



*Christ the True Vine, 16th
century Greek icon*

**St. Michael &
All Angels Church**

**The Fifth
Sunday of Easter**

MAY 2, 2021

9:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

If you worship here regularly: welcome.

If you haven't been in church for awhile: welcome.

If you have never been in church before: welcome.

ALL are welcome in this place!

(The words of welcome are inspired by the Easter Homily of St. John Chrysostom, c. 400)

The service is taken from the *Book of Common Prayer* (1979).

Today's Musicians:

Bob Bowman, Ken Gilman, Dale Karas, and Margo McCormick

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Give ear to my words, O God

WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you; allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and you shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; allelu, alleluia.

You do not live by bread alone, but by every word
That comes forth from the mouth of God; allelu, alleluia.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst;
And whatsoever you ask I will do; allelu, alleluia.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

May God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: Let the Spirit guide our understanding of this text.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 22

I will praise you, God Grail/Michael Guimont setting

I will praise you, God, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear. The poor shall eat and have their fill.
They shall praise God, those who seek. May their hearts live forever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to God. All families of the nations worship,
They shall worship, all the mighty of the earth, before God shall bow all who go
down to the dust.

And my soul shall live, my descendants serve. They shall tell of God,
Declare saving justice to the peoples yet unborn: "these are the things God has done."

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Deacon: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: **Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.**

SERMON

Mandy Taylor-Montoya

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of the Risen Christ be always with you!
People **And also with you!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY Psalm of Hope John Newton/Felix Goebal-Komala

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved and set me free.
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Far from my prayers, far from my cries, all day and night I call.
Yet, our ancestors put their trust in you.
You rescued them, you saved them from all foes.

But here am I, the scorn of all my people.
They say "if God is now your friend, let God rescue you."
From my mother's womb you are my God.
You held me up, you placed me in your arms.

I shall proclaim your name to the full assembly.
Those who fear God, exalt and praise; glorify our God.
All generations, all children of the earth;
Proclaim forever the wondrous deeds of God.

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as we work to continue our ministry and life together!*

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Presider All things come of you, O God.
People **And of your own have we given you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider Christ is Risen!
People **Christ is risen indeed!**
Presider Lift your hearts to heaven,
People **where Christ in glory reigns.**
Presider Let us give thanks to God.
People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (“Holy, holy, holy”)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

The presider continues:

Holy and gracious God . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption . . . now and for ever. **Amen!**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

COMMUNION

*As the presider and others receive communion,
you are invited to receive the sacrament you have reserved at home.
Or if you don't have the consecrated bread available,
you may join in this prayer as form of participation in the sacrament:*

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your church, where the Holy Eucharist is being celebrated this day, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, O Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory; and since I cannot receive you today in the physical presence of my community, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Restore and strengthen me with your grace, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and the life to come. In your holy Name I pray. Amen.

Adapted from *The Armed Forces Prayer Book*

COMMUNION MUSIC

The love of God

Michael Joncas

All that I counted as gain now I consider as loss,
Empty and worthless to me in the light of the love of my God.
Riches and honor will fade, earthly delight disappear,
Fade like the grass of the field in the light of the love of my God.

What more could bring us hope than to know the power of his life?
What more could bring us peace and to share in his suffering and death?
What more could be our final wish than to live in the love of our God?

Silver and gold have I none, no land to count as my home,
Wealth beyond measure I own in the light of the love of my God.
Faith is the wealth I possess finding its source in my God:
Faith in the promise of Christ is my life and my love of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to die on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of death; grant that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE ANCIENT EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God, the Holy and undivided Trinity, one God now and forever, be upon you and all whom you love, this day and always. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon
People

Let us live in the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

We will walk with God

Visit our website, www.stmichaelsabq.org, for sermons, **information about our church, and upcoming activities.**



Our flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God,
and in honor of the marriage of Pat Bivens and Judy Rowley.



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A NOTE ABOUT SUNDAY SERVICES GOING FORWARD

Our Reopening Committee has been meeting regularly to plan for how to continue our worship, both online and in-person. Having watched the public health numbers carefully, we believe that we can safely continue with our current schedule of offering an outdoor, in-person service at 11:30 am on Sundays at least through Pentecost (May 23).

Given the recent news in New Mexico, where infection rates have remained flat and well within our designated targets, we are also considering moving to indoor services in the near future, although the online service will remain. Stay tuned!

Reservations for each Sunday may be made at our website: www.stmichaelsabq.org.

The online 9:00 am service will also continue, as will curbside communion, to make worship as accessible as possible for us all.

Morning Prayer also continues online Monday through Friday at 8:00 am on Facebook, and Compline on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 pm (see our website for the link).

**Online services are available at www.facebook.com/smaaabq
or may be viewed later at:
www.stmichaelsabq.org/recent-recorded-worship-services**

The Sunday Forum

Sundays at 10 am, via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82487219114>

Meeting ID: 824 8721 9114

EASTER THEME:

"Transformation through Service"

This Sunday, May 2:

Casa San Miguel Food Pantry

Join us to hear and share our stories of transformation through service to the Casa San Miguel Food Pantry.

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Community Planting Day

Saturday, May 15

9 am til 1 pm

Including a BBQ Lunch!

Come and be a part of a great day...

**SOW SEEDS, IMPROVE OUR CAMPUS, ENJOY A
SPRING DAY OUTDOORS, FELLOWSHIP, EAT...**

Our work will involve:

Planting, mulching, and pruning

Painting

Parking lot clean-up

Improvements in the Courtyard

We expect to see an increase in campus activity and parish life in the coming weeks, as we move toward indoor worship and re-opening our office ...

So if you can come and be a part of this day of making our property welcoming and inviting for all, please let us know by registering [HERE](#).

SignUp Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094ba8a92ea5fc1-campus>

Please wear a mask. We will practice physical distancing.



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Please contact one of the clergy for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confession or Spiritual Direction, and Eucharist for the homebound

To ask for daily prayers, contact the Parish Office.

Emergency Pastoral Care: (505) 304-4741