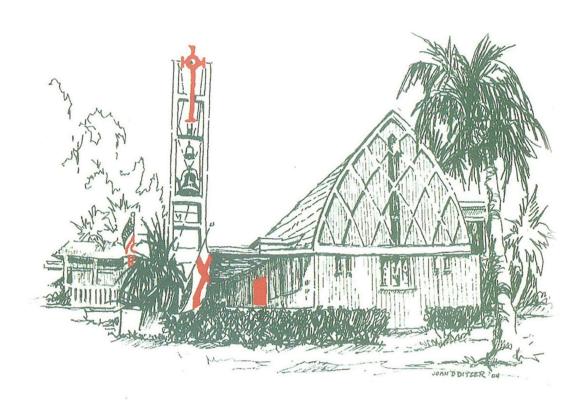
# Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



# SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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#### Welcome to St. Michael's!

We are a community dedicated to following the Way of Love as shown to us by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Wherever you are in life, there's a place for you at St. Michael's. We believe every person is created in the image of our loving God; that God's radically inclusive love excludes no one.

#### I'm New

If this is your first time visiting with us and you need any assistance with the service, please don't hesitate to ask someone for help. To find out more about the many ministries and programs at Saint Michael's, please check out our website, <a href="www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org">www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org</a>, like our Facebook page and YouTube channel. If you'd like to stay in touch, please fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate after the announcements, or contact Fr. Bill at <a href="mailto:rector@saintmichaels-sanibel.org">rector@saintmichaels-sanibel.org</a>.

#### **About Our Worship Today**

Worship in the Episcopal Church is participatory and embodied. We stand and kneel, make the sign of the cross at times, sing and breathe together, and walk forward for communion each week. You are welcome to participate at your own comfort level. You will likely see people engaging differently at different times. One of the gifts of the Episcopal tradition is that there are a variety of 'right' ways to participate. The service booklet will give you the words you need and instructions. The words in bold print are said by everyone. Hymns can be found either in the booklet or in the blue or red hymnals in your pew.

#### May I have Communion?

Yes. All may come forward to receive communion (or the Eucharist). None are required to receive. We serve both bread and wine. You may choose to receive at your own comfort level, both bread and wine or just bread. You may take a sip of wine from the cup that is offered to you or dip the host into the chalice. You may also come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing, or you may choose not to come forward at all. Children may receive at any age.

#### Restrooms

Exit at the red doors in the back of the church and walk along the exterior deck through the double glass doors. Down that hallway are accessible restrooms on either side.

## **Worshiping with Kids**

Joyful noise is most welcome here. Many families find that sitting close to the front helps children to see and engage better with the service. Our children's chapel program is held on the first Sunday of the month. It offers children a chance to participate in the first part of our service through story, song, and crafts at their level. We have changing stations in both restrooms.

#### The Liturgical Season

The Easter Season lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday through the Day of Pentecost. We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead following his crucifixion. Easter is the heart of Christian belief. Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ. As we sing in hymn #182: "Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age, till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise."

#### **Prelude**

# To a wild rose Flora Flume

MacDowell Einaudi Bamberger

#### **Processional 8**

#### Morning has Broken

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## The Collect for Purity

**BCP 355** 

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

## (5:00) Gloria in excelsis Deo

**BCP 356** 

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

#### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 

#### Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*
  I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.

- 3 He revives my soul \* and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*
  for you are with me;
  your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \* and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

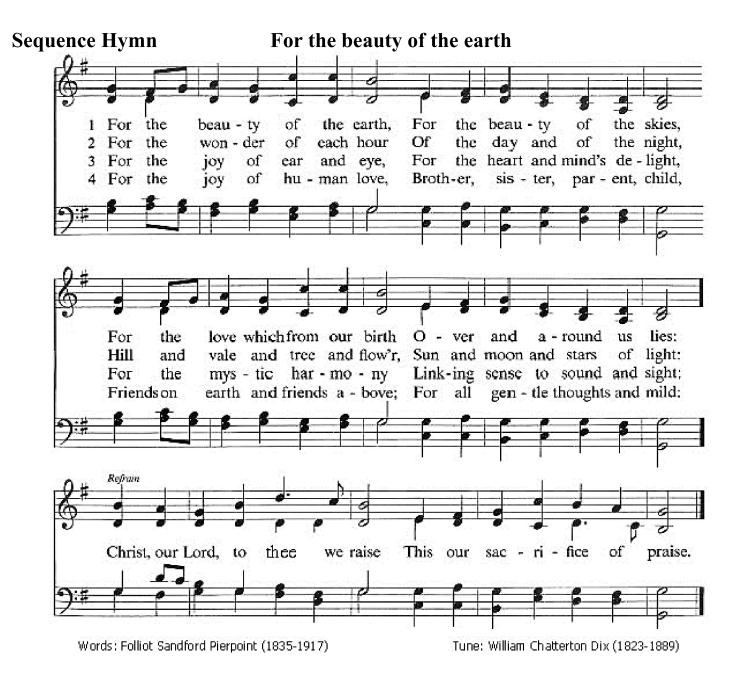
## A Reading from the First Letter of John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 



# The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10:11-18 Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.* 

The Sermon

The Rev. Bill Van Oss

(A brief period of silence follows the sermon)

# The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of

bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent

and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as

yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity

of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen*.

