: Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?

Congregation: Let him be crucified!

Pilate: Why? What evil has he done?

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

Congregation: *Let him be crucified!*

Narrator: So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying

Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Congregation: *His blood be on us and on our children!*

Narrator: Then Pilate released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped Jesus and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked Jesus.

Soldier: Hail, the King of the Jews!

Narrator: And they spit on Jesus and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led Jesus away to crucify him. As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross.

SILENCE AS THE CONGREGATION STANDS

Narrator: And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when Jesus tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one of the left. And those who passed by derided Jesus, wagging their heads and saying,

Passersby: You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Narrator: So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked Jesus, saying,

Chief Priests: He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, "I am the Son of God."

Narrator: Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani—My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

Bystanders: This man is calling Elijah.

Narrator: And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to Jesus to drink. But the others said,

Others: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Narrator: And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

SILENCE

We have been blessed by being here. Now, at the end of the service, we are reminded that God takes loving delight in blessing us abundantly. We leave in peace, forgiven, fed, and **sent out with a purpose** to make Christ known in the world.

As the celebration ends, we are charged to "go forth." The Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world but a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us.

Personal prayer with St. Michael's prayer ministers is available after the service in the Prayer Pews in the North & South Aisle, located in the front corners, to the left and right of the altar

Narrator: And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said,

Soldier: Truly this was the Son of God!

Reflective Music

The Blessing

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus, the Lamb of God, was willing to be betrayed - and given into the hands of sinners to suffer death upon the cross. Prepare our hearts, minds, and schedules to walk that journey with you this Holy Week. That we would learn to know you more fully, and serve you with a surrendered heart through Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and for ever. *Amen.*

Song

Were You There

1. *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh!___ Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*
2. *Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh!___ Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*
4. *Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh!___ Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth with transformed hearts to proclaim...
People Truly, this man is the Son of God. Amen.

Closing Voluntary

Join us for coffee and lemonade at the Yellow Cart after the service!

**Join us this Thursday at 6 pm for
our family-friendly Maundy Thursday service**

HOLY WEEK 2026 SCHEDULE



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HOLY WEEK

March 29th - April 5th

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 29TH

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am* Holy Communion & Donkey Procession

11:00 am* Holy Communion & Donkey Procession
(Livestream available)

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 2ND

6:00 pm* Foot Washing, Holy Communion &
Stripping of the Altar
(Livestream available)

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3RD

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross -
starting at White Point Gardens

3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

6:00 pm Good Friday Oratorio
(Livestream available)

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5TH

6:30 am Sunrise Service at the Battery

8:30am* Festival Eucharist

10:00 am* Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard

11:00 am* Festival Eucharist
(Livestream available)

*Nursery (6 weeks - 4 years)



SAINT MICHAEL'S DAY OF HEALING PRAYER



FEATURED SPEAKER:
The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner

Come and rest in the arms of God

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH | 9 AM - 3 PM

COST: \$30, INCLUDES LUNCH



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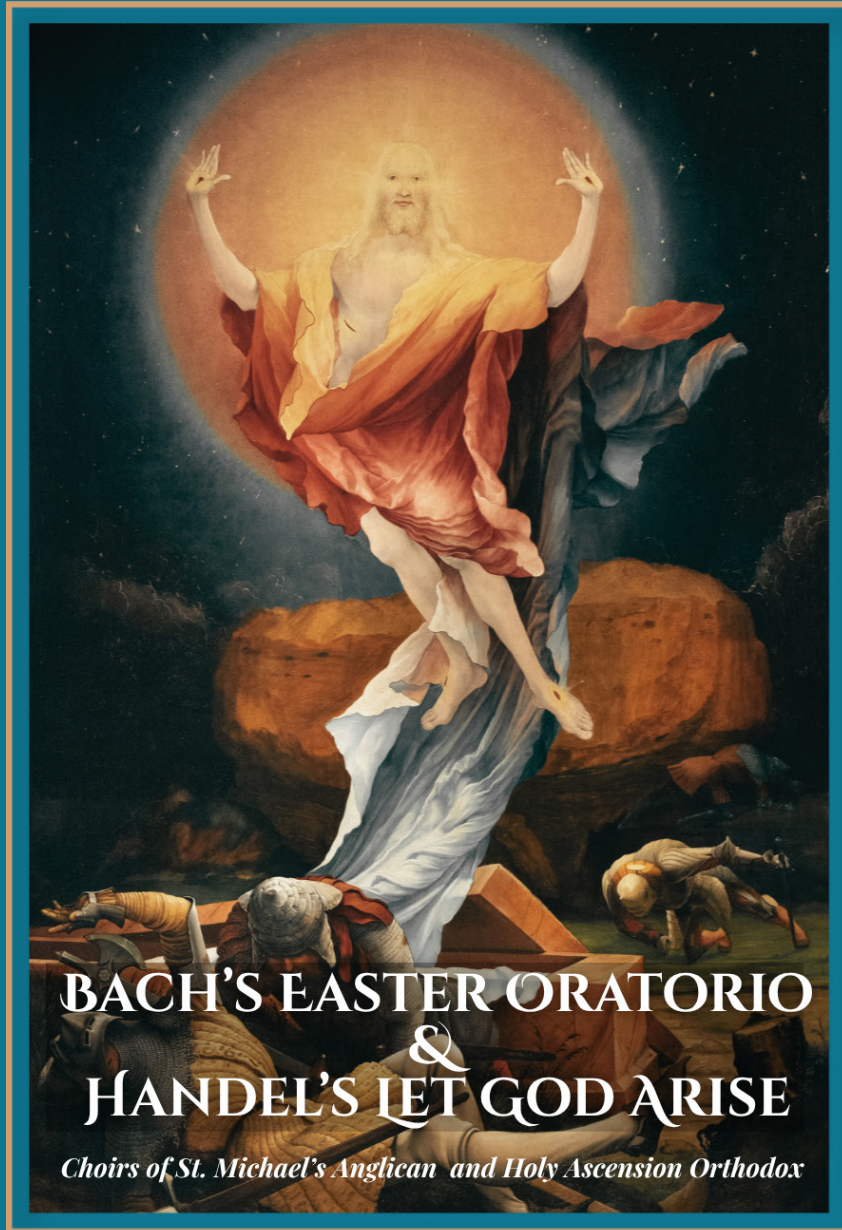
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SPECIAL EVENT

