

# St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church



Morning Prayer

10:00 am

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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: *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness*

J. S. Bach

Hymn 209

*We walk by faith, and not by sight*

St. Botolph

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
2 We may not touch his hands and side; nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un- be- lief; and  
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found;  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

## Preparation

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

— *Philippians 1:2*

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

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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: Psalm 16

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
 I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
 my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
 upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
 shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*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: Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though

perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 7 (vs. 1-3): *We Praise Thee*

*Te Deum laudamus*

1. We give thee praise, O God, Ac - know - ledge thee as Lord;  
 2. Lord God of Sa - ba - oth, Thrice ho - ly Lord on high,  
 3. Fa - ther of ma - jes - ty, Thy true and on - ly Son,

And all the earth doth wor - ship thee, Fa - ther, with one ac - cord.  
 Thou fill - est both the hea - ven and earth with glor - ious ma - jes - ty.  
 Al - so the Ho - ly Ghost, one God, the Church gives praise as one,

To thee all an - gels cry, The Heavens and Powers there - in;  
 The good - ly fell - ow - ship, Pro - phets, mar - tyrs, praise thee;  
 Thou art the King, O Christ, Who came to set us free,

The cry goes up from Che - ru - bim and six-winged Ser - a - phim.  
 A - pos - tles glo - rious, no - ble band, Praise thee e - ter - na - ly.  
 And of the Vir - gin thou wast born in great hu - mi - li - ty.

### Third Lesson: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 Al, Dick, Elmer, Letty, Carol, Gayle, Jackie, John, Lillian, Didi, Lee, Nancy, Richard, Dick, Mary, Kit, Courtney, Phyllis, Bill, Mike, Chris, and Gene. We also pray for 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 and Tim. 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 any you wish to remember? *[pause]*

## Peace & Announcements/Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

Offertory Prayer:

As we bring our offerings to You, we give back to You from the abundant blessings You have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God.

Offertory: *Alleluia, Lord God!*

Palestrina

## 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.

1 Ho - san - na to the liv - ing Lord! Ho -  
 2 Ho - san - na, Lord! thine an - gels cry; Ho -  
 3 O Sa - vior, with pro - tect - ing care a -

1 san - na to the in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - at - or,  
 2 san - na, Lord! thy saints re - ply; a - bove, be - neath us,  
 3 bide in this thy house of prayer, where we as - sem - bled

1 Sa - vior, King, let earth, let heaven, ho - san - na sing!  
 2 and a - round, both dead and liv - ing swell the sound:  
 3 in thy Name, in faith, thy part - ing prom - ise claim.

*Refrain*  
 Ho - san - na, Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

## The Dismissal

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude: *Fugue in E Flat Major*

J. S. Bach

### *Assisting with the Service*

Officiant: Barb Reszko  
Organist: Susan Barker  
Altar Guild: Sue Pokorney, Laura Randall  
Lectors: Scott Hendricks, Diane Braun,  
Susan Hendricks  
Greeters: Laurel & Cheryl Volk,  
Donna Wipfli  
Ushers: Ron Volk, Mike Ward

### *Assisting on April 23 at 6 pm*

Celebrant: The Rev. Robert Gahler  
Organist: Nancy Russell  
Altar Guild: Sara Roberts, Susan Hendricks  
Lectors: David Braun, Anne Morris,  
Joe Gerhardinger  
Greeters: Donna Wipfli  
Ushers: Nancy Lehmann,  
Joe Gerhardinger

### **Guests & Visitors:**

We would love to hear from you!  
Scan the QR code and fill out our visitor  
card online, or reach for a pew card  
available in each row and place your  
completed card in the offering plate.

*We're glad you visited St. Michael's!*