## The Prayers of the People

Honoring God in Creation – (Source: STANDING COMMISSION ON LITURGY AND MUSIC)

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our islands and all who dwell on them, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve them.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this *congregation* who desire or need your presence and help especially Luann Fortune, Roberta Heller, Linda and Ralph Korn; for Augusta Crane, Jack Upper, John Mason, and Karen Searles; for Carl Meier, Susan Elam, Martha Ponader and Harry Anderson. We pray also – silently or aloud – for friends and family members who we carry in our hearts.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

People: Hear our prayer.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. People

Please share the peace of Christ with one another.

#### **Announcements**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

# **The Offertory**

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord

## **Offertory**

5:00 p.m. Instrumental

8:00 a.m. **Touch the Earth Lightly** 

Anne-Marie Bouché

**Touch the Earth Lightly** 10:30 a.m.

Choir and Sara Evans, violin

## **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## **The Great Thanksgiving** ~ *Eucharistic Prayer C (BCP 369)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

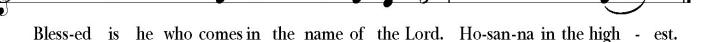
Sanctus

5:00 p.m. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



#### The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

# We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

## Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

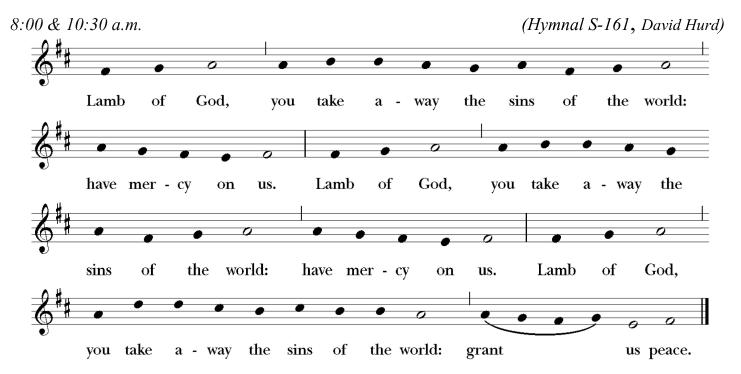
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

# Agnus Dei

5:00 p.m. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.



#### Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.)

#### At Communion

8:00 a.m. Instrumental

10:30 a.m.

Choir The Peace of the Earth
Choir Many and Great
Choir Let all things now Living

Dakota Hymn

## **Prayer of Saint Francis**

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
And where there's darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

In giving of ourselves that we receive,

And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

#### **The Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

# **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn 398 I sing the almighty power of God

#### Dismissal

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!* 

**Postlude** 

God be with you till we meet again

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Andy Rutledge, from his parents Amanda & Jim.

# Notes and Reminders

Community Cooperative Everyday Café – Tuesday, April 23 (8:15 a.m.) Every fourth Tuesday of the month. If you need transportation, it will be available at the church and depart at 8:15 a.m. Our volunteer work hours will be from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please contact Phil Pilibosian via text at (239) 410-3175 or e-mail <a href="mailto:ppilibos@comcast.net">ppilibos@comcast.net</a> if you'd like to volunteer and need a ride. Community Cooperative: 3429 Dr. Marttin Luther King Jr, Blvd, Fort Myers, 33916

"GODSPELL" – Sunday, May 5 (3:00 p.m.): A Musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Location: Players Circle, 13211 McGregor Blvd, FMY. 15 tickets have been reserved for St. Michael's parishioners; the cost is \$35 a ticket. Deadline for reservation is April 25th, payment must be made when you RSVP, please make checks payable to St. Michael and All Angels - tickets are non-refundable. Please RSVP to Susie Wilson at oislw41@gmail.com or call/text to 914-261-8025

**Volunteers Needed:** If you would like to be a part of the Altar Guild: prepare the altar for the Eucharist or Flower Guild: prepares the altar flowers for weekend services. Please contact Norma Emerson (Altar Guild) or Sylvia Heider (Flower Guild) or Susan in the Church Office.

