



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

AUGUST 2, 2020

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EPISCOPALIAN EDITION

This or That

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| INTINCT | or | DRINK |
| "AMAZING GRACE" | or | "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" |
| TRUNK OR TREAT | or | VBS |
| RITE I | or | RITE II |
| EVENING PRAYER | or | MORNING PRAYER |
| STAND | or | KNEEL |
| ACOLYTE | or | YOUTH READER |
| SPOKEN PSALM | or | CHANTED PSALM |
| WAFERS | or | BREAD |
| PSALM 23 | or | LORD'S PRAYER |
| ADVENT PURPLE | or | ADVENT BLUE |
| BCP* 1979 | or | BCP* 1928 |
| BIBLE STUDY | or | COFFEE HOUR |

*BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Dear St. Michael's family,

We present a little bit of interactive levity for this weekend.

Various This or That quizzes have been popular on social media, which inspired me to try my hand at one less food-oriented, in hopes of generating some good-natured conversation on Facebook and elsewhere.

This Sunday, August 2, we're going to try something new, different from a Zoom gathering—a **coffee chat**. **At 9:45 am**, our usual chat feed will show up on the homepage of our website, www.st-michaels.org, and you're invited to meet up, in pjs or Sunday best, with coffee or your favorite drink, and we'll just chat about the variety across our worship preferences. NO Zoom link or passcode needed, just sign in to the chat right on the website and join in!

We will wind up around 10:20 am before the 10:25 onscreen countdown begins to ready us for worship. You may need to refresh your browser by clicking the circular arrow in order to see the service.

Looking forward to chatting with you on Sunday!

Peace,

Christine Havens
Communication & Admin Assistant

GLIMPSES OF GRACE

Thoughts for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost by the Rev. Elizabeth Turner

At the conclusion of the Monty Python film, *The Life of Brian*, Brian is on a cross singing "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life." Sometimes it is a challenge to look on the bright side, especially after five months of doing our best to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our community from COVID-19. The bright side of life is clouded for some of us by palpable anxiety. Nevertheless, as people of faith, we believe that there is always a bright side. The question is, who or what brings light to our lives?

Constant sources of light for me are family, friends, and St. Michael's. But in the last week, I have been delighted by a parody of the *Hamilton* song, "You'll Be Back." The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector of St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Tifton, GA, watched *Hamilton* for the first time on July 3. He said he knew King George's song was meant as a threat, but "for us who miss the joy of in-person worship, 'You'll be back' is exactly the promise we need to hear." Fr. Lacy said that it felt like writing a love letter to the entire church and that he wanted to convey hope that this situation will not last forever and that worshippers will be back together even better than before. He said that hope is "not just an idle hope, it's a promise of my faith."

Even if you have not seen *Hamilton*, I promise that this video will brighten your day as Fr. Lacy sings and dances around his church in his cope and beretta. And yes, we WILL be back! Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFduNE4pXAQ>.

NOTES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! A BACK-TO-SCHOOL/BACKPACK BLESSING is in the works for the weekend of August 16. Stay tuned to the Trumpet for more details to come from Amanda Lang, our Family Minister. We will kick off Fall Children's programming that weekend, too!

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES The SMEC weekly Prayer Chain email format has changed slightly for ease of finding names within the Ongoing Prayers section and for Christine to keep track of those being prayed for. Prayers are listed in alphabetical order by first name or word. People listed in the New Prayers section move into the Ongoing Prayers the following week and will cycle off the prayer chain after 60 days, with the exception of the COVID-19 prayers. You are welcome to submit a new request after that. Please send any requests, updates, or corrections to Christine Havens, Communications & Admin Assistant, at chavens@st-michaels.org. It would be helpful to list the full name of the person or persons being prayed for and indicate how we should then share that information. There are many folks with the same or similar first names, and that way the office will know how to differentiate between them for pastoral care. If you'd like to subscribe to the prayer chain email, please contact Christine.

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! August's book selection is *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry; that discussion happens on **August 26 at 2:30 pm**. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com or 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. They generally gather **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** every other week. Please email Becky Brindley at rbrindley@yahoo.com for the Zoom link, password, and email updates.

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

EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:30 PM Led by Fr. John each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Please email jnewton@st-michaels.org for the Zoom meeting info or look for the information in our weekly Tuesday e-news.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY Weekly Tuesday Bible Study is at 1:00 pm, via Zoom. Please email mskeith@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.

Here are links to a couple of Zoom tutorials on YouTube. This one, <https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E>, from the Creative Life Center, is great for those just using the platform for joining meetings. Click this link, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnFSBjFvK2o>, for a more detailed tutorial or if you're interested in how to host a meeting. If you have questions about using Zoom that aren't answered in either of the videos or you need clarification, please email Luis Rivas at lrvivas@st-michaels.org about a Q&A session.

STUDENT MINISTRY

AVATAR IN AUGUST WITH ST. MICHAEL'S EYC! Sundays in August, from 4:00-6:00 pm, watch Nickelodeon's great animated series, *Avatar*, with your friends! Just download the Chrome extension, Netflix Party, and you're all set for throwback fun! Questions? Contact Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at lrvivas@st-michaels.org.

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 lrvivas@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! Fall programming will begin again in mid-August.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

For DeAnna Medart, Becky, and Kayden, and their family as they mourn the death of DeAnna's son Tanner Holland, and deal with ongoing health issues.

For Sandy, friend of Chris Whitty, who just passed away, and for her family.

For members of the military in, or returning to, active duty and their families.

For safe and healthy travels for the Killough family.

For Patti Culpepper, who passed away after a long bout with cancer; for the Culpepper family and for Sara Axton, Patti's cousin.

COVID-19 RELATED

For Liz, friend of Donna H., who just lost her husband to COVID

For Sue, friend of Donna H., who just lost her mother to COVID

For all children and teachers prepping for, and starting, the school year

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

For Marshall and Madison, family members of Margie Ayres, who have COVID-19.

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

The altar flowers this week are given to the glory of God, and by Karen & Bob Moody in celebration of their anniversary.

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. 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, AUGUST 2, 2020 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145: 8-9, 15-22

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

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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