

# St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church



Morning Prayer

10:00 am

August 13, 2023

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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

Hymn 388, vss. 1-3

*O worship the King, all glorious above*

*Hanover*

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!  
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.

## 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  
Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all

gods. 4. In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
 and the heights of the hills are his also. 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 85:8-13

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
 that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
 and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
 and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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: 1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord **came to him**, saying, “**What are you doing here, Elijah?**” He answered, “**I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.**”

He said, “**Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.**” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was **splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces** before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then **there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.**”

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: *Romans 10:5-15*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 - tyr, 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: *Matthew 14:22-33*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### The Sermon

Scott Hendricks

### 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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

### Prayer for Election of a Minister (*Intercessor and People*)

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, Dick, Mary, Kit, Mike, Margi, Wilma, Diane, and Cris. 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 the Beauty of the Earth

We give you thanks, most gracious God for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. Amen.

Are there other blessings you wish to name?

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]*

### Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Peace & Announcements

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: *Choras*

Heitor Villa-Lobos

Gunther Gottschalk, guitar

## 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.

Hymn 680, vss. 1-3

*O God, our help in ages past*

*St. Anne*

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.

## The Dismissal

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant:* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; Glory to hm from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

## Postlude

*Assisting with the Service*

Officiant: Scott Hendricks  
Organist: Susan Barker  
Altar Guild: Sue Merce  
Lectors: Judy Cattran, Debbie Carlisle,  
Mike Ward  
Greeters: Claudia Handwork  
Ushers: Mark Keleher

*Assisting on August 20*

Celebrant: The Rev. John Hagan  
Organist: Susan Barker  
Altar Guild: Penny Cobau-Smith, Jano Nolette  
Lectors: Penny Cobau-Smith, Sara Yunghans,  
Susan Hendricks  
Greeters: Donna Wipfli  
Ushers: Mike Ward

**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!*