Coming Up this Month								
Bible Study w/ the Rector	Eve	ery Thursda	y 10	:00 a.m.	ZOOM			
Evening Prayer (Compline)	Every Thursday 6:		00 p.m.	ZOOM				
Choir Rehearsal	E۱	very Friday	12	:00 p.m.	Music Room			
Messy Church	Sun.	April 21	4:00 p.m.	Parish Ha	I			
Community Engagement Mtg.	Mon.	April 22	9:00 a.m.	T. Madder	n Room			
Earth Day Creation Walk	Mon.	April 22	11:00 a.m.	St. Michae	el & All Angels			
CCM EveryDay Café Volunteer Day	Tues.	April 23	10:00 a.m.	CCM Sou	o Kitchen, FMY			
Men's Fellowship	Tues.	April 23	11:00 a.m.	Library				
Noah's Ark Leadership Mtg.	Tues.	April 23	11:00 a.m.	Music Roo	om			
Community Drum Circle	Wed.	April 24	4:30 p.m.	Parish Hall				
Ministries & Facilities Trust Meeting	Mon.	April 29	11:00 a.m.	T. Madden Room				
1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. Prayer & Potluck	Wed.	May 1	6:00 p.m.	Church / Parish Hall				
"Godspell" (see details above)	Sun.	May 5	3:00 p.m.	Players Circle Theater				
Pastoral Care Ministry (hybrid)	Wed.	May 8	10:00 a.m.	T. Madder	n Rm / ZOOM			
Christian Formation Ministry	Thurs.	May 9	11:15 a.m.	ZOOM				
Outreach Ministry (hybrid)	Thurs.	May 9	1:00 p.m.	T. Madder	n Rm / ZOOM			

On Sunday, May 19, we switch to our Summer schedule of one service on Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Saturday services at 5:00 p.m. will remain the same.



# Serving this Weekend

	Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 10:30 a.m.		
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Syversen Bob Syversen	Lee Williams Kara Cuscaden	Marcia Fenn Nancy Garfield		
Lector	Adair Heath	Charlie Emerson	Ralph Clark		
Prayers of the People	Carol Heath	Phill Urion	Carolyn Clark		
Altar Guild	Mickey Huff	Norma Emerson	Linda Seifert Betsy McCullough		
Greeters / Ushers	Pat Norton & Hank Feldman				
Flower Guild	Sylvia Heider, Lee Williams, Nancy Rolley				
Shuttle Bus	-	-	Tom Cleaver		
Livestream Tech	-	-	Sue Van Oss		
Social / Coffee Hour	Donna Hubbard Susie Wilson		Kathy & Paul McCarthey Kathe Gush		

# EARTH DAY WALK @ 5T. MICHAEL5

# Monday, April 22 11am

Walk starts @ 2304 Periwinkle

Route includes several stops within a few blocks to offer blessings for all who labor for the land and waters. Stops include a CHR housing complex, fire station, a nearby body of water, city hall, library, police station, farmer's market location, the recycling station and then return to church. The route is accessible, with a total distance of .8 miles and all ages are welcome! Come and give thanks for the earth and all who work to maintain it. For more information, <a href="https://www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org">www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org</a> or 239-472-2173

#### SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

#### Vision

Transforming lives through Christ

#### Mission

Our mission is to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ so that all may come to know God.

#### **Guiding Principles**

**Faith**: We value our Christian faith; therefore, we will endeavor to conduct ourselves according to Christ's teachings.

**Compassion**: We value compassion; therefore, we will care for others in the name of Christ.

**Service**: We value service; therefore, we will volunteer our time and talents.

**Stewardship**: We value stewardship; therefore, we will share the gifts God has given us.

**Inclusivity**: We value inclusivity; therefore, we will strive to include everyone.

**Integrity**: We value integrity; therefore, we will treat each other with respect and honesty.

#### The Rev. Bill Van Oss, Rector

The Rev. Suzy Post, Assisting Clergy
Erik Entwistle, Music Director/Organist; Mike Baldwin, Organist
Susan Gonzalez, Parish Office Manager
Pat Norton, Finance Director; Wendy Warner, R.N., Parish Nurse
Sue Van Oss, Director of Digital Communications & Christian Formation

#### The Vestry and Parish Officers:

The Rev. Bill Van Oss, *Rector*; Bob Syversen '25, *Senior Churchwarden*; Jerry Davenport '25, *Junior Churchwarden*; Patricia Norton '24, *Secretary*; Mike Baldwin '25, Tom Cleaver '26, Laura Korn '26, Bill Larson '26
Chuck Sterrett '24, Lee Williams '24, Susie Wilson '25
Bill Boswell, *Co-Treasurer*; Wes Peterson, Co-*Treasurer*; Eldon Bohrofen, *Chancellor*; Norma Emerson, *Clerk of the Vestry* 

## **Clergy Associates**

The Rev. Gail Avery, The Rev. Dr. Douglass Lind, The Rev. Dcn. Martha Ponader (*Emerita*)

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop (St. Michael's ECW) - Closed until further notice.

## Worship and Fellowship

- Holy Eucharist, followed by Social Hour Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
- Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
- Messy Church  $3^{rd}$  Sunday of the month 4:00-6:00 p.m. April  $21^{st}$
- Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday Bible Study 10:00 a.m. ZOOM
- Thursday Evening Prayer Service (Compline) 6:00 p.m. ZOOM