



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

Masks are recommended while inside the church.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022 10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist

‡ *The service follows the Order for Holy Eucharist found on page 323 of The Book of Common Prayer*

‡ *The musical setting of the Mass Ordinary is the Communion Service in D of Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)*

Organ Voluntary

Mein junges Leben hat ein End'

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
(1562-1621)

Hymn at the Procession 686

NETTLETON

We hear in this hymn that “Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God”. If we follow Christ, “I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.”

Acclamation


Celebrant Bless † the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

‡ *All kneel*

The Decalogue

Celebrant God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People  Lord, have mer-cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Honor thy father and thy mother.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt do no murder.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt not steal.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt not covet.



People



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and write all these thy laws in our
hearts, we be - seech thee.

¶ *The Deacon then says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

¶ *Celebrant and People, all kneeling*

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

¶ *The Celebrant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution ✠ and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

¶ *People Amen.*

g All stand

Trisagion

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

GRACIOUS FATHER, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *g People Amen.*

g Then all are seated

The Word of God

The Lesson

GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

AFTER THESE THINGS THE WORD OF THE LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what wilt thou give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Elie'zer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, thou hast given me no offspring; and a slave born in my house will be my heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; your own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."



Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve *me from trouble*; *
thou shalt compass me about with *songs of deliverance*.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein *thou shalt go*; *
and I *will guide thee with mine eye*.

Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no *understanding*; *
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, else they *will not obey thee*.

Great plagues remain for *the ungodly*; *
but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embrac-*eth him on every side*.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice *in the Lord*; *
and be joyful, all *ye that are true of heart*.

The Epistle

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

FROM NOW ON, THEREFORE, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

¶ *All stand for the singing of the Hymn and Gospel Procession*

Hymn at the Sequence 469

ST. HELENA

This text, an example of the sentimental poetry of much nineteenth-century hymnody, appears today in a truncated and altered form. This hymn is based on the premise that a sovereign God, unlike earthly rulers, demonstrates welcome, kindness, grace, and mercy.

The Gospel

LUKE 15:1-3, 11b-32

Gospeler ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

NOW THE TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Andrew John Archie

¶ *Following the Sermon, all stand and say together*

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead, †
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

‡ *All kneel*

The Prayers of the People

¶ *The Deacon says these Prayers*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Have mercy we pray on those who now suffer the miseries of a war not of their own making. Have compassion on the wounded and dying; comfort the broken-hearted; confound the hatred and madness of those who make war; guide our rulers, bring war to an end, bring peace across the world. Unite us all under the reign of your Son, the Prince of Peace, before whose judgement seat the rulers of the world will give account, and in whose name we pray.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Michael and all angels and George and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *All stand*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Announcements

The Church of St. Michael & St. George is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who contribute as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your contribution in the collection plate or use the QR code below to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish in addition to parishioners' annual commitments.



The Holy Communion

Anthem at the Offertory

Jesu, grant me this I pray,
Ever in thy heart to stay,
Let me evermore abide
Hidden in thy wounded side.

If the evil one prepare,
Or the world, a tempting snare,
I am safe when I abide
In thy heart and wounded side.
If the flesh, more dangerous still,
Tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear when I abide
In thy heart and wounded side.

Death will come one day to me;
Jesu, cast me not from thee;
Dying, let me still abide
In thy heart and wounded side. Amen.

Words: Anonymous, 17th c.

Music: Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

¶ *Then, as the Ushers come forward, all stand and make the following response*

∞. All things come of thee, O Lord;
℞. And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

