



St. Michael and All Angels
Episcopal Church

**THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS
OCTOBER 4, 2026 AT 9:00AM**

Entrance Hymn:	All Creatures of Our God and King	Gather #611
Offertory Hymn:	Seek Ye First	Gather #658
Communion Hymn:	Make Me a Channel of your Peace	Gather #828
Closing Hymn:	Canticle of the Sun	Gather #576

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB

Job 39: 1-18

Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfill, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People	Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

The congregation is invited to join in singing

Gather #83



Verses

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
2. May God never allow you to stumble! Let God sleep not, your guard.
Neither sleeping nor slumbering, God, Israel's guard.
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade: and at your right side stands,
By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.
4. The Lord will guard you from evil: God will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.
5. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 1: 32-35, 5:1-11

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, “Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price.” And she said, “Yes, that was the price.” Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.” Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** Luke 12: 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

SERMON

Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher

The Rev. Simone Lilith Drinkwater

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY: ST. FRANCIS DAY PET BLESSINGS bring your animals (or stuffed animals!) to the 11:15am service to receive a special blessing. You can also come by at about 12:00pm to 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, leash, or collar. All are welcome.

THE CLASSICS SENIOR MINISTRY OCTOBER 8 AT 2PM in The Pavilion. Join us for a Bible Study with the Rev. Dr. Paul Hanneman. Bring your Bible, open to Romans 8 for this engaging conversation. We'll have treats, jokes, and a chance to be together. You are always encouraged to bring someone with you, and, you don't have to consider yourself a "senior" to attend this meeting.

STEWARDSHIP KICKS OFF NEXT WEEK : FORUM AT 10:15AM. Our Annual Campaign for St. Michael's begins next Sunday October 11. The Finance Committee and Stewardship Committee will host a joint forum on our finances and our practice of annual giving. You can pick up a copy of the letter and pledge card, and speak with a member of the Stewardship Committee in the narthex/entryway. All pledges turned in before November 1 will be blessed that Sunday as we celebrate our Ingathering.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17 8:30AM CALLING ALL GARDENERS! Thanks to the wonderful rains, our weed population is going to explode! Let's meet to keep our campus looking nice. Bring gloves, hoes, rakes, buckets, whatever sparks your weeding joy. Coffee and bagels will be available!

OCTOBER 17-18 RIO GRANDE BORDERLANDS MINISTRY VISIT Border Chaplain Ana Reza and Mike Wallens will be with us for a weekend of learning and engagement. All are welcome to a workshop on Saturday October 17 at 2pm. Mike Wallens will be the guest preacher at all services on October 18. Come and learn about the ministries in El Paso and in the Big Bend area, hear about the ongoing witness at the immigration courts, detention centers, and chaplaincy to both migrants and immigration officers.

NOVEMBER 12 & 14 ICONOGRAPHER KELLY LATIMORE will visit St. Michael's for two special events. Join us on November 12 for a Northern New Mexico Iconography Pilgrimage, including the Santuario de Chimayó and other sacred sites and on November 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for *Visio Divina*, a retreat exploring prayer and spiritual reflection through sacred art. Space is limited for both events. Register on our website or contact the parish office for details.

SMITH'S CASE LOT SALE - HELP THE FOOD PANTRY Over the next few weeks, Smith's is holding a case lot sale! Take advantage of the low prices and grab peanut butter, beans, pasta, and more. The Food Pantry would greatly appreciate nonperishable food donations, which you can drop off at church on Sunday or throughout the coming weeks. The Pantry would also love eager volunteers on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please contact Angel Nalubega with any questions.