

THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

JULY 12, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY: DR. ANN MESSER

On July 1, our own Dr. Ann Messer was featured in an Austin American-Statesman article about her work with with a healthcare nonprofit, One Good Turn. She is another one of our parishioners who find ways in which to express extravagant generosity. Here are some thoughts from Ann on what St. Michael's means to her.

There is something calming about the cool, unadorned worship space at St Michael's—I remember feeling a pleasant sense of relief as we settled into our first service with our young kids (and all of our huge extended family—I'm sure the Hines clan didn't project much calm onto that scene!)

To me, that simplicity opens the opportunity to focus on the people of St Michael's, just as Father Robby focused on us so many years ago, by showing up to play baseball with all the Hines kids soon after we joined the church. That was nearly 20 years ago! Since then, I've been deeply grateful for the ongoing, welcoming sense of community at St Michael's: anybody who wants to join in can quickly find a place to participate, to worship, to act—or not! Just come and be here, feel comfort in this church; be loved by this community and by God.



Our church community has been through a huge transition, and now, so quickly, we face new challenges. I'm so grateful for John—and all our parish leaders—who guide us through their personal involvement with, and trust in, the people of our church. Because of their investment in me, I still feel like I'm an important member of St Micheal's, even though I won't be finding the bass line of a worship song this weekend. The good news is that we are ALL important members of St. Michael's. The church is still here, we are still a community, and God loves us all.

See you all soon!

With love, Ann

Thank you, Ann, for your extravagant generosity!

See the Resources section on page 4 for a new link from One Good Turn—Corona Care Kits.



GLIMPSES OF GRACE

Thoughts for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost by The Rev. Elizabeth Turner

On Saturday, July 4, we celebrated our nation's founding document—The Declaration of Independence. It was, of course, a declaration of our independence from British rule. But in the years hence, independence has become a primary American value. Americans tend to chafe under any perceived restrictions to liberty or independence. Most recently, this is being played out with the mandate to wear facial coverings when in public places to slow the spread of COVID-19. One recent protest sign read "I won't sacrifice my liberty for your health." I don't know anyone who enjoys wearing a mask, but we do so for the greater common good. We do so out of care and concern for one another. We make sacrifices not only for the sake of our own health and wellbeing, but for that of others. We wear them not out of fear, but out of communal responsibility.

One of the glimpses of grace that I have seen during this season of pandemic is the grace of dependence—on God and on others. There are limits to our independence and to our liberties. These have been months of acknowledging how much we need one another. During the Town Hall conversations we had about reentry to gathered worship, Fr. John posed the tension we feel between our needs for both safety and connection. In the demands imposed on us for our safety, we are acutely aware of our need/desire for connection. We miss the hugs and the handshakes. We miss gathering with our friends and loved ones. We have become aware of just how dependent we are on the gathered Body of Christ. In our longing and in our dependence, there is grace.

NOTES

BRAVE WOMEN OF THE EARLY CHURCH | JULY ADULT ONLINE FORMATION BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, JULY 12 All are welcome to participate in this new three-week adult formation class, facilitated by parishioner Sally Lombardo. She's adapted her soon-to-be published book for this class, sharing her expertise on Mary Magdalene, Lydia, Priscilla, Chloe, Phoebe, Junia, and Nympha. **The video lessons will be sent on July 12, 19, and 26 in the Sunday morning email to the parish. Zoom discussions happen each Wednesday (July 15, 22, 29). We will send out the Zoom links in the Sunday emails, too, and a link to discussion questions.** No need to register or have a password, but if you have questions, please email Christine Havens in the church office at chavens@st-michaels.org.

DIFFERENCE: THE POWER OF FAITH IN A CONFLICTED WORLD | EACH THURSDAY IN JULY | 5:30 PM VIA ZOOM Beginning July 2, Kathy Wiggin, our Junior Warden, facilitates this timely 5-session course that explores what it means to follow Jesus in the face of conflict and see transformation through everyday encounters. The curriculum was developed by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; each 90-minute class combines study, prayer, and discussion. Contact Kathy at kbwiggin@gmail.com if you're interested in attending or with any questions.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE One of our parishioners, Sally Lombardo, is offering free spiritual direction to St. Michael's parishioners during this time. Sally has an MDiv from Truett Seminary at Baylor and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction. If you are interested, please email Sally at shlombardo@gmail.com.

REGULAR ZOOM OFFERINGS

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB Join St. Michael's book group this summer! July's book is *The Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith; the discussion is at **2:30 pm on July 29**. August's book selection is *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry; that discussion happens on **August 26 at 2:30 pm**. Please email Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com for more information and the Zoom link.

WOMEN OF ST. MICHAEL'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK Table fellowship with friends via Zoom—women of all ages are welcome to join. Meets every other week, in general; the next is at 6:00 pm on Monday, July 13. Please email Becky Brindley at rmbrindley@yahoo.com for the Zoom link, password, and email updates.