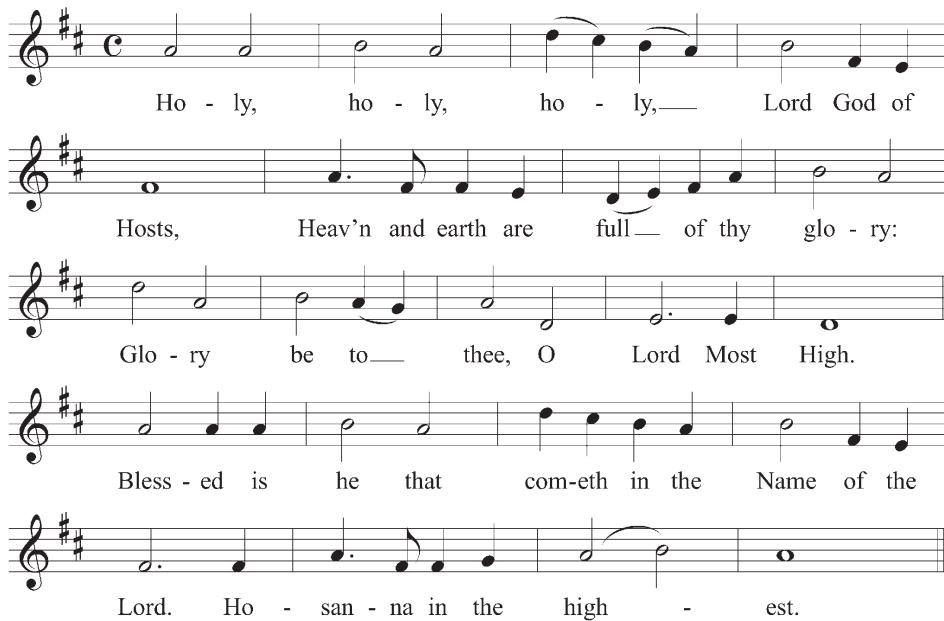
People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

¶ Celebrant and People



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

¶ The People kneel

ALL GLORY BE TO THEE, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled ✠ with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. ¶ *All* AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Breaking of the Bread

¶ The Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is sung



O Lamb of God, that tak - est a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access *¶ Said by all*

WE DO NOT PRESUME TO COME TO THIS THY TABLE, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation and Ministration of Communion

¶ *All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the Ushers on when to come forward to the Communion rail. Once kneeling at the rail, to receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward, and consume the Bread.*

¶ *Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.*

¶ *Only the priest may intinct the Bread. If you wish, present the Bread to the priest and they will intinct for you.*

¶ *Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.*

Anthem at the Communion

Bread of the world in mercy broken, Wine of the world in mercy shed, By whom the words of life were spoken, And in whose death our sins are dead: Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Look on the tears by sinners shed, And be thy feast to us the token, That by thy grace our souls are fed. Amen.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Music: Peter Aston (2006)

Hymn at the Communion 489 ¶ *Sung by all*

TALLIS' ORDINAL

As we receive Holy Communion, we sing this hymn as a reminder that God sent his only begotten son to save us all, and not to condemn. "He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring."

The Postcommunion Prayer

¶ Said by all kneeling

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Lenten Blessing

¶ The Celebrant says this Blessing and the People respond

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. *¶ People Amen.*

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. *¶ People Amen.*

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. *¶ People Amen.*

The blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *¶ People Amen.*

¶ All stand

The Dismissal

¶ The People are dismissed with these words

∇. Let us bless the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.

Hymn at the Retiring Procession 690

CWM RHONDDA

We sing this hymn as a prayer for strength to go through the wilderness of the world and to spread the good news of Christ.

This Morning's Liturgy

† Colors play an important part in the worship of the Church. The colors worn at The Church of St. Michael & St. George are drawn from colors worn in England before the Reformation. They change according to the seasons of the Church year and the liturgical tasks at hand. The vestments worn for the Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday) are Rose in color. Laetare is Latin for rejoicing. Liturgically, the joy expressed is that of the salvation gained for us by the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection, resulting in victory over death.

† *Mein junges Leben hat ein End'* is rightly regarded as Sweelinck's masterpiece—it was the first of his works to be published, in 1894. The sense of reprise brought about by the return to the mood of the opening in the final variation, even though the harmony and part-writing are quite different, is surely a masterstroke.

† Whitlock studied composition with C.V. Stanford and Vaughan Williams. He was organist of Rochester cathedral and this beautiful hymn-anthem (so designated) was apparently written for Rochester. The words are from a 17th-century hymn, *Dignare me, O Jesu, rogo te*. Unlike most of the hymn-anthems this one is penitential, unaccompanied, and in the minor mode and sounds very 'Orlando Gibbons-ish'.

† Peter Aston was a well known 21st century composer and musician in England. His music endeavors ranged from sacred, secular, and included a children's opera. His anthem *Bread of the World*, is simple but yet complex in harmonies in both the choir and organ that accompany this Eucharistic text.

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