



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news for our community*

MARCH 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## TOWN HALL MEETING, PALM SUNDAY, AND ON TO EASTER

It's nearly time for "hosannas" and "alleluias"! We share here a few snippets of information as we prepare to gather together for in-person worship and prepare for the risen Christ. Stay tuned for more details to come—service times, registration links, and more are heading your way this coming week. Amanda, our Family Minister, has Palm Sunday fun for families, see the graphic for details! On behalf of the staff, let me say how much we can't wait to see all y'all! —Christine Havens, Assistant for Administration & Communication

**MONTHLY TOWN HALL MEETINGS** Fr. John Newton invites the parish to a town hall meeting via Zoom this Sunday, March 21, at 1:30 pm. This informal meeting will provide safe space to hear from our rector about what's happening with our buildings and for Fr. John to hear questions and concerns from parishioners. This will be a monthly opportunity. Join using this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89559596417?pwd=RkJ6bFRlZUNgckZrRlI5ZjhOdDFsUT09> and passcode 895846.

**CHAIR SET-UP CREWS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP** We're returning to worship on Palm Sunday and help is needed to set up and take down chairs, beginning on Palm Sunday, March 28. Your extravagant generosity last summer and fall putting chairs away each Sunday and on Christmas Eve was greatly appreciated. Set up for Palm Sunday services would be at 7:15 am for the 8:00 am service and 9:15 am for the 10:00 am service. Please email Christine Havens ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) if you can help out.

**EASTER LILY REMEMBRANCES** Honor your loved ones or give thanks for blessings by offering an Easter flower remembrance. Email Christine at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) by **Wednesday, March 31 at noon**, with your dedication. To donate toward the flowers, click the link to go to our [St. Michael's giving portal](#); there is a place where you can designate your gift. You may also mail a check to the church, write "Easter Lilies" and your dedication on the memo line or enclose a note to indicate on whose behalf the flowers are being offered. All names will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletins.



**At-Home Kit**

Email our Family Minister at [Amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:Amanda@st-michaels.org) to receive a kit in the mail.



## Children's Palm Sunday

Special WIGGLE BASKETS for our youngest parishioners during Palm Sunday Liturgy.



**St. Michael's Episcopal Church presents**



*Amid the Pandemic*

**New video message each Sunday in Lent**

+

**New podcast episodes on Tuesdays**

**February 21 + 23**

The Rev. Aaron Zimmerman, Rector  
*St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
Waco, Texas*

**February 28 + March 2**

The Rev. Becky Zartman  
*Canon for Welcome and Evangelism  
Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, Texas*

**March 7 + 9**

The Rev. Jimmy Bartz, Rector  
*St. John's Episcopal Church  
Jackson Hole, Wyoming*

**March 14 + 16**

The Very Rev. Cynthia Kittredge, ThD  
*Dean & President, Seminary of the Southwest  
Austin, Texas*

**March 21 + 23**

The Rev. Bertie Pearson, Rector  
*Grace Episcopal Church  
Georgetown, Texas*

## NOTES

**JUNIOR WARDEN'S RESTORATION UPDATE FROM KRISTEN LECLAIR:** "Everyone's care and concern regarding the building damage caused by the recent winter storm is greatly appreciated. We were fortunate to have the cleanup and water damage mitigated right away; the extent of the damage continues to be evaluated by our insurance and construction specialists. Unfortunately, careful inspection thus far has revealed further damage than originally expected. At this time, the comprehensive list for full restoration is not complete, but we are hopeful to have a fully defined plan and timeline in the next few weeks. Updates will be shared as available. It's notable that while the storm damage was not a pleasant surprise, the timing for repairs while COVID has already necessitated remote worship is a small silver lining. Additionally, the pre-planned and current project to repair our roof has continued uninterrupted. These opportunities will allow us to refresh and renew our beautiful church, and make our return to in-person services even more joyful. Thank you for your continued prayers."