ST. MICHAEL'S CONCERT SERIES
in honor of the 275th Anniversary Celebration
Presents

AN EASTER CELEBRATION



**BACH'S EASTER ORATORIO
&
HANDEL'S LET GOD ARISE**

Choirs of St. Michael's Anglican and Holy Ascension Orthodox

SUNDAY MAY 3rd | 6 pm

ST. MICHAELS CHURCH

Charleston, SC | corner of Meeting & Broad St.


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FAMILY MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us for
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Easter
EGG HUNT
Sunday, April 5th, 2026
10 am
in the Churchyard

The poster features a light green background with colorful triangular bunting at the top. At the bottom, there is a row of colorful Easter eggs (blue, orange, pink) in a grassy field with a small white daisy.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
VBS 2026
June 1st - 4th
9am - 12 pm
AGES: Rising 4K - 5th Grade
"Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done,
the things you planned for us." Psalm 40:5a
i wonder...
Cost: \$45* (includes T shirt)
*\$35/register by March 15th
To Register: scan QR code
or go to: stmichaelschurch.net/signup
Questions? Contact Dee Goehring
dee@stmichaelschurch.net

The poster has a dark blue background with a night sky theme. It includes a Rubik's cube, a slice of pizza, and an astronaut standing on a green planet. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner.



YOUTH MINISTRY
NIGHT
Worship of
& Prayer
PARENTS AND YOUTH ...
JOIN US IN WELCOMING MIKHAEL & BRUNA
TO ST. MICHAEL'S, LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
VISION OF ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH, HOW TO
GET INVOLVED AND PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH!
DINNER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH
BELSER CHAPEL, 5PM

The poster features a background image of hands clasped in prayer over an open Bible. The text is a mix of bold sans-serif and elegant script fonts.

UPCOMING EVENTS/INFORMATION



SPRING



2026

April 15th - April 29th

MORNING/AFTERNOON HOMESCHOOL SCHEDULE

- 10:00-11:30 am **CHAPEL, Belser Chapel**
Everyone is invited!
- 11:30-12:30 pm **LUNCH, Kinloch Room, K-12th**
** Registration Required*
- 12:30-2:00 pm **STUDY HALL, Kinloch Room, K-12th**
** Registration Required*

AFTERNOON/EVENING SCHEDULE

- 4:30- 5:30 pm **CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Choir Room**
** Registration Required, ages 4-5th grade*
- 5:30- 6:30 pm **FAMILY DINNER, Kinloch Room**
- 6:00-6:30 pm **HISTORY HIGHLIGHT, Kinloch Rm**
In honor of our 275th anniversary, Ross Scarborough will give a talk each week on a unique highlight from St. Michael's historical past during the dinner hour.
- 6:30- 7:30 pm **ADULT CHOIR, Choir Room, 3rd floor**
Led by Matthew Wilkinson

Are you Subscribed?



Sign up to get our weekly E Newsletter! Get all the latest news and important info every Friday. *Don't miss out!* Scan the QR code to sign up!



