



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

JANUARY 10, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Happy New Year, friends!

At a time when we all might be in need of blessing, here is a practice that is becoming more widespread in Episcopal churches around the country. It's called "Chalking the Doors," and while it's lovely to go around in a large group to bless homes, it's a great family activity to do on your own as well; it can be done any time during the Epiphany season. For background, here's an Episcopal News Service article: "[For an Epiphany blessing, chalk the door with 'holy graffiti'.](#)"

Peace, Christine Havens, Communications Assistant

Chalking the Door: "Holy Graffiti"

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BLESSING THE HOME

Using a piece of chalk, mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

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while saying: *The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty-one years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.*

Then offer the following prayer: *Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.*

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and homes. With time, the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the written symbols sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our lives these words: *Christus mansionem benedictat* (May Christ bless the house).

from the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona website



NOTES

VIRTUAL-ONLY SUNDAY WORSHIP CONTINUES FOR NOW *St. Michael's will not have any livestreamed or in-person worship on January 10.* The Sunday liturgy will be made available each Sunday at 9 am on the website at www.st-michaels.org/worship-online and in our weekly Sunday emails. We hope you will worship with us, and invite your friends and family to watch. Assuming that COVID numbers are not in Stage 5 and trending upward, our 10:30 am service and other in-person offerings will resume as soon as it is safe to do so. Look for an email update from Fr. John on Monday, January 11.

HAVE AN OLD IPHONE OR IPAD? If you have an iPhone, 8 or newer, or a newer iPad that you are willing to donate to the worship tech team to aid in filming our services, please contact Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org or Luis at livas@st-michaels.org. They would be very appreciative as some of the older ones they're using are having battery issues.

ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Adult formation begins soon! On February 2 & 7, we will begin studying the Book of Daniel. If you want to participate in a Bible study before then, we will still meet (Tuesdays only) on January 12, 19, and 26 to study the lectionary readings. Here is the Zoom information, *which will be used for the whole spring*:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83976491370?pwd=aUZfekdvUkFENWJNSWRza1BzcC9TUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 7649 1370

Passcode: 276756

SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The Seekers are reading the internationally-renowned novel about the life and death of Jesus—*The Last Temptation of Christ* by Nikos Kazantzakis, a book that has generated controversy and conversation since its publication. The group meets at **11:45 am each Sunday** and all are welcome. Join anytime, as they will be reading this title through July 2021. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>. Passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees at phyllis.blees@gmail.com with any questions.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB All are invited! The next meeting will be in the new year, on January 27, 2021, at 2:30 pm. The book is *Britt-Marie was Here*, by Fredrik Backman. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK Table fellowship with friends via Zoom—women of all ages are welcome to join. Alternate **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** every other week. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

MORNING PRAYER, TUESDAYS @9:00 AM You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please note the new Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>. **New Passcode:** prayer.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com. For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:30 PM Each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. **NEW** Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969>. **Passcode now required:** 826364. The information is also in Fr. John's weekly Tuesday e-news.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY @1:00 PM This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mary Healy, mary.r.healy@gmail.com. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgyK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Stay tuned for updates about spring family formation opportunities.

STUDENT MINISTRY

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

St. Michael's is postponing the relaunching of Sunday EYC until further notice due to high COVID numbers. Please check our student ministry website for updates on upcoming virtual events that are in the works. Check out <https://www.st-michaels.org/students> to stay up-to-date with all the happenings with SMEC Student Ministry.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

For Anne Sanford Harwood, who recently died, for Wallace Harwood, her son, and for all her family.

For Jeff Reynolds, that the medical procedure she's undergoing for pain relief be successful.

For Billie Jacobs and her daughter, Terri Allphin. Terri tested positive for COVID after they were both exposed.

For John Homrighausen, who died of accident-related injuries; for his wife (friend of Helen Mayhew), and their three sons.

For St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Lake Charles, LA, as they recover from hurricane damage.

For those four who died in yesterday's unrest in our nation's capital.

For peace and for our nation.

The Collect for the Human Family, BCP p. 815 O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COVID-19

For Mark Lander, his wife, Linda; their son, Matthew; and Mathew's preschool daughter, Alana, who all are recovering from COVID.

