



St. Michael and All Angels
Episcopal Church

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2024 AT 9:00AM**

Prelude: Divinum Mysterium	Justin Price, Recorder and Sue Hoadley, Harp
Opening: Christ Be Our Light	Gather #590
Offertory: Maranatha, Lord Messiah, V. 1 and 2	Gather #397
Communion Hymn: Creator of the Stars of Night	Gather #420
Closing Hymn: Come, O Long Expected Jesus	Gather #403

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

PSALM 25 *The congregation is invited to join in signing the refrain*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. To
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Verses

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, for you are God my Savior.
2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray.
God guides the humble in the right path. He teaches his way to the poor.
3. God's ways are faithfulness and love, for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him: to them God reveals the covenant.

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A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF THESSALONIANS

Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

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

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Gospeler The Gospel of our Savior.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Mike Angel

Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 22

- 7:30am Advent IV service
- 9:00am Blue(s) Christmas
- 11:15am Lessons and Carols

Tuesday, December 24

- 4:30pm Intergenerational Informal Service
- 8:00pm Christmas Eve Festival Service
Coro de Luz leads carols from around the world (7:30pm Musical Prelude)
- 10:30pm Festival Christmas Eve Service
the Chancel Choir with strings
(10:00pm Musical Prelude)

Wednesday, December 25

- 10:00am Service with Carols

Sunday, December 29

- 7:30am Simple Service with chant
- 10:00am Service with Carols

Sunday, January 5: Epiphany celebration

- 7:30am Simple Service with chant
- 10:00am Service with E-Jazz and baptisms followed by potluck brunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

More information on upcoming events can be found at stmichaelsabq.org/linfo



STEWARDSHIP So far, 168 households have shared their pledges for \$588,700. (Last year we totaled 221 pledges for \$706,826, so we have some catchup to do). Of those household who have made a pledge, the average increase has been around 17%. If you have not yet made your pledge, drop your pledge card in the offering plate, bring it by the parish office, or mail it to the church. You can also pledge online using the QR code here.

TODAY, FORUM ON DISABILITY 10:15AM. Join Bird Treacy, for a special forum exploring different disability frameworks, particularly neurodiversity, and the simple, creative practices that can allow all people to be full participants in the life of the church.

TODAY, 3PM - PRIMAE VOCES presents an a cappella early choral music concert celebrating the “Seasons of Gratitude” in praise of abundance, beer and birth. The concert at St. Michael’s is free, but cash donations will be gratefully accepted.

SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 4, EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY. Come for the exploration of Scripture; stay for the incredible fellowship you will develop. Classes are now forming and will begin in January. If you are interested and have not yet signed up for more information contact Sharon DeLand at (505) 715-9738 or sharon.deland@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 9AM-NOON: ADVENT RETREAT St. Michael’s Contemplatives invite you to a half-day advent retreat entitled “Say Yes.” The focus will be on several biblical characters who said yes in somewhat different ways. Lunch will follow the program. The fee is \$25 to cover materials and lunch. For more information contact Diane Taylor at dhtabq2024@gmail.com.

NUTCRACKER IN THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT DECEMBER 21: All are invited to the ballet. “The Nutcracker in the Land of Enchantment” is a unique adaptation of the Nutcracker, showcasing both the classic Ballet and dance that celebrates New Mexico and Southwest culture. Please join us at the 2pm performance on Saturday, December 21. Tickets can be purchased through the Marquez family. Contact Elizabeth ehlmarquez@gmail.com

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2PM - THE CLASSICS CHRISTMAS PARTY
“The Classics” Senior Ministry is getting ready for its third annual Christmas Party. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share with the group since this will be a “fun and food event”. Music, games and fellowship will be the order of the day. You are always encouraged to bring a relative or friend with you. The more the merrier!

GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION ANGEL TREE (NAVAJO LAND) Gifts are to be returned by **Sunday, December 15th**. Questions: see Bruce Roach (919-576-4042, brroachrm@gmail.com).

CALLS FOR CLOTHING - FAITHWORKS Men’s winter clothing needed for asylum seekers being released from detention. Need winter sweaters, hoodies and jackets, sizes S-XL. Shoelaces, men’s new underwear and socks, and men’s jeans size 28 are always needed. Please bring these items to St. Michael’s.