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The Rt. Rev. Charles F. "Chip" Edgar III, Bishop www.adosc.org

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WORSHIP	<i>Chair:</i> Shelley Walker	<i>Vestry:</i> Robert Burnett
EVANGELISM/ DISCIPLESHIP	<i>Chair:</i> Susan DiCamillo	<i>Vestry:</i> Martha Dougherty
CHILDREN & FAMILY	<i>Chair:</i> Eileen Williams	<i>Vestry:</i> Caroline Riley
MISSION	<i>Chairs:</i> David & Christen Reese	<i>Vestry:</i> Anne Schaffer
CONGREGATIONAL PASTORAL CARE & HEALING	<i>Chair:</i> David Richardson	<i>Vestry:</i> Jennifer Polon John McElroy
STEWARDSHIP	<i>Chair:</i> Logan Bryan	<i>Vestry:</i> Pat McKinney
BUILDING & GROUNDS	<i>Chair:</i> Thomas Mathewes	<i>Vestry:</i> Reiley Jacobs Clayton Taylor

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Joseph Good, *Solicitor*
Robert Burnett, Reiley Jacobs, Martha Dougherty
Pat McKinney, Caroline Riley, Anne Schaffer,
Clayton Taylor, Jennifer Polon, John McElroy

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The Rev. Alfred T.K. Zadig, Jr. *Rector*
The Rev. Aaron Schnupp, *Assistant to the Rector*
The Rev. Dr. Martha Toney, *Deacon for Pastoral Care & Healing Ministries*
The Rev. Bill Hyer, *Associate for Mission & Discipleship and Scholar in Residence*
The Rev. Edward T. McNabb, Jr., *Michaelmas Institute*
The Rev. Dr. Tabitha Wang, *Volunteer Clergy*

STAFF

Mikhael Al-Chacar, *Youth Ministry Leader (arrives in April)*
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Dale Frampton, *Volunteer Chair of Flower Guild*
Christen Reese, *Volunteer Chair of Altar Guild*
Pam Smith, *Volunteer Prayer Coordinator*
Hunter Windham, *Volunteer Young Adults Leader*

*part time



St. Michael's *Healing* PRAYER MINISTRY

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

**HEALING PRAYER WORKSHOP,
WEDNESDAYS, 6:30-7:30 PM**
in the Kinloch Room

Come Experience the Restoring Presence of Jesus

ARE YOU CARRYING STRESS, GRIEF, PHYSICAL PAIN OR EMOTIONAL WOUNDS?

Join us for a gentle, Spirit-led Healing Prayer Workshop designed to create a safe and welcoming space for renewal and restoration.

This is not a performance or a spectacle - it is a peaceful environment of worship, teaching and guided prayer where you can encounter Christ's healing love.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Brief teaching on biblical healing
- Quiet worship and reflection
- Guided prayer exercises
- Personal prayer with trained ministry teams
- Optional anointing with oil (James 5:14-16)
- A calm, confidential setting

Whether you need physical healing, emotional restoration or simply space to breathe in God's presence, you are welcome.

Come with expectation.

Come with openness.

Come just as you are.

If you need prayer or would like a private prayer appointment with a prayer minister, call the church office at (843)723-0603 and someone will contact you.

For more information about the Healing Prayer Workshop, contact the Rev. Dr. Martha Toney at:

martha@stmichaelschurch.net

THE MISSION CORNER

Easy Mission Opportunities for Everyone!

ARDF Family Mission Trip- June 27th-July 3rd
Hurricane Helene Rebuild, Black Mountain, NC. Cost \$250. Families with Children ages 8 and up. For more info, contact Dee Goehring, dee@stmichaelschurch.net.

Short Term Mission Trip -

Rise Church in Portland, Maine July 24th-31st. Details are being worked out. If you would like to sign up, please contact:
George Thompson, geocidman2@yahoo.com
or Sherrie Driver, sherriedriver@gmail.com



"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and to the farthest parts of the earth." Acts 1:8

Serving Today

11 am

ALTAR & FLOWER GUILDS: GROUP I

Verger: Sallie Storen

Greeter: Betty Schaffer, Wendy Shipp

Ushers: Hunter Windham, Jim Sullivan,
Jon Thornton, Clayton Taylor

Acolytes: Joel Drogomir, Charlie Cease,
Beatrice Goehring, Taylor DiGiacinto

Readers: Annabelle Lee, Eunice Logan

Prayer Ministers: Karen Marjenhoff
Ellen Hollingsworth

What's Happening this Week

Tonight,

Youth Group (with dinner) 6-7:30 pm, Kinloch Rm

Monday, March 30th

Alpha, 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Service, April 2nd, 6 pm

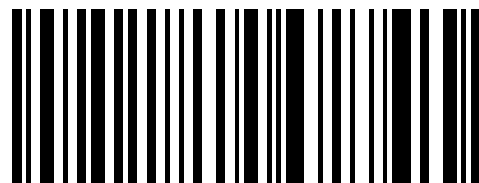
Good Friday Services, April 3rd

12 noon, Stations of the Cross, 3 pm & 6 pm

Sunday Parking Options

1. **Street parking** is free on Sunday.
2. Park at **85 Queen Street Garage** (the one by the County Courthouse). Take ticket upon arrival. When leaving, drive to the gate and press button for assistance. Inform person that answers that you were at St. Michael's church and gate will be lifted. Parking is free until 1 pm.
3. Park at **91 Queen Street Garage**. Use this barcode for 3 hours free parking on Sundays.

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