

THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

May 22, 2022 10:00 AM

Masks are recommended while inside the church.

Holy Eucharist

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

☞ *The musical setting of the Mass Ordinary is the
Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena of Healey Willan (1880–1968)*

Organ Voluntary

A Love so Fierce and Free: A Litany

David Ashley White

(b.1944)

Hymn at the Procession 292

KINGSFOLD

Traditionally, the three days before Ascension have been observed as Rogation days, for the special blessing of the crops. This hymn for Rogation Days is appropriate for this Rogation Sunday.

Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. ✠ Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

¶ *The Celebrant says*

ALMIGHTY GOD, UNTO WHOM ALL HEARTS ARE OPEN, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

Gloria in excelsis ¶ *The music may be found at S-202 in the Hymnal 1982*

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, WHO HAST PREPARED for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
¶ *People* Amen.

¶ *Then all are seated*

The Word of God

The First Lesson

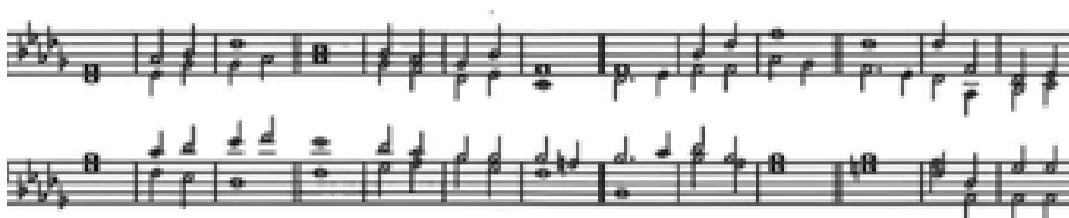
ACTS 16:9-15

AND A VISION APPEARED TO PAUL IN THE NIGHT: a man of Macedo'nia was standing beseeching him and saying, "Come over to Macedo'nia and help us." And when he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedo'nia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. Setting sail therefore from Tro'as, we made a direct voyage to Sam'othrace, and the following day to Ne-ap'olis, and from there to Philip'pi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedo'nia, and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days; and on the sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyati'ra, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to give heed to what was said by Paul. And when she was baptized, with her household, she besought us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

¶ *All remain seated for the singing of the Psalm*



God be merciful unto | us and | bless us, *
and show us the light of his countenance, | and be | merci • ful | unto us;

That thy way may be | known up • on | earth, *
thy saving | health a-| mong all | nations.

Let the peoples | praise thee, • O | God; *
yea, let | all the | **peoples** | praise thee.

O let the nations re-| joice • and be | glad; *
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and | govern • the | nations • upon earth.

Let the peoples | praise thee, • O | God; *
yea, let | all the | **peoples** | praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring | forth her | increase; *
and God, even our | own God, • shall | give us • his | blessing.

___ | God shall | bless us; *
and all the | ends • of the | world shall | fear him.

AND IN THE SPIRIT HE CARRIED ME AWAY TO A GREAT, HIGH MOUNTAIN, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light shall the nations walk; and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it, and its gates shall never be shut by day – and there shall be no night there; they shall bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor any one who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life. Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall no more be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall worship him; they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

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 510

ST. AGNES

In today’s Gospel we hear Jesus telling us that the Holy Spirit, sent from God, will teach us “all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” In this hymn we sing “Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers; come, shed abroad a Savior’s love, and that shall kindle ours.”

The Gospel

JOHN 14:23-29

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

JESUS SAID TO JUDAS (NOT ISCARIOT), “If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me. These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I go away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Andrew John Archie

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed 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.*

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Confession of Sin

¶ *Celebrant and People*

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then the Celebrant stands, pronounces Absolution*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath
promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance
and true faith turn unto 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.

¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following Comfortable Words*

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

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.
Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1–2

¶ *All stand*

The Peace

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

¶ *Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord;*

Announcements

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



The Holy Communion

Anthem at the Offertory

My joy, my life, my crown! My heart was meaning all the day, Somewhat it fain would say: And still it runneth mutt'ring up and down, with only this, My joy, my life, my crown!

