

St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church



Holy Eucharist

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Children are welcome and encouraged to share in our worship.

Prelude: *Fanfare for Laast uns Erfreuen*

Philip Lehenbauer

Hymn 400 (vs. 1, 4, 5, 7)

All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen



1 All crea- tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us

4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our

5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your

7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble-



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing

4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and

5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that

7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,

4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:

5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:

7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Opening 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

Celebrant: 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.

Gloria in excelsis (WLP 900)

Rutter

The musical score is written for a choir and piano. It begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to God in the high-est, — and peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, — we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. —". The score then changes to a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics continue: "Fa-ther, — Lord Je-sus Christ, — on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Fa-ther, —". A tempo marking above the staff reads "(♩ = ♩ of preceding - same beat as before, not slower)". The lyrics then continue: "Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the". The score includes various musical notations such as rests, notes, stems, beams, and slurs.

world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right

hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For
Fa-ther: re-ceive

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High.

Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response: Psalm 103:8-13

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 648, vss. 1-2

When Israel was in Egypt's land

Go Down, Moses

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;
3 They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo - ple go;
4 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo - ple go;

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go.
to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.
and came at length to Ca - naan's land, let my peo - ple go.
and let us all in Christ be free, let my peo - ple go.

Refrain

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

The Gospel: *Matthew 18:21-35*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Kin

The Nicene Creed

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 IV

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live
together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources
rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for all those engaged in vocational **discernment, especially Barb Reszko. We pray for those in harm's way, especially Michael, Ian, John, Scott, and Tim.** Are there others you wish to name? *[pause]* Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially Al, Dick, Elmer, Letty, Carol, Gayle, Jackie, John, Lillian, Didi, Lee, Nancy, Dick, Mary, Kit, Mike, Margi, Wilma, Diane, Cris, David, Dan, Arlene, Kerry and Henk. We also pray for all those experiencing violence throughout the world. Are there others you wish to name? *[pause]*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Paula Hauck, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Are there others you wish to remember? *[pause]*
Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

The Peace and Announcements/Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

The Holy Communion

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant: 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.



*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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 & Benedictus (S125)

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus and Benedictus. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff has 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff says 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The fifth and final staff concludes with 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem (*S166*)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Music:

Hymn 576

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling

Mandatum

Descant (after stanzas 2 and 3)

God is love, God is love,

Refrain

God is love, and where true love is

1-3 || *Final Ending*

God him - self is there. there. _____

God him - self is there. there. _____

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,


Repeat Refrain

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

Introduction



1 Most High, om - ni - po - tent, good Lord, to thee be
 2 (My Lord be) praised by bro - ther sun who through the
 3 (My Lord be) praised by sis - ter moon and all the
 4 (By sis - ter) wa - ter be thou blessed, most hum - ble,
 5 (By mo - ther) earth my Lord be praised; gov - erned by



1 cease-less praise out - poured, and bless - ing with - out mea - sure.
 2 skies his course doth run, and shines in bril - liant splen - dor;
 3 stars, that with her soon will point the glit - tering hea - vens.
 4 use - ful, pre - cious, chaste; be praised by bro - ther fire;—
 5 thee she hath up - raised what for our life is need - ful.



1 From thee a - lone all crea - tures came; no one is
 2 with bright - ness he doth fill the day, and sig - ni -
 3 Let wind and air and cloud and calm and weath - ers
 4 joc - und is he, ro - bust and bright, and strong to
 5 Sus - tained by thee, through ev - ery hour, she bring - eth



1 wor - thy thee to name. 2 My Lord be
 2 fies thy bound - less sway. 3 My Lord be
 3 all, re - peat the psalm. 4 By sis - ter
 4 light - en all the night. 5 By mo - ther
 5 forth fruit, herb, and flower. 6 My Lord be

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes 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 Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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 Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Crown Imperial*

William Walton

Assisting with the Service

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Kin
Organist: Susan Barker
Altar Guild: Penny Cobau- Smith, Susan Hendricks
Lectors: Susan Hendricks, Donna Wipfli,
Scott Hendricks
Greeters: Cheryl & Laurel Volk
Usher: Ron Volk

Assisting on September 24

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Kin
Organist: Nancy Russell
Altar Guild: Jaymie Fontana, Sue Pokorney
Lectors: Sarah Schendel, Diane Braun, David Braun
Greeters: Claudia Handwork
Usher: Nancy Lehmann

Guests & Visitors:

We would love to hear from you!
Scan the QR code and fill out our
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available in each row and place your
completed card in the offering plate.

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