MORNING PRAYER, TUESDAYS @9:00 AM You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please email chavens@st-michaels.org for Zoom meeting link.

EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:30 PM Led by Mthr. Elizabeth each Wednesday at 4:30 pm during July. Please email chavens@st-michaels.org for the Zoom meeting info.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY Weekly Tuesday Bible Study is at 1:00 pm, via Zoom. Please email chavens@st-michaels.org for the Zoom link and meeting ID.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com or for the Zoom meeting link and ID.

SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The Seekers are currently reading *Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* by Richard Rohr and Mike Morrell. They meet at 9:15 am each Sunday. Please email Phyllis Blees at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for the Zoom meeting info.

STUDENT MINISTRY

PARENTS & STUDENTS—STAY IN THE KNOW! FOLLOW AUSTIN AREA EYC ON INSTAGRAM! The Austin Area EYC continues having fun activities at a safe distance. Follow [@austin_eyc](https://www.instagram.com/austin_eyc) on Instagram to stay connected to future opportunities for virtual worship and fun with other Episcopal youth from around the city. Direct Message on Instagram for Zoom links. Please contact Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at lrivas@st-michaels.org for more news about youth group happenings.

FAMILY MINISTRY

OUR ONLINE CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS are on hiatus for July to give everyone a break from screen fatigue. Stay tuned to the SMEC Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/St.Michaels.Austin/>, for pop-up activities and inspiration for family fun!

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

In thanksgiving for Michael, Maggie, and Melissa, children of Christine.

For all those traveling this summer.

For Shelby, who is experiencing age-related health issues.

COVID-19 RELATED

For Sara, who has COVID-19, and for the Hines family; may she recover safely and the rest of the family stay healthy.

For Rosa, cousin of Lena Carson, as she returns to her work as a physician.

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

For Stuart Wiggin, who is an EMT, that he might be safe and stay well.

Prayers for Drew Marye's stepsister, Sherry, who was diagnosed with COVID-19.

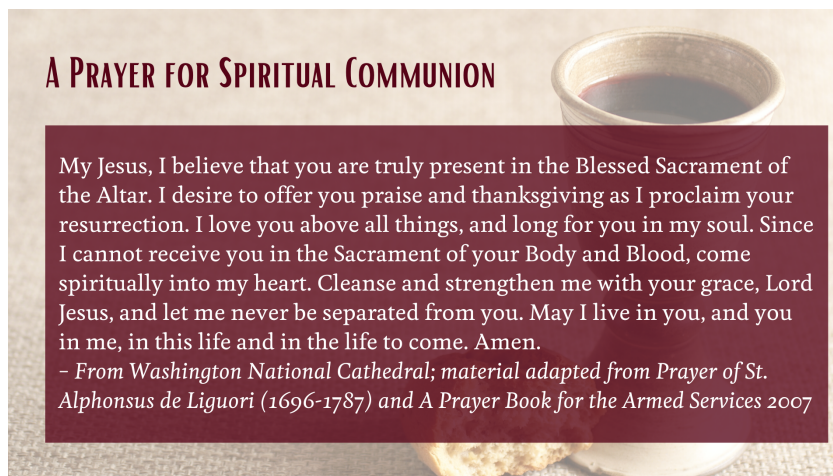
For all those without employment at this time.

For Hannah M.

All of our hospital workers, including J'aime, and Patty who works in Yale's ICU, and all who are keeping services for us.

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

For Ed Erdman.



RESOURCES

MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH

One Good Turn: <https://www.onegoodturn.org/covid-19-resources>

Corona Care Kit: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/3/folders/1CTVtsrX6AuO4PfvHSSStKdRLa0Cy95Xvj>

Texas Health & Human Services COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/8f1dee88001/d0a7b37e-45a2-4d63-aec6-ca2dd9aefb03.pdf>

PRAYER

Prayers for Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic: https://episcopalchurch.org/files/wol_prayers_for_pandemic_final.pdf

Society of Saint John the Evangelist: <https://www.ssje.org/>

Mission of St. Clare—Daily Office: <https://missionstclare.com/english/index.html>

Online Book of Common Prayer: <https://www.bcponline.org/>

Venite App: <https://www.venite.app/>

iACT's Daily Dose of Hope: <https://interfaithtexas.org/category/the-daily-dose-of-hope/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

United Way Emergency Food and Other Assistance: connectatx.org/

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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>.

The altar flowers this week are given to the glory of God.

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. The submission deadline is noon of the Wednesday prior to when you'd like to receive a blessing; email to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org.

READINGS, JULY 12, 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

SHARE YOUR WORSHIP PARTY PHOTOS!

Worshipping with your family, friends, pets? We'd 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.

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*