Yet slight not these few words: If truly said, they may take part among the best in art. The fineness which a hymn or psalm affords is when unto the lines the soul accords.

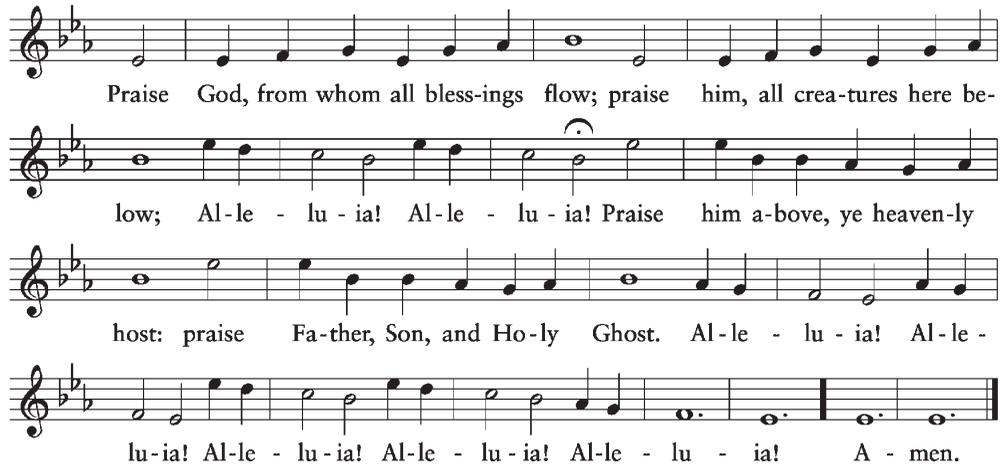
So if the heart be moved, Although the verse be some-what scant, God will supply the want. As when the heart says, Sighing to be approved, O could I love, and stops, God writeth 'Lov'd'.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: Bruce Montgomery (1921-1978)

g Following the singing of the Anthem, all stand to sing

Hymn at the Presentation



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-
low; Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly
host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! A - men.

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus ¶ *The music may be found at S-114 in the Hymnal 1982*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed ✠ is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

¶ *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.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

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

Agnus Dei ¶ *The music may be found at S-158 in the Hymnal 1982*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away 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.*
- ¶ *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

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the sp'rit of truth.

Words: John 14:15-17

Music: Thomas Tallis (c.1505–1585)

Hymn at the Communion 513 ¶ *Sung by all*

BRIDEGROOM

Mirroring today's Gospel, we sing this hymn as it pulls together diverse images of both the Holy Spirit and the people of God suggesting the scope of God's divine power and the depth of human need.

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 Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. ¶ *People Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. ¶ *People Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. ¶ *People Amen.*

The blessing, ✠ mercy, and grace 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 go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

✠ Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The central theme of this hymn is peace: the peace of evening, the peace of night, and peace throughout our life. We sing to the Lord, concerning both our praise and prayer that “Savior, Again, To Thy Dear Name We Raise.”

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Nicki Gillis by her family.

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 in the season after Easter are White symbolizing the resurrection of Christ.

† David Ashley White, a renowned composer of both secular and sacred works, is perhaps best known for his contributions to the world of church music. Using influences drawn from a variety of sources, both ancient and modern. *A Love So Fierce* uses extended harmonies and modality which is in a manner reminiscent of Sowerby.

† Bruce Montgomery takes the text of George Herbert and puts it to music with a complex accompaniment but at the same time sets the musical lines of the choir in a simple manor so that the poem is not lost in the beautiful music. Montgomery was primarily known for his work in music theatre, but also loved the church and church music.

† *If ye love me* show Tallis writing for the reformed rites of Edward VI and Elizabeth I. It is an example of how one should live a godly life. This was especially important for Edward VI’s time when these anthems can be seen to reinforce the exhortation to godly living which was now explicit as a result of the Bible being read in English and a greater emphasis on preaching and teaching.



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