## SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH

ANGLICAN Charleston, South Carolina



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 11, 2025

## 9:00 am Contemporary Service

## THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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



Transforming Hearts Through Jesus Christ

#### What's Happening on Sunday and this week:

8:00 am **Reflective Service** (Church)

9:00 am **Contemporary** (Church)

#### <u>8:45 am - 12:15 pm</u>

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

Youth being confirmed will meet in the Belser Chapel.

Youth not being confirmed may join their parents in Adult Sunday School in the Kinloch Room.

#### Adult Sunday School Bill Hyer's Class.

Spiritual Warfare

Kinloch Room Parent's Class will combine with Bill Hyer's class in the Kinloch Room

"I Like Mike" Newcomer's Class Connections Room 71 Broad Street

#### 11:00 am

**Traditional Service with Organ and Choir** (Church)

#### Tonight,

Youth Group will return next Sunday, May 18th, 6-7:30 pm.

Tuesday, May 13th Young Adult Group, 6:30pm Belser Chapel

Wednesday, May 14th Super Wednesday, 4-8 pm Evening Prayer/Compline 5:30-5:45, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 18th Annual Meeting @ 10 am

## Welcome to St. Michael's

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

- Giving? Use Venmo to give! @stmichaelschs
- Visiting?

•

- Have Needs? •
- Get Involved? •
- Use the OR code!
- Or, go to www.stmichaelschurch.net/signup •
  - Or text The Rev. Greg Smith at 843-608-8833
- Want our weekly e-newsletter? Email publications@stmichaelschurch.net.

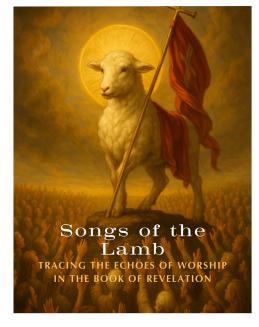
## **Today's Sermon**

## Sermon Series: Songs of the Lamb Tracing the Echoes of Worship in the Book of Revelation

Title: Salvation Belongs to Our God Preacher: The Rt. Rev. David Brvan Assisting Bishop for the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

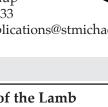
In a world ablaze with division, despair, and disappointment, the book of Revelation draws back the curtain—not to terrify us, but to anchor us. Here, in the middle of the storm, we're given a vision not of chaos, but of a choir. Saints robed in white, waving palm branches, cry out: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

These are not untouched, unscarred saints. These are the ones "coming out of the great tribulation." They have suffered, been hunted, misunderstood, martyred—and yet they sing. Their security is not found in escape, but in being sealed. Their song is not born of victory laps, but of blood-bought identity. When the world burns, they lift their eyes not to fear but to the throne. They worship not because the pain is gone—but because Christ is risen and reigns. This week, we stand with them. Not as spiritual elites, but as sealed and saved sinners who have been claimed by the Lamb. Come hear the song of the saints—and join it. When the world is burning, we do not retreat. We sing.



Scan the OR Code to order your copy of the Study Guide.

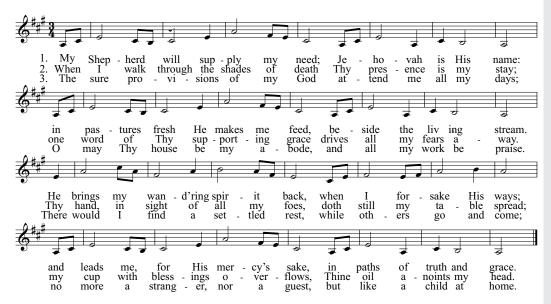




## Service adapted from the Anglican Church of North America Prayer Book beginning on page 105. Welcome families! No cry or laugh is too loud!

## Pre Song

## My Shepherd Will Supply My Need



Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt; based on Psalm 23

Tune: RESIGNATION CMD, Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. ©Andrew Dittman, 2013

### Welcome

OfficiantAlleluia! Christ is risen!PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### The Collect for Purity

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.

#### Prayer for our Children

All

All

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. The **Pre-Song** provides time and space to prepare the heart for worship. Please utilize this time for meditation, reflection, and prayer. The music should help you ponder the character and various attributes of God and His plan for the world. If any piece is hymn-based or chorale-based, a selection from the lyrics is provided to aid in prayer or reflection.

