

# 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: *Two Voluntaries on American Folk Tunes*  
"Amazing Grace" & "Wondrous Love"

Dale Wood

Hymn 518

*Christ is made the sure foundation*

*Westminster Abbey*

*Descant*

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.  
 help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

### 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 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 25:1-8

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

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: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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: *Philippians 2:1-13*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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: *Matthew 21:23-32*

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Barb Reszko

Special Music: *Finlandia*

arr. Kirsty Mitchell

*St. Michael's Bell Choir*

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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, Dick, Mary, Kit, Mike, Margi, 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]*

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

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: *Three American Folk Hymns*

Abner Grender

I. Did Christ for Sinners Weep

## 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.

*Introduction*

1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the

hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly

love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of  
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -

hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -  
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -

lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's  
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the

1 *Interlude*

prom - ised reign of peace.  
earth shall know the (Lord.)

*Final Ending*

Lord.

## 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: *Voluntary on an American Folk Tune, "Antioch"*

Dale Wood

### *Assisting with the Service*

Officiant: Barb Reszko  
Organist: Susan Barker  
Altar Guild: Julia Burtscher  
Lectors: Carole Shirk, George Shirk, Anne Morris  
Greeters: Donna Wipfli  
Usher: Scott Hendricks

### *Assisting on October 8*

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy Kin  
Organist: Susan Barker  
Altar Guild: Nancy Lehmann, Jano Nolette  
Lectors: Anne Morris, Vivian Bork, Ricky Becker  
Greeters: Larry Nichols  
Usher: Mark Keleher

### **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!*

