ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

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March 12, 2023 Third Sunday in Lent Minerva #1 Colonia Delicias Cuernavaca, Morelos saintmichaelscuernavaca.org

WELCOME TO SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

We extend a warm welcome to you all and, as we celebrate our life and mission in Christ, we ask the blessings of God on our parishioners and those who are worshiping here for the first time. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing at the altar. Please join us for continued fellowship and refreshments in the Parish Hall or in the garden after the Service.

In the Anglican Communion:Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend A. Dharmaraj Rassalam and the Church of South India, the Most Revd. Enrique Treviño, our Presiding Bishop and the Diocese of Cuernavaca, for the Congregation of San Miguel Arcangel, The President of Mexico and all World Leaders

We keep in our prayers: Andrea, Charlie, Eduardo, Gonzalo, Father Bruce, Edward, Hank, Harriet, Helen, Howard and The Friend Family, Jimmy, Jorge, Kathryn, Maria Luisa, Marisela, Nicole, Raymundo, Salvador, Sheila, Suzi, Teri, René, Paul and Anita and William.

If you are interested in reading, greeting, or donating flowers for the altar, or bringing sweets or other treats for the coffee hour, please sign up on the list at the back of the church. Also if you would like to serve at the altar or help with communion, please speak to the Rev. Douglas Carter.

St. Michael's is a self-supporting Parish in the Diocese of Cuernavaca. Every year we give to support the Churches in the Diocese and numerous charities in the State of Morelos. We rely on the generosity of our members and visitors to implement the goals of our ministry.

Donations for niches: Information is available about the niches for both animal and human remains. If you are interested in obtaining a niche please see either Father Doug or Carol Hopkins.

We need flower donations for Sunday services. We have vases available and garden flowers or street corner flowers are more than welcome. Let us know whether they are in **Memory of** or **Thanksgiving for** a person or occasion. If we have that information in time it will be included in the Sunday Bulletin.

Thomas Esakin's Last Buddhist Meditation and Dhamma Talk for this season, Wednesday, March 22, 6-7PM.

Gilda Darlas' Spiritual Wisdom class is Mondays, 5-6, at *Discierne, Esquina of Nueva Ingleterra y Nueva Polonia. Gilda is also today's reader.*

Memory Care is offered Fridays 10-12 at the Parish Hall. Volunteers are welcomed.

Today is the third in a series of Teaching Eucharists. We will take a portion of our worship each Sunday to explain its history, usage, and theology. Today Father Doug will discuss the Great Thanksgiving, The Sanctus, The Consecration, The Lord's Prayer.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude:

Processional Hymn

Opening Acclamation

Collect for Purity

Kyrie Eleison

The Collect - **G**racious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament - 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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Psalm 23 In unison

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 - I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me;
 - your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil,and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle - Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Gradual Hymn

The Gospel - John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and #493

spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he,

sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."**The**

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Schedule of Services

Sunday - 10:45: Holy Eucharist

4:00: San Pablo Service in Spanish

In case of a pastoral or spirit related issue you can contact The Rev. Douglas Carter at the Casita and Church Office at **777 832 7054** or Cell **777 389 6981.**

Please sign up to be: a Greeter or Reader; to supply flowers for the Altar; or to bring coffee time cookies/cake. Information can be found on the table at the back of the Church.

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