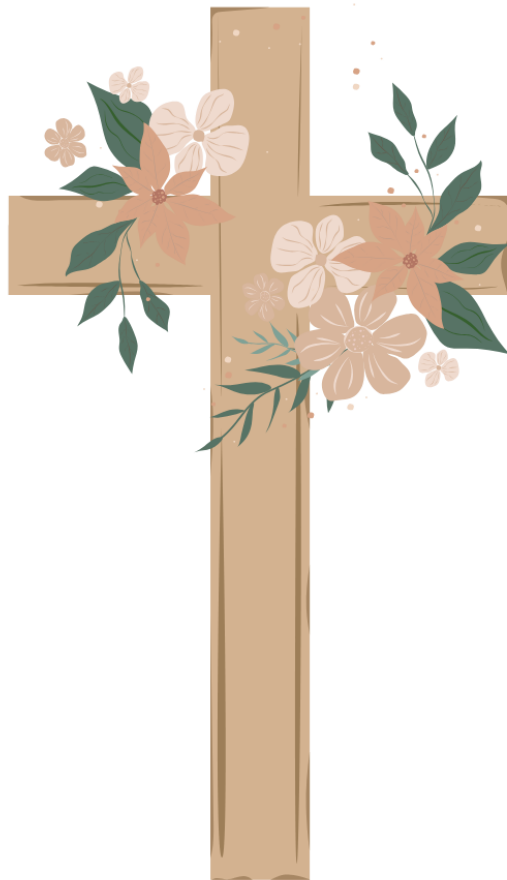




# St. Michael's Episcopal Church

M A N D E V I L L E

## EASTER SEASON 2025 BULLETIN



### MISSION STATEMENT

*With Christ's love, the St. Michael's family invites all to engage and transform the community through worship, service, and education.*



# GUIDE TO WORSHIP

## WHAT DO I DO?

Follow the order of service in this handout. You'll find everything you need here. The priest may also announce pages in the BCP when appropriate.

## I'M NEW HERE!

Welcome! What can we help you with? Just ask anyone wearing a nametag or vestments. Check out our website, [stmichaelsla.org](http://stmichaelsla.org), for more about us and the Episcopal Church.



## WHICH DO I USE?

The BCP refers to the Book of Common Prayer (red book) in the pew rack. The Hymnal is blue. We use the Common English Bible for our reading translations, which is also blue.

## HAVE WE MET?

Thank you for being our guest today! We'd love to get to know you better. Please take a moment to fill out the Connect card in the pew rack and put it in the collection plate. Or simply text STMGuest to (833) 696-0072 and fill out a digital card.

## WHEN DO I?

It's really easy. We sit when we listen, kneel in confession, and stand when we sing and pray. Some people also kneel for the closing prayer—it's optional. When in doubt, do what the priest is doing.

## HOSPITALITY 101

If you have been with us for a while, please be welcoming. Did you greet anyone today? Offer help? Shake hands? Make sure to say hello so everyone feels welcome here!

Opening Hymn      *Standing as able.*

Hymn Board

*Celebrant*      Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*          The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Celebrant*      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.*

The Song of Praise

Tune of *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

**Verse 1**

Glory be to God on high, Alleluia!  
Peace on earth, the angels cry, Alleluia!  
We adore you, Lord and King, Alleluia!  
Hearts and voices now we bring, Alleluia!

**Verse 2**

Jesus, Savior, risen Lord, Alleluia!  
You alone are God adored, Alleluia!  
With the Spirit, Holy One, Alleluia!  
And the Father, Three in One, Alleluia!

The Collect of the Day      *The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

*People*          Amen.

The Lessons

*The people sit. Page numbers for corresponding Bible texts are found on the Readings board to the right of the altar.*

*After each reading, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*          Thanks be to God.

Psalm

**Gospel Hymn** *Standing as able.*

*Celtic Alleluia*

*Then the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People*          Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*          Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

## Nicene Creed

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who 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.

## A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For all those on our weekly prayer list,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Greet one another and introduce yourself if you are unfamiliar.*

## Announcements

**Whoever you are. Where you are in your faith journey. You belong here.**

## Offertory

*The People sit as the Table is set. During the Offertory, you are invited to give in the offertory plate, scan the QR code, or send a text to 73256 with the keyword **STMLA** (follow by a whole dollar amount to give.) The text reply will provide a link to complete your gift and provide a confirmation text to your phone.*



**Eucharistic Prayer** *The People stand, as able, for the presentation of the Offering and say together:*

All things come of thee oh Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

*Celebrant* The Lord 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.

*Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, Mother of God, Michael, Archangel, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.*

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

*Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Facing the congregation, the Celebrant invites everyone to take Communion. All who seek Christ are welcome to receive communion. To receive the communion wafer, extend your hands and respond “Amen.” We have gluten-free wafers available – let the priest know if you would like one. You may intinct (dip) or drink from the chalice. You do not need to receive in both forms to receive the grace of Communion. You may also come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.*

## Post-Communion Hymn

**139** L. M. LOUIS BOURGEOIS, 1551

OLD HUNDRETH  
*With great dignity*

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.

