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# THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

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### Sunday Worship at St. Michael's

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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 persons desiring to lead a new life in Christ 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 after the services.

### Altar Flowers

This week's Easter flowers are given to the glory of God by Trey Hancock in thanksgiving for Robin and his mother's birthday.



*Have you noticed our beautiful new cross? Many heartfelt thanks to Tom Bray and Fred DiVincenzo for creating and installing it!!!*

## Outreach Partner of the Month

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### The Garden of Eating at St. Michael's

Did you know there is a vegetable paradise here? It's around the corner (southeast one of the Education Building). With eight raised beds and three herb squares, it hosts a lot of healthy organic plants that produce fresh vegetables for our food pantry and others. Please contribute to support this effort and also volunteer to harvest and water! Let's make this a real community garden.

Contact Beth Michaels at [ebethmichaels@att.net](mailto:ebethmichaels@att.net)

## Today!

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### Taco Breakfast 10:10-10:50am in the Parish Hall

Gather in the Parish Hall between the services for a delicious taco breakfast prepared by our Men's Group. Tacos are always served on the first Sunday of the month and this is a great opportunity for fellowship.

## 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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### Outreach Meeting, Saturday, May 13 at 10 AM in Room 8

Come discuss St. Michael's outreach ministries--what are we currently doing? Are there other ways we might serve our neighbors? Breakfast tacos, coffee and tea will be provided! Vestry liaison, Phillip Boone, will be there. Please join us!

### Integrity Austin Open Arms May 28th, 6:30pm in the parlor/cry room

We are an Episcopal organization, allied and LGBTQ parishioners, Integrity Austin Open Arms proclaims and embodies the all-inclusive love of God through worship, education, and advocacy. We live in a variety of ways, ready to show one another about the integrity of Christian life. Please join us on the last Sunday of the month at our meeting. Everyone is welcome.

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



Our Hero Central VBC is filling up fast! Click on the sliding banner picture on the front page of the church website or fill out the registration page on the glass table in the church entryway to register K through 5th graders and Student Staff helpers. Lots of supplies are needed too! From empty 16oz plastic bottles to baking soda and vinegar - yes there will be foamy explosions! Full list under the same link and also on the glass

table. Contact me ([lesley@st-michaels.org](mailto:lesley@st-michaels.org)) for more details or if you would like to help out with decorating, classroom prep or anything else you can think of. Join us and help our children *Discover their Strength in God.*

## Announcements

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### Rector Search -- Update

It's not too late, but time is running out! Our survey is still live but will close after May 10.

For those of you who have not yet done so, please set aside about 20 minutes and share your honest thoughts, feelings, and experiences about St. Michael's by completing the Holy Cow! Congregational Assessment Tool (the survey) as soon as possible.

Click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StMichaelsECAustin>

(or copy this link and paste it in your browser to access the survey)

For those that would like a little bit of assistance with the online "stuff," you can complete your survey this Sunday morning after each of the worship services. We will have computers available in the front office (with helpers, too, if you need/want that!).

We truly want to hear from ALL of our members. We need to hear from as many of you as possible so that we can best understand who we think we are as a church and where our energy is as far as who and what we want to be in the future. Thank you for being a part of this important discernment.

And, a big "Thank You!" to those of you who have already completed our survey!

### **Change in worship schedule for the summer**

Service times seem to have been a topic of conversation for several years. Combining our two later services into a single 10am service beginning on Memorial Day and running (at least) through Labor Day is going to begin.

We will combine the musical styles of the Chancel Choir and the 9am Music Team with contributions from each. We will have Sunday School offerings for all ages running from 9am to 9:50 (as well as a continental breakfast each Sunday starting at 8:30.)

We'll have Children's Chapel for younger children during the service so there will be two special opportunities for our children's' formation, as well. And perhaps the best benefit of a combined service will be to regroup and worship with our friends "from the other service."

We know everyone's Sunday morning schedule will be changing. We hope that most of you will enjoy the opportunity to worship together. But we also know that changes can be a challenge for some. We very much hope that most will understand that gathering together in worship and fellowship will bear good fruit in this interval between rectors and join us energetically (and perhaps patiently) as we begin this holy experiment!

The 7:45am Rite I service and the 6pm Evening Prayer Service will remain as part of our worship schedule.

## **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.

**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 Blee (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for details.

**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.

**Living the Weekly Word 10:10-10:50am in the Cry Room.** This program is a bible study and discussion based on the scripture that we hear each week; asking the question "How is this relevant to my life?" If you want to prepare in advance, the weekly readings can be found at <http://www.lectionarypage.net>.

**Playground Fellowship 10:10-10:50am 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.

**Episcopal Youth Community 3:00-4:30pm in room 8 of the Education wing** Open to all 6th through 12th grade students. Come for fun games and a short program. Contact Anthony for more details.

## **Scripture Resources for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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**Collect** - *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*

First Lesson - Acts 2:42-47

Psalm - Psalm 23

Second Lesson - 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel - John 10:1-10