



St. Michael and All Angels  
Episcopal Church

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 20**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 AT 9:00AM**

**Prelude**

Sue Hoadley, Harp  
(See bulletin page 14)

**Opening:** God of the Women

**Offertory:** God of Day and God of Darkness

Gather #859

**Communion Hymn:** How Can We Be Silent

Gather #772

**Closing Hymn:** Lord, You Give the Great Commission vs.1,3,5

Gather #544

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**A READING OF THE BOOK OF PROVERBS**

Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates. **Amen.**

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

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *The congregation is invited to join in signing the refrain*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalms 54:3-4, 5, 6-8*



The Lord up - holds my life.

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, defend my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;  
give ear to the words of my mouth. *℟.*

For the proud have risen against me,  
and the ruthless seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. *℟.*

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing  
heart,

and praise your name, for it is  
good. *℟.*

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**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES**

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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# THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

**People**            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*Gospeler*            The Gospel of our Savior.

**People**            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Mike Angell

*Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**NEWCOMERS CLASS** meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. This coming week, September 25, the topic is “Bible 101.” There is still room, if you would like to participate. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Mike.

**THURSDAY MORNINGS AT ST MICHAELS** Join us for two opportunities for prayer and community. We have a weekly Thursday morning Eucharist at 9:30am, followed by Contemplative Prayer at 10:30am. You are welcome to attend either service or both. Between Eucharist and Contemplative, join us for a cup of coffee in the parish office. All are welcome.

**SEPTEMBER 29: CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF MICHAELMAS** Our parish feast day will be held the last Sunday in September. For this day, we will have just two services (7:30am and 10:00am). We will celebrate the life and ministry of the parish at 11:15am with a ministry festival. There will be food! Come to hear about ways to be involved and to support the work of St. Michael’s.

**OCTOBER 6: ST. FRANCIS DAY PET BLESSINGS** Invite your pet-loving friends to our St. Francis Day Celebration! On October 6th, bring your animals (or stuffed animals!) to the 11:15am service to receive a special blessing. You can also come by at about 12:15am to just receive a blessing on the patio. All animals should be in appropriate leashes/carriers and safe for other humans and animals. If your animal is not easily transported, you are welcome to bring a photo. All are welcome!

**STEWARDSHIP** Our Annual Campaign for St. Michael’s is now live. You can pick up a copy of the letter and pledge card today, and talk with a member of the Stewardship Committee in the narthex/entryway. All pledges turned in before November 3 will be blessed that Sunday as we celebrate our Ingathering. You can also pledge online using the QR code on the physical pledge card or at [www.stmichaelsabq.org/pledge](http://www.stmichaelsabq.org/pledge).

**THE LAS FAMILIAS** “Working with Asylum Seekers can be difficult and heart breaking at times,” an El Paso shelter manager told our team. “ But you are the points of light that help us keep going!” Please help us to bring light and hope to the Asylum Seeking Family shelters. Our next journey will be Wednesday, October 2nd. Please get any items to us or St. Michael and All Angels by Sunday, September 29th. Please understand that due to a lack of space in our SUV’s and the shelters these are the only items that we can accept. Children’s pants, size 2-14, shirts/tops, sizes 2-14, socks, new, all sizes, underwear, new, all sizes. Adult new briefs, small & medium. Hear more about our September journey and other ways to give at [stmichaelsabq.org](http://stmichaelsabq.org) under on the Immigration Ministry.

### **OCTOBER 19 AND 20: JUSTICE AND STEWARDSHIP WITH MIGUEL**

**ESCOBAR.** Miguel is the author of “the Unjust Steward.” He will present Saturday evening at 5:30pm for a potluck gathering, and will be our preacher Sunday morning. If you are wondering how your practice of generosity can connect to your faith and work for justice, plan to join us.