

# THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

## Easter Day

### Sunday Worship at St. Michael's

The St. Michael's family invites you to join us as we worship, work, sing, laugh, cry, admit our sin, and experience forgiveness and healing in the fellowship of Christ.

*Worship with Holy Eucharist at 7:45am, 9am and 11am; Evening prayer at 6pm.*

### Receiving Communion

All baptized persons desiring to lead a new life in Christ, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion. For Blessings simply cross your arms over your chest. For gluten free wafers ask your bread minister.

### Prayers for Healing

Prayer team members are available at the Prayer desk (located on the back, left wall of the worship space) during Communion and between the services.

### Altar Flowers

This week's Easter flowers are given to the glory of God in remembrance and thanksgiving

*Information about donating altar flowers can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex*



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#### Easter Lilies and Other Flowers

##### Given by

Kolleen Blanton  
Paulo Chagollán  
The Fitzgerald Family  
Barbara & Con Rushing  
Barbara Johnson  
Beth Michaels  
Karen & Bob Moody

##### In Memory of

Dorothy Blanton  
Carlos Chagollán  
Jane Golson Cutler  
Clyde "Buzzy" Ross  
Mary Ann Jones  
Mary Lib & Al Michaels  
Carolyn Moody

##### In Honor of

Spencer & Sutton Motes

##### Thanksgiving for:

Daughters of the King, Altar Guild, & Vestry  
The Meo Family

James & Page Motes

Gail Reid

Jim & Elaine McGrew and  
Tony & Madeline Meo

#### Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30am

For all kids 5th grade and under in the children's playground areas

#### Mite Boxes and Flowers

We will decorate our children's Easter cross at both services. Please bring your mite boxes and flowers up to the front of the worship space when you arrive and place them on the white cross

## Prayer Services during the Week

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### Morning Prayer

Tuesdays at 9am in the Worship Space. For more information contact Rev. Brin or Lesley.

### Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Blee, ([phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com)).

## Contact information

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## Upcoming Events

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### Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation April 23rd at 11am

Next Sunday, The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison, bishop suffragan of Texas, will visit St. Michael's to preach, preside, and confirm over 20 students and adults into the Episcopal Church.

### Trinity Center Sunday April 23 from 2 to 4:30pm

It is St. Michael's turn to share worship and a meal with our neighbors experiencing homelessness at Trinity Center in downtown Austin. If you would like to help by welcoming neighbors, setting up for worship, or being part of the kitchen crew, please consider volunteering. Contact Caroline Kibler ([caroline.kibler@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.kibler@gmail.com)) to sign up. Please note that volunteers must be at least 11 years old. Future dates for this summer are June 11 and August 27.

### Integrity Group, Sunday, April 30th 7-8:30pm Parlor/Cry Room

We would like to welcome all LGBTQ persons of faith and seekers, as well as their allies, to be a part of the Integrity Group. We will focus on informing and educating others on LGBTQ issues and being there to support persons that have questions in a Christian setting. Confidentiality will be kept. Please feel free to attend or to ask questions. For more information contact Phillip Boone at [clayton12673@yahoo.com](mailto:clayton12673@yahoo.com)

### No One Dies Alone, Saturday, May 6, 8:30 am-12pm

A volunteer ministry to ensure that hospital patients don't face death alone, even if they were alone in life. Contact Rachel Smith at [rbsmith@seton.org](mailto:rbsmith@seton.org) or Lil Mills at [lillianmills@mcombs.utexas.edu](mailto:lillianmills@mcombs.utexas.edu). for more information.

### Vacation Bible Camp, June 5-9, 2017 1-4pm

Registration is open! Please sign up on the [children's page](#) of the church website or using this [link](#). VBC is for all rising Kindergarten through 5th grade and will be a fun packed week where children can 'Find their Strength in God'. Adult volunteers and Service campers can also sign up on this [link](#) - rising 6th to 12th graders can earn 15 service hours helping with VBC.

## Announcements

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### Job Opening

The Staff and Wardens of St. Michael's have made the decision to engage a bookkeeper for the church accounting functions. This person will work under the Parish Administrator, and will be a part-time position. It will be posted on our website as well as several

other websites in the next several days. The posted job-description will be a summary-only of the duties expected and requisites of the position. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please direct them to our website or they may submit their resume to [jobs@st-michaels.org](mailto:jobs@st-michaels.org)

### **Rector Search Update**

In the next few days you will receive a letter inviting you to participate in our mission/visioning and goal setting activities at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. The first step in this process is a "survey" of our whole congregation that will allow you, our congregation, to be the expert on our life together. From your answers, a trained interpreter will help us highlight where our congregation has great strength and energy with an in-depth look at the experiences, perceptions, and aspirations of our congregation. We will have a view of our congregation as well as an idea of how we compare to churches like us.