## At this time please silence all cell phones and beepers.

It is customary upon entering to begin with a few moments of private prayer, usually kneeling.

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

In this **Prayer for Purity**, we ask God to cleanse our hearts and minds of anything that comes between Him and us, anything that would impede our worship of him. We offer to Him our whole selves that we might decrease and that He might increase, to the glory of Jesus Christ.

- 1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
- 2. Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call: Praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all! Praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
- 6. Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

## Children's Message and Worship

*Children in K-5th grades process out behind the cross to the Kinloch Room for teaching, and return at the Peace.* 



*Officiant* Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ 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*.

The Scriptures teach that much of our spiritual renewal comes from hearing the Word of God, which cleanses our minds and purifies our hearts.

The Prayers of the People: This is a time during our service to pray for some people by name, who have requested prayers from us. We are limiting those mentioned "out loud" to the five most recent requests from church members and their families, but please note the

More than 60 Prayer Ministers at St. Michael's Church are praying for more than 50 people by name each day. Just because we have not said their name does not mean they are not being prayed for faithfully and daily. Also, please understand that we don't put anyone on any prayer list without their permission. To place someone on our prayer list, please call the

following:

church.

#### The Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17, seated The Word of the Lord. All Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Salvation Belongs to Our God The Rt. Rev. David Bryan Assisting Bishop for the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Reflective Music

Officiant Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

## The Pravers of the People kneeling Leader

The Thuyer	Almighty and everlasting God, who gathers from every tribe and tongue a people to praise your Name: Grant that we, who are washed in the blood of the Lamb and sealed by your Spirit, may follow the Shepherd who leads through suffering into glory. In every trial, teach us to trust your presence, and in every storm, teach us to sing your praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Lord in your mercy:
People	Hear our prayer.
Leader	We pray for God's people throughout the world, especially for those in the Middle East; for spiritual renewal, revival, and awakening; for Steve, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America, for Chip, our Bishop, and for the clergy, staff, and congregation of St. Michael's Church. Lord, in your mercy:
People	Hear our prayer.
Leader People	For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially Donald, our President, Henry, our Governor, and William, our Mayor, and for all who serve in law enforcement, as well as all first responders, firefighters and our armed forces, that we would be one nation under God. Lord, in your mercy: <i>Hear our prayer</i> .
Leader	For all the blessings of this life, especially for those being confirmed, received and reaffirmed today. <i>People Hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially for Gretchen Reese, Jean Corbett, Cathy Blalock, and Adam Jacobs. We, also, pray for all who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, especially Truman Kemp, in thanksgiving, let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:
People	Hear our prayer.

- *Leader* Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
- People Amen.

## The Confession, kneeling

*Officiant* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. (*Silence to reflect on those you have hurt and on those who have hurt you.*)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

## The Absolution

*Officiant* Almighty God our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* 

## **Comfortable Words**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16* 

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15* 

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2* 

The Peace, standing

OfficiantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd with your spirit.

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

## Welcome & Announcements, seated

- Visiting? Giving? Questions or prayer requests?
- Go to our website at stmichaelschurch.net/signup
- Or text The Rev. Greg Smith at 843-608-8833
- Connect? Please go to stmichaelschurch.net/signup to sign up for all events
- Use Venmo to give! @stmichaelschs

In the **Confession of Sin** and **Absolution**, our sins, both individual and corporate are confessed, and we are reassured of God's complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We begin with a cleansing admission and confession of sin followed by an authoritative pronouncement of God's forgiveness in Christ Jesus, which allow us to move forward in the power of forgiveness.

## The Significance of the Comfortable Words:

The "Comfortable Words" were put into the Book of Common Prayer by Anglican Archbishop Thomas Cranmer in the 16th century. They are a cherished part of the Anglican liturgy, read after the confession to reassure believers of God's forgiveness and mercy, grounding the priest's absolution in the authority of Scripture.

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. *Officiant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

#### **Offertory**, seated

Salvation's Song

- 1. Loved before the dawn of time, chosen by my Maker hidden in my Saviour; I am His and He is mine, cherished for eternity.
- 2. When I'm stained with guilt and sin,He is there to lift me, heal me and forgive me; gives me strength to stand again, stronger than I was before.

#### Refrain:

So with every breath that I am given I will sing salvation's song; And I'll join the chorus of creation giving praise to Christ alone.

