

# St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church



Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.

September 4, 2022

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# Welcome to St. Michael's in the Hills!

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Children are welcome and encouraged to share in our worship.

Prelude: Piano Sonata Opus 12, Number 1, *Larghetto* (2nd movement)

Muzio Clementi (1752-1832)

Hymn 594

*God of grace and God of glory*

*Cwm Rhondda*



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

## Preparation

*Officiant:* Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." —*Isaiah 57:15*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:* 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.*

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

## Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*All:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen. Alleluia.*

## Invitatory Psalm (S35)

1. Come, let us sing to the  
Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -  
va - tion. 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing -  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the

Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all  
 gods. 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth,  
 and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The  
 sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have  
 mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the  
 knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For  
 he is our God, and we are the peo - ple of his  
 pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.  
 Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice!

Response: *Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17*

*Domine, probasti*

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
 and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

*All:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: *Jeremiah 18:1-11*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el, who comes to set us free;  
He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;  
On pri - son - ers of dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,  
he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.  
a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.  
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.

The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;  
Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,  
He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.

God shall ful - fill his pro - mise and bring his peo - ple peace.  
the pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.  
O bless our God and Sa - vior with songs that ne - ver cease.

Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love— and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother— especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:*     **Thanks be to God.**

1. You are the God we praise, the Lord whom we ac-claim,  
 2. Ho - ly, thrice ho - ly Lord, The God of praise and might,  
 3. Fa - ther of mag - es - ty, Your on - ly Son and true,  
 4. You o - ver came death's sting and o - pened hea - ven's door

E - ter - nal Fath - er, all the world bows down at your great Name;  
 The heavens ab - ove the earth be - neath are filled with glor - ious light;  
 and Ho - ly Spi - rit, ad - vo - cate to you all praise is due;  
 to all the faith - ful where you reign in glo - ry e - ver more;

to you an - gel - lic hosts and all the powers of heaven,  
 the ap - ol - is - tic band, Pro - phets and mar - tyrs praise,  
 Lord Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, In glo - ry, King a - bove,  
 come, then, and help all those for whom your blood was spent

The Che - ru - bim and Se - ra - phim sing prais - es with - out end.  
 through - out the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you Lord al - ways.  
 You did not shun the Vir - gin's womb to set us free in love.  
 and bring us with your ho - ly saints to glo - ry with - out end.

Third Lesson: *Luke 14:25-33*

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?



Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Word of the Lord.

*People:*     **Thanks be to God.**

### The Sermon

Barb Reszko

### The Apostles' Creed

*Intercessor and People together:*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### The Prayers

*Intercessor:*     The Lord be with you.

*People:*           And also with you.

*Intercessor:*     Let us pray.

### The Lord's Prayer

*Intercessor and People:*

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.

## Suffrages B

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. **We praise your Name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. **For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

For the Sick:

We lift to God all who have asked our prayers, especially Kay, Al, Dick, Elmer, Letty, Carol, Dennis, Gayle, Jackie, John, Marilyn, Lindsay, Lillian, Didi, Lee, Nancy, Ginger, Richard, Dick, Mary, Kit, Phyllis, Rodney, Barry, Preston, and Karen. We also pray for all those infected with COVID-19 and their caregivers, and all those experiencing violence throughout the world. Are there others you wish to name? *[pause]*

For those in harm's way:

We lift to God those in harm's way, especially Michael, Ian, John, Scott, Russell, and Tim and all essential workers. Are there others you wish to name? *[pause]*

In thanksgiving:

We thank you, Lord for all the blessings of this life.

For those who have died:

We pray for all who have died, those who are dying and those who mourn. Are there others you wish to remember? *[pause]*

## Announcements

### Offertory: Alleluia

Kenneth Brown

Hymn 347

*Go forth for God; go to the world in peace*

Litton

1 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;  
2 Go forth for God; go to the world in love;  
3 Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;  
4 Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,  
be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,  
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;  
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;  
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,  
in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,  
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove  
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length  
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,  
till in his king - dom we be - hold his face.  
his love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.  
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.  
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

## The General Thanksgiving

### Officiant and People:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Dismissal

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Postlude: Piano Sonata Opus 12, Number 1, *Allegretto* (3rd movement)

Muzio Clementi (1752-1832)

<u>Assisting with the Service</u>		<u>Assisting on Sept. 11</u>	
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Sara Roberts Terri Ward	<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Debbie Carlisle, Kay Gerhardinger
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<b>Greeters:</b>	Jano Nolette, Donna Wipfli	<b>Greeters:</b>	Becky & Tom Hauck
<b>Ushers:</b>	Joe Gerhardinger Al Stephens	<b>Ushers:</b>	Mike Ward, Kyle Randall