



2026 Lenten 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, 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.

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

Hymn Board

Opening Acclamation *Standing as able.*

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Decalogue *Kneeling as able, congregation replies with words in italics.*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution *The Celebrant stands alone and says:*

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

Invitation to Sunday School

Children and Sunday School teachers are dismissed for lessons. Children return to their families before Communion.

Trisagion

Hymnal S101

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us. (*repeat twice*)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*, v. 1, 2 & 5

Hymnal 644

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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 *Celebrant and People*

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.

Prayers of the People

In humility and repentance, let us turn to God, praying for the Church and for the world.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For families, friends, and neighbors, and for all who feel alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who seek justice, mercy, and peace.

For the right use of your creation, and for hearts turned away from greed and waste;
For those who suffer from hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of distress;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the way of your truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Shannon our Bishop, Harry our Interim Rector, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay ministers;
For all who serve Christ in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those suffering from illness, cancer, and loss and those listed in the weekly prayers. Are there other individuals we should hold in our prayers?

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the gifts of this life, for your grace that sustains us, and for the hope of renewal in this holy season. Are there particular things we should give thanks for at this time?

We will magnify you, O God our Redeemer;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, trusting in your mercy, that they may find their rest in you.

Lord, in your compassion,
Let your loving-kindness be upon them, who put their trust in you.

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

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

All things come of Thee, O 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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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.*

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *therefore let us keep the feast.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *grant us your peace.*

The Communion Invitation

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 Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of 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.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Closing Hymn

Hymn Board

Dismissal

Let us go forth, rejoicing in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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

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: Laura Tobin, 985.626.5781 (o) or 985.502.6092 (c), office@stmichaelsla.org

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: Tom Jacks, 985.789.5797, tejacks1970@aol.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

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

Bloom with the Flower Guild

Channel your inner artist as a member of the Flower Guild. This ministry purchases and arranges 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

Formation Ministries

Children's Sunday School Program

Children's Sunday School is held at 10 AM for children ages 3 – 12 years during the school calendar year, with a break during the summer months. 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 Martinez, 504.717.9548, aemartinez210@gmail.com, and Anie Martinez, 504.717.1199, agaraudy@gmail.com,

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

Fellowship Ministries

Art Festival

The Art Festival 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 & Patrick Robert, 504.232.0831, 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 following a 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: Sandy Major, 225.938.7788, Sandykmajor54@gmail.com

Meal Coordinator: JoAnn Turner, 504.912.0186, joann_turner@yahoo.com

Prayer Shawl Coordinator: Anie Martinez, 504.717.1199, agaraudy@gmail.com

Who's Who at St. Michael's



Fr. Harry Jenkins
Interim Rector



Laura Tobin
Parish Admin



Allison Kenning
Music Director



Emily Sontag
Head of School

Vestry

Patrick Robert – Senior Warden
Lloyd Magee – Junior Warden
Austin Cotten – Secretary
Bobby Landry – Treasurer (appointed)
Richie Kenning – Assistant Treasurere (appointed)
Bran Crowe

Elise Kenning
Sandy Major
Kendy Munson
Samantha Reeves
John Tobin
Todd Whalley