3. All the chains of Satan's curse lifted through His offering satisfied through suffring; All the blessings He deserves poured on my unworthy song.

#### Refrain:

So with every breath that I am given I will sing salvation's song; And I'll join the chorus of creation giving praise to Christ alone.

Singing glory, honour, wisdom, power to the Lamb upon the throne. Hallelujah I will lift Him high. Singing glory, honour, wisdom, power to the Lamb upon the throne. Hallelujah I will sing with every breath that I am given, I will sing salvation's song; And I'll join the chorus of creation giving praise to Christ alone.

4. Stars will fade and mountains fall; Christ will shine forever love's unfading splendour; Earth and heav'n will bow in awe joining in salvation's song.

#### Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### Holy Communion

(ACNA Prayer Book, beginning p. 132)

OfficiantTheoplePeopleAOfficiantLiPeopleWOfficiantLiPeopleItOfficiantIt

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

*It is right to give him thanks and praise.* It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

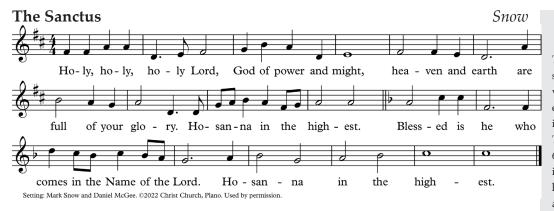
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

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.



## Prayer of Consecration, kneeling

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

> On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.* 

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever. *Amen.* 

*Celebrant* And now as our Saviour Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

All

## The Lord's Prayer

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 context of the liturgy, the words "give us this day our daily bread" refer both to our daily needs as well as the "bread of Heaven" which we receive in the Eucharist.

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.

Those at the rail will receive the bread in their hands, eat the bread, and then guide the chalice to their lips for a sip of the wine.

## \* 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.

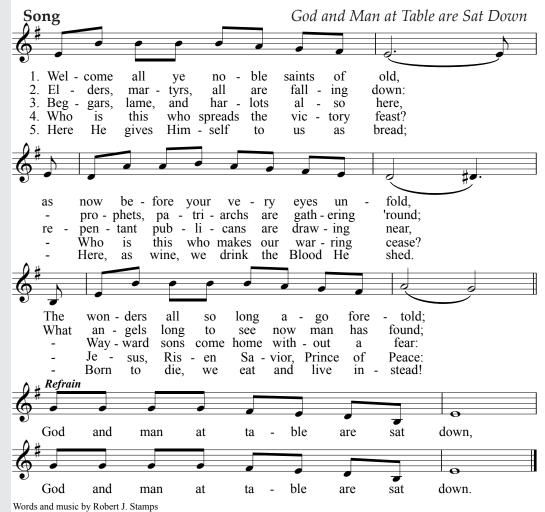
Those seated upstairs will need to come downstairs to receive communion at the rail.

### The Breaking of Bread

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

The congregation will now receive communion at the rail, kneeling at the rail for the wafer and cup. Holy Communion is open to all baptized Christians. Everyone is invited to sing during communion. Personal prayer with St. Michael's prayer ministers is available during communion and after the service in the Prayer Pews in the North and/or South Aisle, located in the front corners, to the left and right of the altar.





ords by Fernando Ortega Music by Mac Powell

2002 Word Music, Inc. and Dejamesolo Music (Admin. By Word Music, Inc.)/New Spring (a div. of Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing b/a GreatWorshipSongs.com). Used by permission CCLI # 208083.

### Post Communion Prayer, standing

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.

### The Blessing

*Officiant* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.* 

## 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. <u>Please return to your seat</u> <u>using the side aisles</u>.

**CENTER AISLES** are second, starting from the back. <u>Please</u> return to your seat using the side <u>aisles</u>.

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

We stand to mark the fact that because we have received the body and blood of Jesus, we are changed people. We began on our knees and end standing through his body and blood.

