



THE TRUMPET

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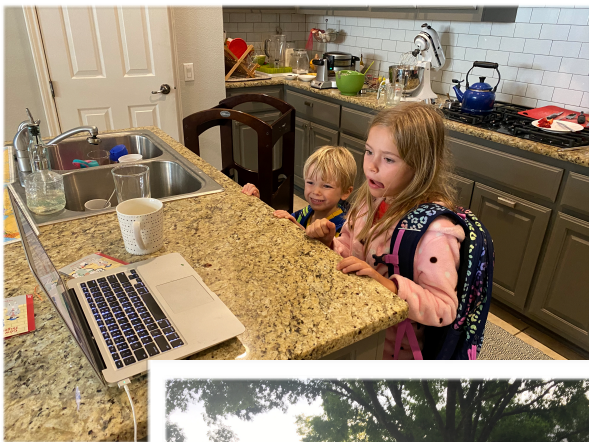
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH: RESILIENCE IN COMMUNITY

Fr. John began his March 17 Tuesday email in this way:

With each passing day, I am becoming increasingly aware that COVID-19 will alter the way we gather, connect, love, serve, pray, and be the Church over the course of the next few months. I do not wish for moments like this, and I will be the first to rejoice when life returns to normal. At the same time, I firmly believe that God will use this time to make us a more resilient church, a more grateful church, a more connected church.

Here are a few photos embodying John's statement, from our first foray into in-person worship on August 16, and from the Susan Watkins family, whose children, Hannah (7) and Jonah (5), participated in the virtual blessing of the backpack tags at the 10:30 am service. The tags will be given to all those in our church community readying for virtual learning.



GLIMPSES OF GRACE

Thoughts for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

You are so weak.

Give up to grace.

The ocean takes care of each wave 'til it gets to shore.

You need more help than you know.

Jalal al-Din Rumi, *Selected Poems*, p. 107, Penguin UK, 2015.

NOTES

WORSHIP SERVICES

10:30AM IN-PERSON WORSHIP SOFT LAUNCH On September 6, we will have a soft launch of in-person worship in the sanctuary. *Space is limited to 10 individuals.* Please RSVP to Christine Havens by calling the church at 512-327-1474 during office hours (M-Th, 9am-4pm); first come, first served.

CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR 8:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Attending the 8:00 am service? Text “SMEC” to 312-487-3550 and follow the prompts. Here is a link to the website, which has a video tutorial: <https://www.st-michaels.org/checkin-1>. Christine will be at a table on Sunday morning if you need assistance. If you’ve checked in successfully using your phone, just grab a bulletin and you’re all set!

PICNIC CHURCH This completely outdoor service will have a soft launch on Sunday, August 23 at 9:15 am. *This pilot service will be limited to 15 people.* Please email Mother Minerva at mskeith@st-michaels.org to reserve space.

UPDATED WEBSITE DESIGN! We’re still unveiling updates. You’re invited to take some time to visit and become familiar with the new layout; the URL is the same: www.st-michaels.org. One big change is that the service will not be on the homepage—there will be a quick link to take you to our streaming page.

IPHONE DRIVE The livestream production team is looking for some iPhone 6S and newer to help facilitate our process. We would like 2-3 donated on which the WiFi, battery, camera, and screen all work. We can only accept iPhones because of the app we use. Phones also have to be 6S or newer because the app isn’t supported by older phones. No SIM card required. Contact Luis Rivas at lrivas@st-michaels.org with any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! RECTOR’S BIBLE STUDY: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES TUESDAYS & SUNDAYS @NOON

What was the early church like? How did Christianity spread? What can we learn about the church’s mission today by studying the acts and actions of Jesus’s first apostles? These are just a few of the questions we will explore over a period of 14 weeks, **starting on September 8**. Sessions will be recorded and made available on YouTube for those who cannot attend a live one. Click the link for the full [syllabus](#). Zoom Link: Coming soon

ST. MATTHEW’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESENTS RACE LITERACY: A CONVERSATION WITH MILAGROS PHILLIPS

The online webinar will be Saturday, August 29, from 10:00-11:30 am. To register, folks can [CLICK HERE](#) to claim a spot, and click the link to learn more about Ms. Phillips: www.MilagrosPhillips.com. Please contact Fr. Christian Hawley at chawley@stmattsaustin.org for more information.

REGULAR ZOOM GATHERINGS

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 for more information. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96990719115?pwd=VjFkSWNYcmdyUnByN3Y4L3dhMisZUT09>; passcode:

HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/96990719115?PWD=VJFKSWNYCMDYUNBYN3Y4L3DHMISZUT09 OF ST. MICHAEL'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; the next gathering is August 24. 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 with Mother Minerva each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/506672577> or Dial by your location: +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston).

EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:30 PM Led by Fr. John each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> 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. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/210182059>.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blee with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com.

STUDENT MINISTRY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS STARTS UP ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2:45-4:00 PM VIA ZOOM! Contact Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at livas@st-michaels.org with any questions.

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 livas@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 livas@st-michaels.org for more news about youth group happenings.

FAMILY MINISTRY

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE-THROUGH BASH! SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 5:00-7:00 PM Come wave "Hi" and splash our church staff and SMEDS teachers! Back-to-schoolers and teachers are invited for backpack (+tablets + briefcases + plan books + masks + more) blessings and popsicle pick-ups! We will kick off Fall Children's programming that weekend, too! Contact Amanda Lang, Family Minister, at amanda@st-michaels.org for more info.

ONLINE CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS are on hiatus until August 23 to give everyone a break from screen fatigue. Stay tuned for more details to come!

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

For Lorene and Jill, aunts of Barbara Rusling, who are both in hospice care, and for their families during this difficult transitional time.

For Aaron and Leona, adult children of Barbara Rusling, that they remain safe and healthy as they face major moves and changes in their families.

For the people in Iowa affected by the devastating storm last week, many still without power.

For all those in California affected by the major wildfires.

COVID-19

For Marshall and Madison, family members of Margy Ayres, who have recovered from COVID-19.

For Rob Rhodes, college friend of Donna & Bill Hulsey, who recently died of COVID-19.

For Connor Clark, grandson of Susie Orum, who moved into his dorms at U-Nebraska.

For the Jacob and Abramo families.

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

For Liz, friend of Donna H., who lost her husband to COVID-19.

For Sue, friend of Donna H., who lost her mother to COVID-19.

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

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

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

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

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.

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/1CTVtsrX6AuO4PfvHSStKdRLa0Cy95Xvj>

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

<https://files.constantcontact.com/8f1dee88001/d0a7b37e-45a2-4d63-acc6-ca2dd9aefb03.pdf>

PRAYER

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

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/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Travis Co. Health & Human Services Family Support Services Division

<https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/community-centers>

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.

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 23, 2020 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

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.

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