For Laura Cowan, wife of Mike, who is hospitalized with COVID-19-related pneumonia.

For Peggy DeBerry Bell, who died of COVID-19; for Donna Hulsey and the rest of the family as they grieve.

For Lily Odle, great-niece of Britt Behrens, who has COVID-19.

In thanksgiving that Christine's daughter and son-in-law have recovered from COVID-19

For Jim McConaughy, brother-in-law of Karen Haslund, who is gravely ill with COVID-19, and for his family.

For Rick & Dianna Lang, in-laws of Amanda Evans Lang, who have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

For the Jacob and Abramo families.

For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.

For Suzanne, who is struggling with loneliness and isolation during this time, and for all who struggle with these issues.

For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.

For all those without employment at this time.

All of our hospital and healthcare workers, including Stuart Wiggin, Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

Miriam Carrillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency.

For Hannah M.



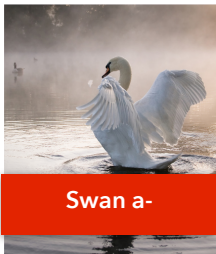
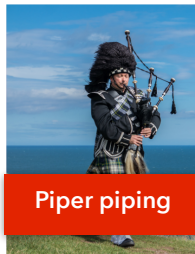
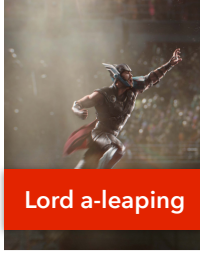
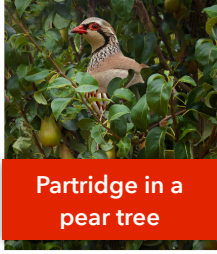



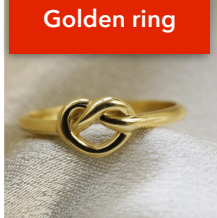
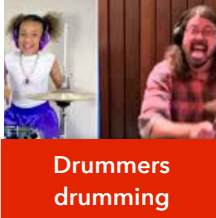

For Ed Erdman.



Fr. John, on one of the blustery mornings in December, prior to an 8am service.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" Challenge

Can you identify each item from the beloved carol and put them in the correct order?
(Hint: the original British lyrics read "colly bird," not calling bird. Think coal-y)

 <p>Maid a-milking</p>	 <p>Ladies dancing</p>	 <p>Swan a-</p>	 <p>Piper piping</p>
 <p>Lord a-leaping</p>	 <p>Partridge in a pear tree</p>	 <p>French hen</p>	 <p>Colly bird</p>
 <p>Goose a-laying</p>	 <p>Golden ring</p>	 <p>Drummers drumming</p>	 <p>Turtledove</p>

Answer Key

12 Days of Christmas Lyrics Order

- A partridge in a pear tree
- Two turtledoves
- Three French hens
- Four colly birds (*blackbirds in the 1780 version*)
- Five golden rings
- Six geese a-laying
- Seven swans a-swimming
- Eight maids a-milking
- Nine ladies dancing
- Ten lords a-leaping (*Thor, Lord of Thunder, lol*)
- Eleven pipers piping
- Twelve drummers drumming (*Drum off between Dave Grohl of the Foo Fighters and 10-year-old Nandi Bushell that went viral during the pandemic*)

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*The altar flowers this week are given
to the glory of God, and by Joyce Miller
in memory of Phil Miller.*

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to the office: chavens@st-michaels.org. Your donation can be mailed to the church office or given via the "Give" page of our website, <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary? We'd love to pray for you during the Sunday service and print your name(s) in the bulletin. Email to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org. We will get it into the bulletin as close to the occasion as we are able.

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Genesis 1:1-5

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Psalms 29

SHARE YOUR STAY-AT-HOME PHOTOS!

Worshipping with your family, friends, pets? Have something else you'd like to share? We'd would still love to see your photos and share them on Facebook and/or in the Trumpet! Please send in as high a resolution as possible to Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org. Thank you!

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date you would like your announcement to appear in the Trumpet. Running it two weeks prior to your event is recommended for most church announcements.

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