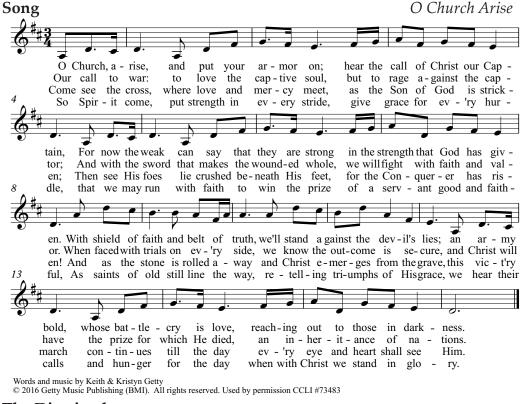
As the celebration ends, we are charged to "go forth." The word "Eucharist" is from the Greek word "Eucharistia" which means "Thanksgiving." Just as we would never leave a gourmet meal prepared by a close friend without saying thank you, it is appropriate to remain in the worship service until the end to say thank you to God after receiving the glorious feast of the bread of heaven and the cup of our salvation.

All

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.

#### <u>I LIKE MIKE</u> NEWCOMER CLASS

If you are new to St. Michael's and have questions about what we believe, our history and Anglicanism and how you can become involved, join us at 10:15 am in the Connections Room at 71 Broad Street.



### The Dismissal

Deacon **People**  Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world to transform hearts *through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia*!

## **Closing Voluntary**

Personal prayer with St. Michael's prayer ministers is available during communion and 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.

Join us for coffee and lemonade at the yellow cart after the service on your way to Sunday School!

#### DIOCESAN

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

#### TASK FORCES

WORSHIP EVANGELISM DISCIPLESHIP CHILDREN & FAMILY MISSION CONGREGATIONAL CARE STEWARDSHIP STRATEGIC PLANNING SECURITY & SAFETY BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMUNICATIONS

Hal Frampton, Senior Warden

Joseph Good, Solicitor

Reeves Howard, Junior Warden

VESTRY

Chair: Jerry Reves Chair: Robert Burnett Chair: Susan DiCamillo Chair: Eileen Williams Chairs: David & Christen Rees Chair: David Richardson Chair: Logan Bryan Chair: Lee Cox Chair: Greg Kitchens Chair: Thomas Mathewes

Chair: Reeves Howard

Gary DiCamillo, Treasurer - gary@stmichaelschurch.net

Richard McElroy, Chris Sosnowski, Jack Steele,

Robert Burnett, Reiley Jacobs, Mitch Watford,

Pat McKinney, Caroline Riley, Anne Schaffer

Vestry: Reiley Jacobs Vestry: Robert Burnett Vestry: Caroline Riley Vestry: Mitch Watford Vestry: Mitch Watford Vestry: Richard McElroy Vestry: Richard McElroy Vestry: Pat McKinney Vestry: Hal Frampton Vestry: Chris Sosnowski Vestry: Chris Sosnowski Vestry: Geves Howard

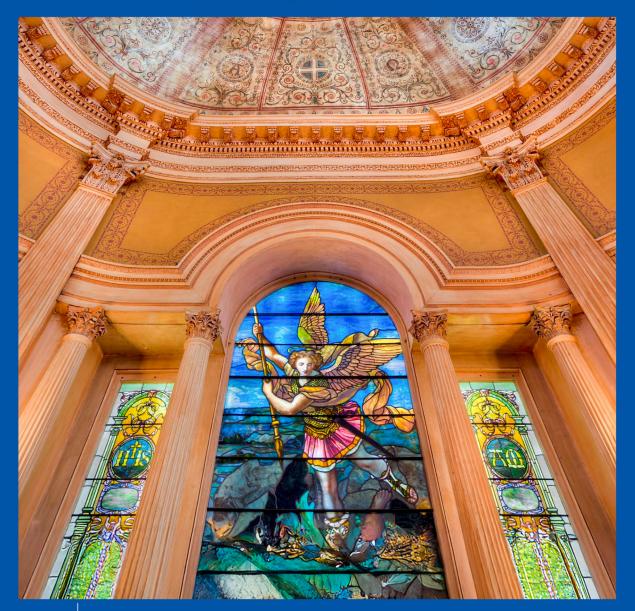
#### CLERGY

- The Rev. Alfred T.K. Zadig, Jr. Rector The Rev. Gregory M. Smith, Associate for Evangelism & Connections
- The Rev. Dr. Martha Toney, Deacon for Pastoral Care & Healing Ministries
- The Rev. Aaron Schnupp, *Curate*
- 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
  - e non Di tabilia vvalig, volunieri Giergy

