



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist II

Prelude

“An Irish Blessing”

by James Mansfield

Opening Hymn

“Christ for the world we sing!”

Moscow Hymn 537

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| <p>1. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.</p> <p>2. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.</p> | <p>3. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.</p> <p>4. Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with joyful song;
the new-born souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.</p> |
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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity

People **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets
Are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we
may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children are invited to attend Children's Chapel at this time (10:30 AM Service)

Children will return during The Peace

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:44-48)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Sing to the LORD a new song, *
 for he has done marvelous things.
 With his right hand and his holy arm *
 has he won for himself the victory.
 The LORD has made known his victory; *
 his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
 with the harp and the voice of song.
 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
 shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
 the lands and those who dwell therein.
 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
 when he comes to judge the earth.
 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
 and the peoples with equity.

A Reading from the First Letter of John (5:1-6)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (15:9-17)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation “Celtic Alleluia”

Sermon The Rev. Matt Holcombe

The Nicene Creed The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 358

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**
**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 and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He 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.**

The Prayers of the People Form VI

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 392

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work:
***People* For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
***People* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
***People* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.
***People* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
***People* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

Leader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kym, our Bishop, our Clergy; and for all bishops and other ministers;
***People* For all who serve God in God's Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For the sick and suffering, especially Don, Gerry, Judy, Laura, Nita; for the victims of gun violence and war, and those we pray for during our Wednesday Healing Service.

Alice, Amy H., Amy L., Ann C., Anna C., Anna S., Anigeya, Barbara, Becky, Bernie, Bill & Ann, Bryan, Caleb, Charlie, Chris J., Chris O., Colleen, Debra, Diana, Don, Dottie, Emily, Ethel, Eva, Gerry, Gretta, Hayden, Helen, Hunter, Jack, Jan L., Jan W., Jacque, Jamie & Beth, Jibril, Jim, Joan, John G., John P., John W., Joyce, Judi, Judy, Karen, Kathleen, Larry, Laura, Linda, Lisa, Lucian, Margaret, Mark, Mary, Mateo, Michael, Miles, Millie, Nancy K., Nancy O., Nita, Oriana, Penny, Peyton, Rachel, Randy, Richard, Robert, Rose, Russell, Sharon, Br. Stephen Andrew, Steve E., Steve M., Steve P., Sue & John, Susan K., Susan S., Sydney, Tom, Tripp, Valerie, Virginia, Wolf, Zoe

To add or update a prayer request, use this form online: <https://www.stmikeschurch.com/prayer-request> or email Diane Dennison at diane@stmikeschurch.com or call 719-598-3244.

Leader For the deployed and those serving around the world: Alisha, Tyler, Richard, Dallas & Jason.
 Hear us, Lord;
***People* For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays this week: Sarah F., Trenton S., Griffin S., Grace S., Julie W., Michael T., Jane B., Ethan B., Jennifer S., Phil R., Katherine T., Owen C., Roger H., Betsi F., Joshua N.; those with anniversaries: Barry & Nancy Oswell; and for those expecting: Kristin P., Hannah B., and Allison D. We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, especially parishioners Carol Pierce and Ethel Simpson, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader The flowers on the altar are in memory of beloved members of the Hudson-Barton families by Patricia Hudson.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession *(Please kneel in body or spirit)*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Digital Offering *(To make a one-time contribution to St. Michael's or to pay your pledge online;)*

1. Text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446, and follow the secure link.
2. Scan the QR code using your phone's camera.



The Doxology

Hymn 380, vs. 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 361

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a Proper Preface is said*)

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:

Sanctus (*10:30 AM sung*)

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

(You may remain standing or kneel)

Celebrant 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:

People Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant 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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

**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 Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at St. Michael's. At the altar rail, you may kneel or stand, and place one hand in the other, like a manger or bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may consume it, or wait for the cup. When the wine comes to you, you may dip (intinct) your wafer into the wine and then consume it and return to your pen. If you would like to sip from the common cup, please assist the chalice bearers by guiding the chalice to your lips with one hand. If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an X form across your chest and a priest will offer you a blessing.

Celiac friendly: *Please come to the left side (as you face the altar) and let the clergy know if you would like to receive a gluten free host and wine.*

Communion Hymns

Traditional Scottish

“The Summons”

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my Name be known?
Will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the “You” you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me?

“Here I am, Lord”

WLP 812

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.*
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Refrain
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Refrain

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain:

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light*

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood, I may enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*
3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever-changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Sending

When present, Eucharistic Visitors are commissioned to carry the Consecrated Gifts of Holy Communion to those who are unable, due to illness or impairment, to join us for Sunday services.

Celebrant: In the name of God and this community, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

***People:* We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

(Please kneel in body or spirit)

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

***People* Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing for Matt’s Sabbatical (8:00 AM Service)

Blessing for the High School Seniors (10:30 AM Service)

Benediction Song & Reflection “The Blessing” by Kari Jobe & Cody Carnes

*The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you, and give you peace. Amen.*

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah” *Cwm Rhondda* Hymn 690

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell’s destruction,
land me safe on Canaan’s side;
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude “King’s Weston” by Craig Phillips

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Upcoming Events & New Announcements

Join us Every Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Services

9:15 – 10:10 AM Education for All Ages

7:45 – 11:45 AM Nursery is open for children 5 and under. Coffee Hour & Fellowship after both services.

Today, Sunday, May 5

Sunday Forum: Building an Interior Chapel – 9:15 AM

Sunday Stillness – Breath Prayer – 10:00 – 10:25 AM (Prayer Room)

Vestry Person of the Day – Ruth Morrison

Ascension Day Evensong – Thursday, May 9, 7:00 PM

Parish Work Day – Saturday, May 11, 8:00 AM – Noon (RSVP)

Sunday Forums at 9:15 AM *

Women in the Bible – May 12

Unpacking Pentecost – May 19

Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build – Saturday, May 18, 12:45-4:00 PM (RSVP)

Pentecost – Sunday, May 19 (wear red!)

Last Sunday of Education for the Program Year – Sunday, May 19

Outdoor Worship (10:30) & Parish Picnic – Sunday, May 26 (RSVP to help)

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