



St. Michael and All Angels  
Episcopal Church

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 11, 2025 AT 9:00AM**

<b>Prelude</b>		Sue Hoadley, Harp
<b>Opening:</b>	That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright	Gather #542
<b>Offertory:</b>	Easter Alleluia	Gather #537
<b>Communion Hymn:</b>	Lord, Who at Your First Eucharist	Gather #914
<b>Closing Hymn:</b>	Goodness is Stronger than Evil	Gather #528

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain*

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

### Verses

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side;  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

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Music: Marty Haugen  
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## A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they

come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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## **THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN**

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** John 10:22 -30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of our Savior.  
**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Simone Drinkwater

*Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher*

### **Collect at the Prayers for Mother's Day**

*adapted from a prayer by The Rev. Leslie Nipps*

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have died; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women, men, and people who have mothered others in any way. May we continually be inspired by God to nurture and protect all God's creation. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*More information on upcoming events can be found at [stmichaelsabq.org/info](http://stmichaelsabq.org/info)*

**SOLAR PANEL PROJECT** We're getting closer and closer to the total sponsorships we need for solar panels. Thanks to those who have already contributed. Each solar panel will cost roughly \$900 when installed. You can donate using the QR code or donate by check in the offering plate (write "solar" in the memo). Questions? Contact Cheri Bertram in our office: [cherib@stmichaelsabq.org](mailto:cherib@stmichaelsabq.org) 505-345-8147 Ext. 120



**5/17 BOSQUE REDONDO PILGRIMAGE** sign up for a pilgrimage trip next Saturday to Bosque Redondo on May 17 with the Episcopal Church in Navajoland ministry and the Rev. Simone Drinkwater. The fee is \$60 which includes a bus ride and lunch. (Scholarships are available for those who need them). The deadline to sign up is tomorrow, May 12, at noon. You can sign up in the narthex or online.

**JUNE 6-8 LBGTQ+ PRIDE AND BISHOP VISIT** Save the dates! St. Michael's will host the LGBTQ+ Pride service at 6:00p.m. on Friday, June 6, and it will be a "Service of a New Name" for The Rev. Simone Drinkwater. Bishop Hunn will be our celebrant. On Saturday morning, we will march in the Pride Parade with Episcopalians from across Albuquerque. On Sunday Bishop Hunn will be with us for Pentecost, and we will welcome new Episcopalians through Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation. You won't want to miss this celebration!

**UPDATE FROM THE LAS FAMILIAS TEAM** We are grateful for the 4+ years of your support! Only 2 shelters at the El Paso/Juarez Border are open and together have 40 immigrant guests. So we have decided to follow what Ruben Garcia, founder of Annunciation House, tells his volunteers "Wait, and Pray." We plan to be ready to supply the El Paso shelters again when there is a need. So please pause your donations. We will need your help again! The donations currently in our account will be given to Annunciation House, as well as Holy Family & the Dignity Project, which work to serve immigrants in Juarez.

**UPDATE FROM THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM: THE PRAYER LIST IS NOW IN ENOTICIAS** We made the decision to take the parish prayer list, which had a limited distribution, and to include it in each week's eNoticias (with first names only). You may request to add yourself, or a friend or family member at any time using a prayer card or by contacting the parish office. If you would like to list another parishioner, please know that we need their consent to have them on the prayer list. For any questions, reach out to a clergy member. To add or delete a name, contact Codey Morales.

**UPDATE TO OUR STAFF** Caryl Trotter, our Communications Director, has decided to resign her position. Rather than filling another part-time spot, the vestry and rector have named Codey Morales, our office manager, a full-time member of the staff. Our office hours remain the same, but Codey will be available most Sundays to help with Communications and questions. We're really glad to have him on the team full-time. You can reach Codey at [codeym@stmichaelsabq.org](mailto:codeym@stmichaelsabq.org) or by calling the main church number 505-345-8147.