#### STAFF

McKenna Bailey, Youth Ministry Leader Jeanine Branham, Care Coordinator Dee Goehring, Director of Family Ministry Ann Hood, Assistant Director of Music Ruthie Killen, Receptionist/Communications Assistant Lee Mikell, Parish Administrator Charcey Priester, Sexton Angela Stanley, Facilities Manager Susan Waring, Executive Assistant to the Rector Matthew Wilkinson, Director of Music Kara Wilson, Director of Communications Kristen Arrington, Family Ministry Assistant\* Michael Barnhart, Director of Broadcasting Marla Cavallaro, Financial Bookkeeper\* C.J. Cantwell, Volunteer Captain of Tower Bells Collin Cope, Volunteer Young Adults Coordinator Dale Frampton, Volunteer Chair of Flower Guild Christen Reese, Volunteer Chair of Altar Guild Pam Smith, Volunteer Prayer Coordinator \*part time

# SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH invites you to our



# 2025 ANNUAL MEETING & Festival of Faith



71 Broad Street, Charleston, SC | 843.723.0603 www.stmichaelschurch.net

# **VESTRY CANDIDATES 2025**

#### **Jennifer Polon**

Jennifer Polon is native to South Carolina. She moved to Charleston for Nursing school in 2000. She met Dan Polon and they courted often at the evening service at St. Michael's. The Polon's have two children, Maddelle and Adam ages 17 and 15. Jennifer has served throughout the years at coffee hour, shawl guild and the Security team. Jennifer has been a cardiac nurse for 22 years at Roper Hospital. On her days off, she enjoys cooking, hiking, gardening and tending to her chickens.



#### **Clayton Taylor**

I'm Clayton Taylor, and you may know me from my time ushering in the balcony at St. Michael's, where my mother Dorothy "Dottie Teeter" attends with me. I was born in Gordonsville, Virginia, and spent my early years in Orange, VA before moving to New Orleans for 13 years while I attended school. I graduated from the University of Kentucky with a BBA in Marketing and a minor in Communications. After college, I lived briefly in Charlotte and Columbia,

eventually settling in Mt. Pleasant in the spring of 1989. I'm married to Elizabeth Brooks Taylor, originally from New Orleans, and we have a wonderful daughter, Grace, who is currently a junior at Ashley Hall. My church journey began at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Orange, VA where my family has deep roots. I found my way to St. Michael's after being invited to attend Alpha in 2000, and I've been a member ever since, serving as an usher for over a decade. A few experiences that have strengthened my faith include my long-standing membership in the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant—where I've served for 31 years, including a life-changing water missions trip to Ecuador—and the challenges and joys surrounding the birth of our daughter Grace, who is truly a blessing. Additionally, I've been part of a Tuesday morning men's group for over 15 years. The Rotary motto, "service above self," resonates with me, and I would be honored to serve as a vestry member at St. Michael's.

### John McElrov



John McElroy was born in Wilson, NC, and raised in Raleigh. His early years were shaped by a love for athletics, time at the beach, and a strong relationship with

his church family at Christ Episcopal Church. After graduating from Wofford College in 2005, John moved to Charleston and began attending St. Michael's alongside his brother, Richard McElroy, who currently serves on the vestry. Over the years, John has participated in Alpha, small groups, The Gate (young adults ministry), and served as an usher at the 6 pm service. John's career began in the real



estate development industry, but has been working in real estate technology since 2010. In 2016, John met his wife, Alex Creason, a Columbia, SC native. They were married at St. Michael's in 2018 and are now the proud parents of two daughters, Capers (5) and Charlotte (2). As a family, they enjoy time outdoors-beaches, boats, bikes, and parks, but most of all, love spending time with family and friends. St. Michael's has been foundational in John's journey as a Christian, a husband, and a father. He is honored to be considered

for vestry service and is committed to supporting the mission and spiritual growth of the church community that has played such a meaningful role in his life.

