THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

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

Organ Prelude

Vingt-quatre pieces en style libre Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
"Arabesque" and "Berceuse"

Hymn at the Procession 401 LEONI

Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed ✠ be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

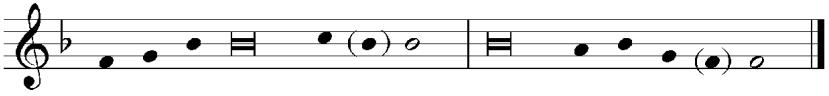
JEREMIAH 15:15-21

O Lord, thou knowest; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In thy forbearance take me not away; know that for thy sake I bear reproach. Thy words were found, and I ate them, and thy words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by thy name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because thy hand was upon me, for thou hadst filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Wilt thou be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.""

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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

Psalm 26:1–8

Judica me, Domine *Tone VIII.1*

Be thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked ***inn-ocently***: *
my trust hath been also in the Lord, there-***fore shall I not fall.***

Examine me, O Lord, and ***prove me***; *
try out ***my reins and my heart.***

For thy loving-kindness is ever ***before mine eyes***; *
and I ***will walk in thy truth.***

I have not dwelt with vain ***persons***; *
neither will I have fellowship with ***the deceitful.***

I have hated the congregation ***of the wicked***; *
and will not sit among ***the ungodly.***

I will wash my hands in innocency, ***O Lord***; *
and so will I go ***to thine altar;***

That I may show the voice ***of thanksgiving***, *
and tell of ***all thy wondrous works.***

Lord, I have loved the habitation of ***thy house***, *
and the place where thine ***honour dwelleth.***

The Second Lesson

ROMANS 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 675 BOURBON

The Gospel MATTHEW 16:21-28

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

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

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

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Stewart Douglas Clem

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 in addition to our annual commitments from our parishioners.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Sing we merrily unto God our strength:
  Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret:
  The merry harp with the lute.
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon:
  Ev'n in the time appointed and upon our solemn feast day.
For this was made a statute for Israel:
  And a law of the God of Jacob.

"Sing We Merrily" *Adrian Batten (c. 1197-1253)*

¶ *Following the singing of the Anthem, all stand to sing*

Hymn at the Presentation **380**: v. 3 OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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; then is said

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. Proceed to the Altar Rail when invited by the Usher. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; when offered the Chalice, please assist in guiding it. 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.

¶ Holy Communion is distributed both at the High Altar and in St. Mary's Chapel. When directed, please follow the Ushers' direction. Those who are not able to come to the High Altar are always welcome to proceed to St. Mary's Chapel.

The Anthem at Communion

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

"O Taste and See" *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*
Composed for the Coronation of Her Majesty Quuen Elizabeth II
in Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953.

Hymn at the Communion 593 DICKINSON COLLEGE

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 Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. ¶ *People* Amen.

¶ *All stand*

The Dismissal ¶ *The People are dismissed with these words*

℣. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

Hymn at the Retiring Procession 482 SLANE

Postlude

"Carillon" Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the glory of God.

This Morning's Liturgy

† Colors play an important part in the worship of the Church. The colors which bedeck the altar and are worn by the clergy are 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 Pentecost are traditionally green. Green is a color that naturally reminds us of hope and growth, and reflects the seasons of Spring and Summer in the natural world. The Church clothes herself in green vestments to express her joyous, lively hope of the ever lovely and eternally lush meadows of the Kingdom of God.

With the news of the devastating fires on the islands of Maui and Hawai'i, your prayers are needed. The Lahaina side of Maui has been particularly devastated. Historic Holy Innocents Church in Lahaina has been destroyed, just one of the more that 2,200 buildings impacted by the fire. The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i is requesting monetary donations to assist those impacted by one of the deadliest fires in the USA. Please make a tax-deductible donation to help provide critical relief via the home page of our website or weekly eletter.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Sunday, September 3
8-11:30 am Coffee Hour
8 am Holy Eucharist-Church
9 am Choir Rehearsal
9 am Centering Prayer Practice-St. George's Chapel
9 am Racial Reconciliaton-7th/8th grade classroom
9:30-11:30 am Little Sprouts Nursery Care
10 am Choral Eucharist-Church
5 pm Holy Eucharist-St. Mary's Chapel

Monday, September 4
The Church will be closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5
11:30 am Holy Eucharist
8 pm Enneagram Curriculum-via Zoom

Wednesday, Septembe 6
6 pm Grief Support Group-Library

Thursday, September 7
11:30 am Holy Eucharist-St. Mary's Chapel
5 pm Community of Hope-Taylor Room

Friday, September 8
7 am Men's Bible Study-Great Hall
7:30 am Morning Prayer-St. Mary's Chapel
8 am Women's Bible Study-Library

Saturday, September 9
11 am Kenneth Greenlaw funeral/reception
11 am Knitting Ministry-Library
4-5:30 pm AA meeting-Taylor Room.

NURSERY CARE Available from 9:30 - 11:30 am in the Little Sprouts Infant/Toddler space. Reservations are requested.

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS Please contact Debbie at 314.721.1502 or at debbie@csmsg.org for information about our hospitalized parishioners

LITTLE SPROUTS: Volunteers are needed on Sundays to assist in the infant/toddler program. Three shifts available: 8-9 am, 9-10 am, and 10-11:30 am. Ages 15 on up are welcome to help. Please contact Debbie at debbie@csmsg.org or 314.721.1502.

CENTERING PRAYER PRACTICE: Sunday mornings 9- 9:40 am in St. George's Chapel.

CSL LITE! Tuesdays, Bible study in Sverdrup Room 10:30 AM-11:30 AM; Eucharist 11:30 AM

HUNGER MINISTRY: When grocery shopping, please consider adding one or two non- perishable items to your cart. Place items in either Hunger Ministry closet outside of the Taylor Room.

CASSEROLES NEEDED for Trinity Food Ministry: Pan, lid, directions and recipes in closet next to Taylor Room.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at CSMSG: The group will meet weekly at the church in the Library from 6-7 PM on Wednesdays.

T**HE ENNEAGRAM JOURNEY CURRICULUM:** online. week continues on Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm. More info on Realm.

RAISING AMAZING BOOK STUDY will begin on Sunday, September 10, 9 AM in the Sverdrup Room. Register on Realm or contact Marty Chapman at marty@csmsg.org.

CHURCH SERVICE LEAGUE returns September 12.
Lay Ministry Fair - Sept 17th in the Great Hall

GET INVOLVED Plan to stop by the Lay Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 17 between 8:30 to 11:30 AM in the Great Hall to learn about all the fabulous opportunities we have at CSMSG. Each of our ministries will be represented at this event to encourage our parishioners to get involved with the church. Coffee and donuts will be served. Back by Popular Demand: Lay Ministry Fair Bingo! Bingo cards will be found in your bulletin on Sunday Sept. 17. Visit every Ministry booth on the card to be entered in a raffle. Winner of the raffle will have lunch with Fr. Peter. Email Laurie Brown at laurie@csmsg.org with questions.

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