**NEW BOOK BY THE REV. DR. PHILIP TURNER!** Congratulations to St. Michael's own Philip Turner, who has a new book out, *Christian Socialism: The Promise of an Almost Forgotten Tradition*, published by Cascade Books at the beginning of the year. The Rev. Dr. Turner has a PhD in Christian Ethics from Princeton, he served in Uganda as a missionary, and has taught at a number of seminaries, to name a few of his many accomplishments within the wider church. At St. Michael's, he has facilitated adult formation classes, led worship, and preached. Philip and Fr. John, in a special edition podcast, have an excellent, in-depth discussion of *Christian Socialism*, [click here](#) to listen

**STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU** In a book she wrote chronicling her battle with colon cancer, the late Julie Yip-Williams stresses the importance of letting people see your "heartache, pain, and vulnerability" in times of hardship. St. Michael's Stephen Ministers are here and would like to provide rest to all those who are weary and heavy laden. Julie de Wette (512-925-7029 / [julie@losmadrone.com](mailto:julie@losmadrone.com)); Jeff Robinson (512-963-6687 / [jarobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jarobinson100@gmail.com)); or Fr. John Newton ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org)) are available to talk with you further about how a Stephen Minister might help.

## ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

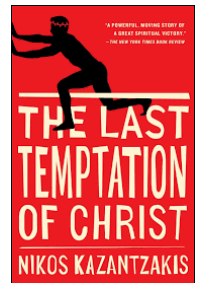
**RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: DANIEL, THE APOCALYPSE, AND THE SON OF MAN** Behind Jesus' use of the title "Son of Man," we find the Book of Daniel. Join us in a thorough study of Daniel's vision of God Almighty on Zoom at 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Sundays. Click the link for the [syllabus](#). Sessions will be recorded and the audio only made available at [www.st-michaels.org/listen](http://www.st-michaels.org/listen) for those who might miss a session. Here is the Zoom information:

**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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1IwYjVU3YyZz09>. Passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) with any questions.



**ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB** Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The next meeting will be on March 31 at 2:30 pm; the book is *Hum If You Don't Know the Words*, by Bianca Marais. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) for more information and for the Zoom link. April's title is *The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees*, by Meredith May.

**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=SGRmQXhoYlIJSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; 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=MHFkdmlwWXRnZFVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>. **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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1IwYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

Families, Amanda Evans Lang invites you to check out the [Family Ministry](#) page on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your activities as a family. Please email her with questions at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

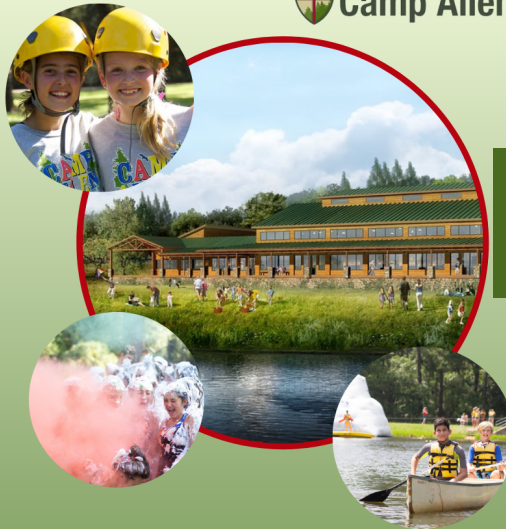


# SUMMER CAMP WITH SMEC @CAMP ALLEN

Summer Camp at Camp Allen has always been a special part of the St. Michael's community.

This year, we have 6 sessions with 7 directors who are connected to our church community.

Find out more:  
[st.michaels.org/summer-camp-ca](http://st.michaels.org/summer-camp-ca)



Questions?  
Contact Kellye Heinze at  
[kbheinze@mac.com](mailto:kbheinze@mac.com).

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

St. Michael's is postponing the relaunching of Sunday EYC until further notice due to 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** Please email Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) if you'd like to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

### NEW PRAYERS

For Dario, friend of Alice Hall, who broke his hip recently.

For Bob Williams, friend of Chris Whitty, who is suffering from pneumonia and related issues.

For Evan, young friend of Kay & Ki Allen, who suffers constant pain due to a traumatic brain injury, and for his family.

For an end to gun violence, and for those in Atlanta who lost their lives in the recent shooting.

For Dan & Sara Havens, as they travel from Texas back to Iowa.

### COVID-19

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

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

For all who struggle with loneliness and isolation.

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 Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

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## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*The altar is bare during Lent. We look forward to the return of flowers on Easter Sunday.*

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](mailto: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](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). We will get it into the bulletin as close to the occasion as we are able since services are prerecorded.

## MARCH 21, 2021 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33  
Psalm 51:1-13  
or Psalm 119:9-16

## THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Good news about yourself or our parish? Photos of you and your family participating in worship or fellowship activities?

Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Communication Assistant, ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. Running event announcements two weeks prior is recommended.

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