# **CONVENTION DELEGATE CANDIDATES 2025**



**Jack Steele** I was born and raised in Statesville, NC. I attended Davidson College (Economics, BA) and Vanderbilt University School of Law, where I was the Associate Editor of

the Law Review. I served 8 years in the US Army Reserve. I worked in business litigation for law firms in Winston-Salem and Charlotte, NC. Prior to moving to Charleston, I attended several churches in NC and in Bluffton, SC, where I volunteered as a Sunday School class leader, outreach volunteer, and on the finance committee. My wife Melanie and I began attending St. Michael's in 2019. In that time, I have served as the John's Island PODZ host, been a reader at the 11 am service, and am active in the Mustard Seed Ministry. Lenjoy competition sporting clays shooting and showing greyhounds at American Kennel Club shows.

#### **Richard McElroy**

I was born and raised in Raleigh, NC, and was a member of Christ Episcopal Church. After finishing school, I moved to Charleston in 2005, engaged to my now wife Katherine,

and took a job in real estate development. We would marry in the fall of that year and quickly found a home at St. Michaels in the 6:00 service, which as we both admit, unequivocally brought us back to church. In our effort to fully reengage, we became deeply involved with ALPHA, which led us into a cherished Life Group, and eventually into leadership roles in The Gate and Financial Peace, Katherine and I have three children, Mac, Gray and Eve. We enjoy spending as much time as we can on the water and traveling together as a family. After a short career in real estate, I began working for Marsh in 2008, in the commercial insurance industry where I remain employed today.



#### Chris Sosnowski

My life at St. Michael's began longer ago than I want to believe - suffice to say I was about 6 years old at the time! I attended Sunday School religiously, so to speak, sang in the children's choir, and

served as an acolyte and crucifer. I enjoyed being a member of youth groups and weekend retreats for young people. As an adult, I have gone through Cursillo and been on team several times, attended Alpha and other programs, served as usher and now am on the Safety Team. When, as a teenager, I was given a choice. I turned away from reaular church attendance, and grappled with questions of faith. Having children brought my attendance up, as I wanted my daughters to experience church so that they could make educated decisions of their own. Eventually, I had a lightning strike experience at a Men's Conference at Camp St. Christopher, and have been walking with my Savior ever since! All good things that have happened to me since came from that moment. My faith since has sustained me through the worst events in my life. If called to serve, I will do so gladly and with a whole heart to protect the sanctity of the man-written but God-inspired truth of the Bible.

# **CONVENTION DELEGATE CANDIDATES 2025**



#### Mikell Scarborough

St. Michael's Member since 1993, Usher Chairman (1995-2007), Lay Eucharistic Minister since 2006, Vestry Member, 1998-2001, Senior Warden, 2016-2018, Alpha, Financial

Peace University, Cursillo #139, Cursillo #151 Team Member, Kanuga Parish Weekend coordinator with Mary in 2010, Small Group Member, Men's Ski Trip, VBS Mission Trip with Ross to Dominican Republic in 2007, Participant in St. Michael's Christmas Pageant. Married to Mary LeMacks Scarborough since 1986, Three Children: Ross, Elizabeth & Thomas, Charleston County Master in Equity since 2003.

#### Joe Good, III

Joe Good, III is a native Charlestonian and long-time member of St. Michael's church. Joe serves as the acting solicitor for the church. A practicing attorney in Mt.



Pleasant, Joe is married to Dr. Elizabeth Good who teaches high school history at the Porter-Gaud School. Aside from his solo practice, Joe is a part-time public defender both in Berkeley County and on the Isle of Palms. Recently, Joe was awarded the lawyer-scientist designation by the American Chemical Society. The Goods have two children, Joe IV and Caroline. In his spare time, Joe enjoys playing golf, playing the drums both in contemporary church services and with friends, and spending time with his family.

#### Laura Gruber

A cradle member of St. Michael's since 1970, I enjoyed the unique perspective of seeing our Sunday School, Children's Choir, and Youth Group as both participant



and parent. Robert and I are the proud parents of Laura, Cecilia, and Axel. It was my privilege to serve on the vestry as Junior Warden and Senior Warden, Communications Task Force Chairman, and member of the Strategic Planning Task Force. I have also served as Team Captain for the 10:30 Chapel Service, LEM, Adult Sunday School Teacher, and Confirmation class assistant. I have attended the last two (virtual) diocesan conventions as delegate.

