



St. Michael and All Angels
Episcopal Church

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 16, 2025 AT 9:00AM**

Opening: Take Up Your Cross

Gather #801

Offertory: What Wondrous Love Is This

Gather #642

Communion Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand by Thomas Dorsey

Bob Bowman, Tenor

Closing Hymn: Tree of Life

Gather #475

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

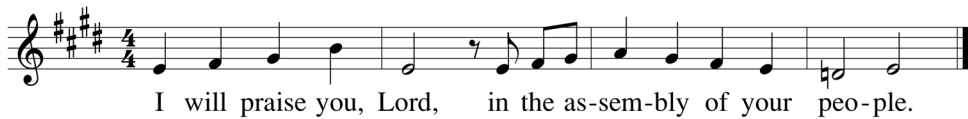
The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader
People

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

PSALM 22 *The congregation is invited to join in signing the refrain*



Verses

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear God.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
Those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations shall bow down in awe.
They shall bow down in awe, all the mighty of the earth,
all who must die and go down to the dust.
3. My soul shall live for God and my children too shall serve.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come;
declare to those unborn, the faithfulness of God.
These things the Lord has done.

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A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

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

Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

SERMON

Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher

The Rev. Mike Angell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

3/23, 5:00 pm. TALKING WITH TRANS LEADERS - a dialogue with St. Michael's leaders and the Transgender Resource Center Please join us Sunday, March 23 for a conversation with panelists Rev. Simone Drinkwater (she/her), longtime parishioner Emerson Corley (he/him), and Adrien Lawyer (he/him), Director for Education for the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico. They will answer questions about what it means to be transgender, and to be a member and leader in a community of faith. Today and next Sunday (3/23) we invite you to submit your questions in a box in the entryway. The conversation will be recorded for those who cannot attend in person.

4/6, 1:00 pm. NEWCOMERS CLASS BEGINS Our Spring Newcomers Class will meet on certain Sundays at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall, beginning April 6 with a potluck lunch. Dates also include April 27, May 4, May 18, and June 1. All are welcome! This is a great class for folks who are new to St. Michael's, those who are considering confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation, those who love to learn, and those who wonder why we do what we do! If you have any questions, please talk to Mike. Sign up is available online and in the Narthex. If you are interested in participating on the newcomers ministry support team this spring, please be in touch with Mike (mangell@stmichaelsabq.org).

PRIZE DRAWING: ENTER YOUR INFORMATION IN REALM On April 27th, the Second Sunday of Easter, we will have a drawing for some fabulous prizes. To enter all you have to do is sign into Realm and update your and your household's information, including adding a photo and selecting your skills and interests. If you need help accessing Realm please contact our office administrator Codey Morales at codeym@stmichaelsabq.org or by calling the main church number 505-345-8147 during office hours (Monday through Thursday 9am-3pm.) Codey isn't available on Tuesday mornings 10am-11:30am due to our regular staff meeting.

FOOD PANTRY Canned veggies and peanut butter have been difficult to get through Roadrunner Food Bank recently. Please bring a few cans/jars or maybe case lots from Costco or sales at other grocery stores. Brown paper and plastic grocery bags or empty egg cartons are always needed and so appreciated. We use the plastic ones to redistribute large deliveries such as fruits and vegetables.

THURSDAY CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER Contemplative prayer continues to meet on Thursdays at 10:30am. Our time together begins with an opportunity to quietly engage scripture followed by a 20-minute sit and walking meditation. Participants then have an option to move to the Library for conversation exploring contemplative principles from the desert mystics (no preparation required) or to remain in the sanctuary for a second 20-minute sit. All are welcome!