

St. Michael the Archangel Episcopal Church



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer—New Zealand Prayerbook

OPENING HYMN (#518)

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
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

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for whoever loves another has fulfilled the law.

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

People **Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us praise and worship God who has called us together. Let us celebrate God’s majesty, and delight in the wonder of God’s love. Together we shall confess our sins and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read, we can allow God’s word to speak to us, and ponder its meaning for our lives. In our prayers, we give thanks for God’s goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ’s service.

All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us of our Savior Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

SONG OF PRAISE

I Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Officiant Hear these words of scripture.

Love one another, for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

People **Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Officiant Let us remember our need for God's forgiveness. Let us confess our sins to God.

God of mercy, we have sinned against you and against others. We have sinned in what we have done, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, forgive us all that is past and raise us to newness of life. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Officiant O come, let us sing to the Lord,

People **let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.**

Officiant We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;

People **and tell of your salvation from day to day.**

Officiant We proclaim your glory to the nations,

People **your praise to the ends of the earth.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: A READING FROM ROMANS

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR THE DAY

Join me in reading from Psalm 119

**Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.**

**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

**Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.**

**Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.**

**Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.**

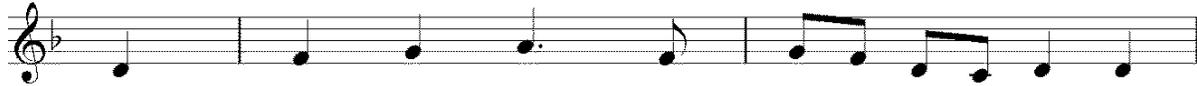
**Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.**

**Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.**

**Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

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

GRADUAL HYMN (#674)



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and



taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to



grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owe to us, how great our debt to you.
God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

THE GOSPEL

Here is a telling of the life of our Lord Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

THE CREED AND PRAYERS

Join me in the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Officiant Loving God, whose Son Jesus asked his disciples help as he feed 5000 with so little, thank you for using our gifts of money and our hands at work in your service.

People **Help us to live simply, generously and courageously, that our lives may point to you.**

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings 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.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray.

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Creator God, you have made us not in one mold, but in many: so deepen our unity in Christ that we may rejoice in our diversity. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR LABOR DAY

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Come, Holy Spirit, and hear our prayers for the church, for the world and for our own needs.

People **Help us to ask faithfully that your love may fill our lives.**

Leader Come, Holy Spirit, and fill your church — that all who hold authority in your church, especially Michael, John and Diane, our bishops, and Dina, our priest, may know you and humbly teach in your light; that our worship will be ever more pleasing to you; that our prayers will shape our lives and actions; and that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world.

People **Inspire us with creativity, renew our energy, and fill us with wisdom and love.**

Leader Come, Holy Spirit, and renew our leaders and our government — that they may lead us in your light and work together for the benefit of all; that they may enact public policies to reduce gun violence, end racism, and address other pressing social issues; that our civic life will be restored; and that our hunger for justice may be equal to the hunger for food felt by so many.

People **Guide our leaders to act boldly for your ways of justice and peace.**

Leader Come, Holy Spirit, and transform our communities — that the sick may find healing; that the lonely may find love; that the unwanted may find peace; and that the fearful may find hope.

People **Help us to work to end racism, poverty, famine and oppression and to bring hope and healing to those who suffer.**

Leader Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our lives with your presence — that more and more every day, all that we do and say and hope will be acts of worship to you and expressions of love to others.

People **Transform us to live as your holy people.**

Leader Come, Holy Spirit, and hear our special petitions and thanksgivings —
(*Petitions and thanksgivings from our weekly prayer list are added.*)

People **Grant our prayers as may be best for us.**

Leader Come, Holy Spirit, and hear the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray together a prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (#376)



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

THE DISMISSAL

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

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

People **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**