#### Hal Frampton, IV



I am blessed to have grown up at St. Michael's and to continue worshiping there today. Growing up, I attended Sunday School, acolyted, sung in the children's choir, participated in EYC,

and went on a mission trip to Honduras after my senior year in high school. Since moving back to Charleston in 2008, I have served as Alpha coordinator and on the Alpha team, as director of the 6:00 p.m. service teams, and on a discernment committee for an individual heading to seminary. I am a member of a life group that began during the Alpha course in the Spring of 2009, and I have participated in Beta, the parenting course, and an Alpha leadership conference in Texas. Perhaps my most rewarding involvement to date has been helping to start the 9:00 a.m. service. I served on the Vestry from 2015 to 2020, as Secretary of the Vestry from 2016 to 2020, and as Chair of the Family Ministry Task Force from 2018 to 2020. My wife, Ashley, and I have four children.

#### **Reeves Howard**

I am the 5th generation of my family to belong to St. Michael's. Even though we didn't live here until I was 12 years old, my mother made it clear that this was



always my home. This church has been the only constant in my life. I was baptized and confirmed here. Billy and I were married at St. Michael's in 2005. We have two children, Liam and Samantha who were both baptized here. Although I was raised going to church and participating in church community, I did not have a personal relationship with Christ until after the loss of my sister in 1999. God used this painful experience to reveal himself to me. I attend church regularly, read Scripture, pray daily, and seek to glorify God. I feel called to minister to people who have lost their faith, been hurt by people in the church, and those who are not personally connected to Christ. I do this primarily through my counseling practice, but also in my interaction with family and friends. We teach our children about Christ daily and practice our faith as a family. I help teach Sunday school. In the past, I have volunteered during VBS, been a Bell Ringer, and an usher. I would like to see the St. Michael's children's program grow. I am excited about the programs in place, and look forward to supporting its growth. I want St. Michael's to become even more a place of peace, community, and fellowship, where members all feel connected to and supported by one another

## VESTRY 2024-2025

Hal Frampton, IV Senior Warden

Reeves Howard Junior Warden

## 2022-2025

Jack Steel Richard McElroy Chris Sosnowski

## 2023-2026

Robert Burnett Mitch Watford Reiley Jacobs (2024-2026)

2024-2027

Pat McKinney Caroline Riley Anne Schaffer



St. Michael's would like to hear from you if you, or anyone you know, from our church family, need someone from the St. Michael's CARE team to reach out to them. See CARE request examples below.

Person Requesting CARE:

Date:\_

Contact Number:\_\_\_ Email:

For CARE needs – please contact David Richardson by phone or text at (843)860-5124. If using text, please put the word CARE in the subject line proceeding your full name. Using this card, please complete the following and either give it to your small group leader leave it with the receptionist at St. Michael's or put it in the offering plate on Sunday and somebody will be in touch with you.

Name of person who needs **CARE**:

Describe briefly the **CARE** need:

**CARE** Request examples:

- Personal visit
- Home Communion Meal Delivered
- Personal Call
- Private Prayer Appt. Away Students
- Home Visit
- Transportation Widows
- · Get Well Card
- Single Moms Lost Jobs
  - Physically
  - Challenged New Mothers

# New to St. Michael's? Want to get connected? Let us Know!

Email Greg Smith at greg@stmichaelschurch.net or use the QR code:



### Serving Today 9 am

## ALTAR & FLOWER GUILDS: GROUP III

*Greeters:* Haley Mathewes, Julie Molony Ushers: Cord Smythe, Thomas Mathewes **Reader:** Mills Brice (lesson), TBD (pravers) Acolytes: Gigi Mathewes, Tucker & Peyton Smythe Verger: Greg Smith

# Looking Ahead

## Sunday, May 11 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Youth Group will resume Sunday, May 18th. Tuesday, May 13 Young Adult Bible Study, 6:30 pm Wednesday, May 14 Super Wednesday 4-8 pm Sunday, May 18 Annual Meeting @ 10 am

## We have Assisted Listening Capability!

We have installed Listen Everywhere Cloud Service. It is easy. Just borrow one of our listening devices with earphones or download the app on your own cellphone to use your personal earphones/earbuds (Bluetooth and Telecoil Compatible with Hearing Aids and Cochlear Implants). To get started, just tell any usher that you would like to use our Listening Capability and they will begin getting you connected.



County Courthouse). Show your bulletin to an employee in the first floor office by 1 pm to get free parking.

3. Park at 91 Oueen Street Garage. Use this barcode for 3 hours free parking on Sundays.