The assessment tool we are using will help us:

- Measure the level of satisfaction and energy in the church.
- Identify the critical success factors for improving organizational climate.
- Discover where members would like to go in the future.
- Gauge readiness for change.
- Uncover potential resources we may be missing.

It is so very important that you participate in our assessment. We need a wide representation of the diversity that is St. Michael's so we will be asking everyone who worships with us to complete the survey.

*The deeper the pool, the wider our insights will be!*

The survey will "open" on April 21. Be on the lookout for more information about our assessment so that you are ready to be a part of this opportunity!

### **An update on our refugee family, the Almohammeds** by Sandra Borinstein

Last Thursday the three eldest Almohammad sisters were finally enrolled at their neighborhood school. Rhoda Silverberg, Susie Orum and I had the wonderful privilege of participating in this momentous day with them. It could not have gone better! When we met the girls at their apartment they were dressed and ready with excited smiles on their faces. Their mom, Fawzah, was putting the finishing touches on their hair. Rhoda and Susie had used money donated by the St. Michael's community to purchase the girls new backpacks, water bottles, and other needed school supplies. It took a minute or two to write names on everything and get the water bottles filled, but soon they were all set to go and we were out the door.

The girls (including their little sister, Ritag, aged 3) posed in the courtyard for "first day of school in America" photos and then the eight of us piled into two cars for the ride to Wooldridge Elementary School. Still more photos were taken in front of the school, and the girls got hugs to help ward off any last-minute jitters. When we walked into the office, the family was greeted by smiling staff members who said "We're SO glad you're here!" Two friendly, Arabic-speaking students joined us to welcome the girls and, as it turned out, the girls already knew them: they all live in the same apartment complex!

Susie had done the advance work at the school earlier in the week and so the enrollment process was quick. In no time, Athari was escorted to her 5th grade class, Fatima to her 4th grade class, and soon after that Ghofran went to meet her 1st grade class. Success! We were then invited to meet with the two principals, the counselor, and the ESL/Newcomer teacher. An interpreter was provided by the school and a lengthy discussion followed about how to help the girls to make a successful transition to their new school. So much thoughtful care and support was demonstrated during our school visit - it was obvious to us that the

Wooldridge faculty and staff are a highly committed bunch. We left feeling pleased and confident that Athari, Fatima, and Ghofran are off to a great start and will receive a wonderful education at their new school here in Austin. Thanks be to God!

## Christian Formation and Education Each Sunday

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### **Children and Student Ministries during Worship**

Christian Education for 3 year olds through 12th grade takes place in the Education Wing during both the 9 and 11am services. Once their programs are over, everyone is brought to the worship space in time for Eucharist with their parents and families.

**Nursery care** 8:45am to 12:30pm in the Education wing for infants to 3 years old and staffed by professional, Safeguarding God's Children certified nannies.

### **Adult Educations and Family Fellowship 10:10-10:50am**

*Please note: these opportunities do not meet on the first Sunday of the Month so that everyone can enjoy Taco Breakfast.*

**Living the Weekly Word** in the Cry Room. Bible Study on the weekly RCL (Revised Common Lectionary.) Readings can be found at <http://www.lectionarypage.net>. Contact Will ([will@st-michaels.org](mailto:will@st-michaels.org)) for more information.

**Sunday Seekers Book Study** 10:10 to 10:50am in the Bride's Room. The current book is 'How God Became God' by Richard Smoley. New participants are welcome to join at any time. Contact Phyllis Bles ([phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com)) for details.

**Playground Fellowship** in the Education wing playground. All parents and children are welcome. Rev. Brin and Lesley will be on hand to talk. Hot coffee and snacks will be provided.

**EYC Hangout for 6-12th graders** and **Kids Intermission for preschool-5th grade** 10:10 -10:50am in rooms 8 and 6 of the Education Wing. Games, snacks, and fun - a chance to connect with friends from the other service.

### **Episcopal Youth Community 3:00-4:30pm in room 8 of the Education wing**

*No EYC this Sunday but will resume next week.* Open to all 6th through 12th grade students. Come for fun games and a short program. Contact Anthony for more details.

## Scripture Resources for Easter Day

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**Old Testament** - Jeremiah 31:1-6

**Psalm** - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

**New Testament** - Colossians 3:1-4

**Gospel** - Matthew 28:1-10