THOMAS KEN, 1709

### Post-Communion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### Closing Hymn

#### Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*



# Ministries at St. Michael's

## Worship Ministries

It takes a village to celebrate the Eucharist and other sacraments. Whether you are brand-new to St. Michael's or have been here for years, here's how you can get involved.

### Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers (EMs) assist in administering the chalice at celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. Training is required. To be an EM, you must be a baptized member of the Episcopal Church.

**Coordinator:** David Smith, 985.630.8710, [David.smith@osaicwealth.com](mailto:David.smith@osaicwealth.com)

### Lectors

The lectors read the first and second lessons and lead the psalm during services. It's a wonderful way to publicly take part in the service. No special training is needed.

**Coordinator:** David Smith, 985.630.8710, [David.smith@osaicwealth.com](mailto:David.smith@osaicwealth.com)

### Acolytes

Acolyte means "one who serves." These people aged 9 and up assist on the altar. The only requirements are dedication and willingness to grow and serve in our church.

**Coordinator:** David Smith, 985.630.8710, [David.smith@osaicwealth.com](mailto:David.smith@osaicwealth.com)

### Lift Up Your Voices and Sing!

Music is intimately bound with the proclamation of the Word, an opportunity for us to express through hymns, anthems and liturgy those feelings that are often difficult to express with words. NO training is required—we **welcome** new choir members!

**Music Director:** Allison Kenning, 985.258.0671, [A.Kenning@icloud.com](mailto:A.Kenning@icloud.com)

### Set God's Table

The Altar Guild prepares all the things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist or any of the other sacraments and offices of the church under the direction of the priest. This behind-the-scenes ministry is a gift of time and talent to serve God in His house, caring for the linens and vessels, making things ready for baptisms, and changing the elements for each church season.

**Coordinator:** Wanda Soukup, 228.424.8180, [wcs1950@yahoo.com](mailto:wcs1950@yahoo.com)

### Bloom with the Flower Guild

Flowers return beauty to God and gladden our hearts. Channel your inner artist with arrangements of seasonal flowers and green growing things that enhance the beauty of our sanctuary. Anyone with a love of flowers is encouraged to join.

**Coordinator:** Ferris Hotard, 985.951.0728, [rutlandstreetgallery@yahoo.com](mailto:rutlandstreetgallery@yahoo.com)

## Formation Ministries

### Children's Sunday School Program

Children's Sunday School is held at 10:30 AM during the school calendar year, with a break during the summer months. It is for children ages 3 – 12 years. Children are reunited with their parents before Communion. The program is led by certified volunteer parents trained in Godly Play. Volunteers are always welcome—no experience needed.

**Coordinators:** Alfonso (504.717.9548, [aemartinez210@gmail.com](mailto:aemartinez210@gmail.com)) & Andrea (504.717.1199, [agaraudy@gmail.com](mailto:agaraudy@gmail.com)) Martinez

### Women in God's Service (WINGS)

About every six weeks, a Thursday Evening Ladies Book study gathers at the church, at a restaurant, or in someone's home. It's an opportunity for women to get connected, read a Christian-themed, popular or classic book, and encourage each other in their Christian walk.

**Coordinator:** Melanie Edwards, 985.630.7365, [meltomed@bellsouth.net](mailto:meltomed@bellsouth.net)

### Fellowship Ministries

#### Art Show

The Art Show has been held every fall since 2012 in our Parish Life Center to celebrate the creative diversity of local artists. Proceeds benefit outreach ministries of the church.

**Coordinators:** Ferris Hotard, 985.951.0728, [rutlandstreetgallery@yahoo.com](mailto:rutlandstreetgallery@yahoo.com) & Patrick Robert, 504.232.0831, [pjrobert@me.com](mailto:pjrobert@me.com)

#### Pastoral Care

The pastoral care ministry shares God's love to those in need in our parish. Eucharistic visitors bring Communion or simply visit. The meal ministry provides home-cooked food birth, surgery, illness, death, or other times of transition. The prayer shawl and baby blanket ministry crochets or knits items that are blessed and then given to people during times of need.

**Coordinator:** David Smith, 985.630.8710, [David.smith@osaicwealth.com](mailto:David.smith@osaicwealth.com);

**Meal Coordinator:** JoAnn Turner, 504.912.0186, [Joann.Turner@yahoo.com](mailto:Joann.Turner@yahoo.com)

**Prayer Shawl Coordinator:** Andrea Martinez, 504.717.1199, [agaraudy@gmail.com](mailto:agaraudy@gmail.com)

### Who's Who at St. Michael's



**Fr. Robert Beazley**  
Rector



**Laura Tobin**  
Parish Admin



**Allison Kenning**  
Music Director



**Emily Sontag**  
Head of School



**Jennifer Carron**  
Youth Director

### Vestry

Patrick Robert – Senior Warden  
Lloyd Magee – Junior Warden  
Tara Jacks – Secretary  
Chris Snyder – Treasurer (appointed)  
Vickie Bascle  
Elise Kenning

Bran Crowe  
David Fischer  
Kendy Munson  
David Smith  
John Tobin