

Christmas Service
at
St. Michael & All Angels
Episcopal Church



December 24 & 25, 2020

Welcome to Saint Michael and All Angels.
We hope you will be spiritually fed by our worship on this Holy Day.
We wish you many blessings during the Christmas Season and
we hope to see you again. Thank you for joining us.

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
St. Michael & All Angels Ensemble

Trad. German

Procession

O come, all ye faithful

1.
O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the King of angels;

Refrain

2.
Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God,
glory in the highest;

Refrain

Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.***

The Collect for Purity

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 Deo (S-280)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96 (Said together)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King:
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:1-20 *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Bill Van Oss

(A brief period of silence follows the sermon)

Virtual Christmas Pageant

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

We pray for God's people throughout the world. May we seek to know, love and serve you for the good of your creation. Unite us in bonds of love, strengthen our trust in you and guide us in all that we undertake, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for all lay ministers, bishops, priests and deacons. May we reverently serve you, practice the way of love, and have patient strength to live faithfully during trying times, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for those in leadership in our country and throughout the world. May they work for the common good and help to build peace and understanding, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for those who are sick and suffering, especially for those afflicted with COVID. Watch over and protect healthcare workers and all of those whose work puts them at risk, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for those who are lonely and grieving at this time of year. May they find healing and hope through you and one another, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

We thank you for the wonder and beauty of the world around us. Inspire us to care for the gift of creation and to work to preserve and protect it, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for all who have died. May they enjoy eternal rest in your heavenly kingdom, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Collect after the Prayers ~ *Prayer of St. John 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.

The Confession

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.

Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

(Please share the peace of Christ with one another.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations
of our life and labor to the Lord.

Solo

Sancta Maria

Simon Frisch

Soloist ~ Anne-Marie Bouché

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God 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.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 (S-125)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

[Kneel, stand or sit as you are comfortable]

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

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 Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

***Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.***

Prayer

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. ***Amen.***

At Communion

What Child is This?

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
When angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

The Post Communion Prayer [*Stand, kneel or sit as you feel comfortable*]

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Blessing

May Almighty God, whose Son Jesus was born into the world to give us hope, brighten our hearts with the light of his love.

All: Amen.

May God, whose angels proclaimed the birth of Christ, fill you with joy this evening.

All: Amen.

May God, whose Spirit is with us always, remain in our hearts as we reach out to others in love.

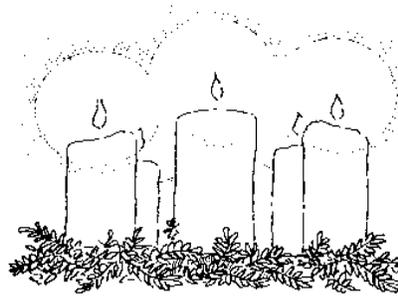
All: Amen.

May the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all life, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Carol Prelude

1. Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent Night



3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace and be filled with grace on this most Holy Night, to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Christmas Eve and Day offerings this year will be dedicated to South Fort Myers Food Pantry. Please be sure to make your **check payable to: St. Michael & All Angels** with **“South Ft. Myers Food Pantry” on memo line**. We thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting this very worthwhile charitable organization. **If your check is toward your pledge, don't forget to put “pledge” in the memo line.**

**Service of Lessons & Carols and
Nativity Sets from around the World
can be seen on St. Michael's website
www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org**

Poinsettias Christmas Season

2020

Given in loving memory of...

Kelly Elizabeth Connolly, Sandy Seem Connolly by Banghart family

Mr. & Mrs. Richard P. Seem, Mr. & Mrs. Byron D. Banghart by Martha Seem Banghart

Our parents, brother and sister by Janet & John Bendall

Louise & Frederic Brown, Jenny & Salvatore Bordieri, Johanna & Jack Frank,
Edith & Frederick Brown by Ellen & John Bordieri

Billie & Les Boyer by Betty Bullock

John Cannon by his widow Yolanda

William & Evelyn Chaveas, Andrew & Gladys Dzubryk by Carol & Paul Chaveas

Our dear parents by Penny & Scott Chrysler with love

James & Virginia St. George Tucker – my parents by Nancy Tucker Cleaveland

My family by Ginny Fleming

Boyd Johnson by Paul Goddard

Salvador Gonzalez and Yvette Gonzalez Lifton by Susan Gonzalez

Mark Heider by family of Roger & Sylvia Heider

Marjorie W. Hohns by the Hohns family

Our parents: Ann, Frank, Roger & Betty; our sister, Camille; and brother, Elton
by Donna & Jerry Hubbard

