St. Michael and All Angels
Episcopal Church

THE 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 8, 2026 AT 9:00AM

Entrance Hymn:	For the Beauty of the Earth	Gather #633
Offertory Hymn:	Shelter Me O God	Gather #717
Communion Hymn:	Glory and Praise to our God	Gather #606
Closing Hymn:	Joyful Joyful We Adore You	Gather #614

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people

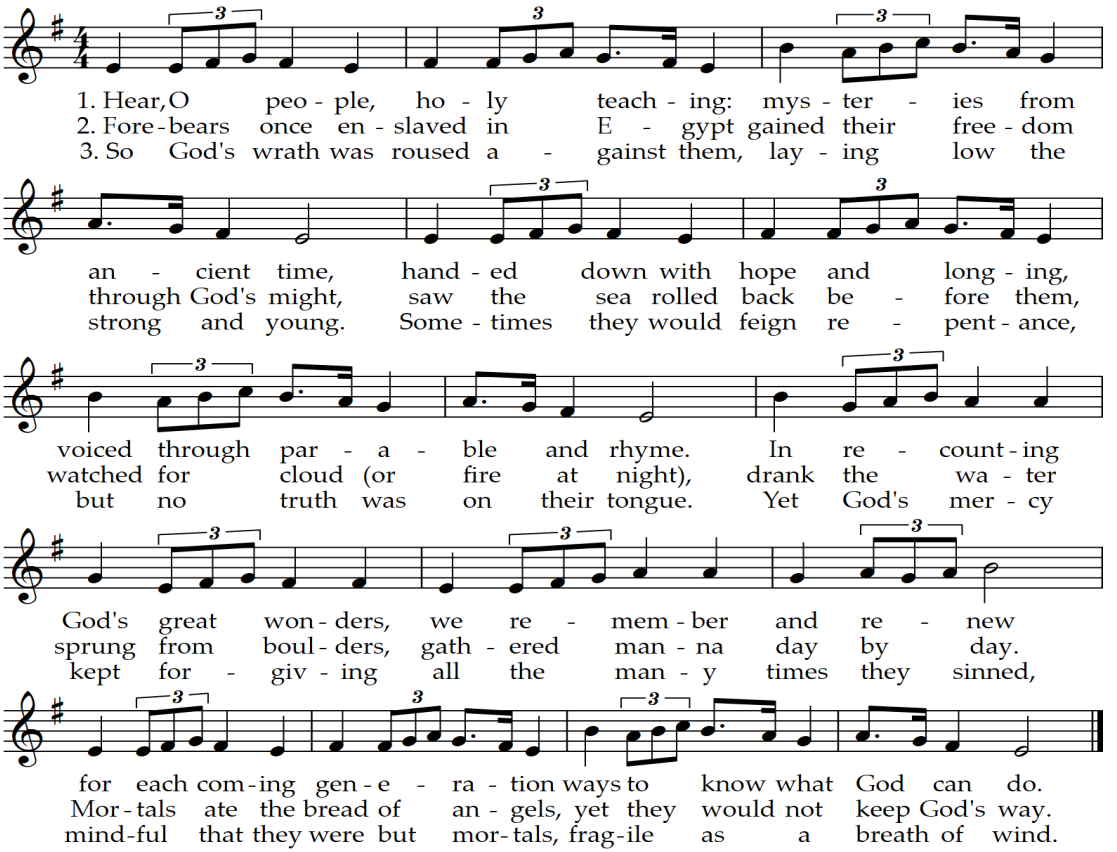
said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

PSALM 78

setting by Carl Daw

The congregation is invited to join in singing



A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you

may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

SERMON Angel Nalubega
Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NOVEMBER 9 6:00PM-8:00PM ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY Beyond parties and election cycles, what if politics began with relationships, shared concerns, and action for the common good? Join community leaders from across Albuquerque and Northern New Mexico to learn about a new broad-based organization being formed to strengthen communities and create lasting change. Location to be announced.

NOVEMBER 12 2:00PM THE "CLASSICS" MEETING "Classics" Senior Ministry will meet in the Pavilion. This meeting will feature a presentation Ms. Tina Cordova representing the Downwinders Victims. Ms. Cordova just recently addressed the United Nations about the radioactive fallout from nuclear weapons testing in New Mexico. Everyone is welcome at these meetings (and you don't have to consider yourself a senior) and please bring someone with you.

VISIO DIVINA SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14 WITH KELLY LATIMORE There is still room on Saturday November 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for *Visio Divina*, a retreat exploring prayer and spiritual reflection through sacred art. Register on our website or contact the parish office for details.

NOVEMBER 14-22 CROSS/NATIVITY SALE. Fundraiser for Safe Release Ministry: St Michael's is hosting a Cross and Nativity sale, featuring items from South and Central America. Best selection will be at the Gallery St Michael opening, **Friday, November 13 at 6:00PM**. The Pavilion Gallery will also be open Nov 14, 15, and 22 from 10AM-5PM, and on November 21 from 11AM-5PM.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Thank you to everyone who made a pledge before Ingathering Sunday last week. We are still gratefully receiving pledges and invite all households to prayerfully consider their financial support of St. Michael's mission and ministry in 2027. Our annual parish phone canvas will begin soon, so we'd be delighted to hear from you first, but if we don't, you may hear from us! Pledge cards are available in the pews and at the Stewardship Table, or you may pledge online.

ADVENT FOR YOUTH AND KIDS SAVE THE DATES: NOVEMBER 29 AND DECEMBER 16. This Advent, join us for family formation evenings beginning with a potluck supper. Parents will gather in the Parish Hall while youth (Nov. 29) explore faith through Percy Jackson and PACK Kids (Dec. 16) explore hope and waiting through The Chronicles of Narnia. Contact Angel or Rev. Simone for details.

FEATURED MINISTRY: MEAL MINISTRY is a ministry of pastoral care. When illness, hospitalization, a death in the family, or the birth of a new child creates a difficult season, volunteers from St. Michael's provide home-cooked meals to support individuals and families in need. Stop by the Narthex today to meet a member of this ministry and learn more.