Richard Kimball by his family

David & Virginia Boge, Eugene & Gladys Kreml by Carol & Gary Kreml

Family and dear friends by Mary Ann Loh

Lucas Richard McGee by Richard & Adele Mattern

Robert Maupin by Nancy Maupin & Carl Meier

Gail Meier by Carl Meier & Nancy Maupin

Our loved ones by Betsy & Jerry McCullough

Bob Modys by Bettie and family

Our parents by Harriet & Bruce Pattison

Nicholas Gonzalez, M.D. by the Pryor family

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Kenneth Shilay Sr., Evelyn & Benjamin Leake Jr., Thomas Leake,
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Mamie & Benjamin Leake Sr., Dorothy & Edwin Smither
by Margi Shilay and family

Bruce Sprinkle by Joan Sprinkle & family

Albert K. Stobbe by Kathleen Stobbe

Dr. & Mrs. Robert S. Warner, Kenny & Barbara Warner Klunk
by Wendy and Meghan Warner

Olga Calinski & Raymond Mills, Ruth & Wayne Williams by Lee & Tom Williams

Jan Holly by Judy Workman

Wendy Zelko White by Jean Zelko and Anna Zelko Millar



Given in thanksgiving for...

Deer Creek Chorale by Marty Banghart

Our children & grandchildren by Ellen & John Bordieri

Our wonderful and dear children & grandchildren by Scott & Penny Chrysler with love

Our St. Michael's Family by Gretchen & Dennis Delman

The blessings bestowed on our families & ourselves by Nancy Maupin & Carl Meier

Bill & Sue Van Oss by Judy & John Pryor

Family & friends by Stephanie & Bill Rahe

Children & grandchildren and our many blessings by Amanda & Jim Rutledge

Our family by Lee & Tom Williams



Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Bill Van Oss

Assisting Priests: The Rev. Douglass Lind
The Rev. Anne Kimball

Minister of Music/Organist: Hank Glass

Eucharistic Minister: Lee Williams

Lector: Bettie Modys

Psalmist: Jean Zelko

Prayers of the People: David Bath

Soloist: Anne-Marie Bouché

Altar Guild: Bettie Modys

Flower Guild: Robin Fidler

St. Michael & All Angels Ensemble:
Martha Banghart, Amy Nowacki, Dr. Richard Mattern,
Dr. Anne-Marie Bouché and William Rahe

Christmas Service On-Line

**Pageant, Holy Eucharist, Hymns and Carols
Posted on website at noon. Can watch anytime.**

Christmas Eve – Thurs., December 24th

**Drive-In Services at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Registration Required**

Christmas Eve – Thurs., December 24th

ZOOM Simple Candlelight Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Fri., December 25th

Drive-In Service at 10:00 a.m. Registration Required

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SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vision

Transforming lives through Christ

Mission

*Our mission is to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ
so that all may come to know God.*

Guiding Principles

Faith: We value our Christian faith; therefore, we will endeavor to conduct ourselves according to Christ's teachings.

Compassion: We value compassion; therefore, we will care for others in the name of Christ.

Service: We value service; therefore, we will volunteer our time and talents.

Stewardship: We value stewardship; therefore, we will share the gifts God has given us.

Inclusivity: We value inclusivity; therefore, we will strive to include everyone.

Integrity: We value integrity; therefore, we will treat each other with respect and honesty.

The Rev. Bill Van Oss, *Rector*

Hank Glass, *Minister of Music/Organist*

Susan Gonzalez, *Parish Office Manager*; Wanda Adler, *Finance Administrator*;

Wendy Warner, R.N., *Parish Nurse*; Meghan Warner, *Youth Group Leader*;

Donnalee Washburn/Wendy Warner, R.N., *Sunday School Coordinators*;

Sue Van Oss, *Communications/Digital Ministry Director*

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The Rev. Bill Van Oss, *Rector*; Roger Heider '22, *Senior Churchwarden*;

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Worship and Fellowship

- **Sunday Service** – posted online by noon on Saturday
- **Thursday Bible Study** – 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM
- **Friday Video Message** – posted on website, YouTube and link in Friday Brief

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