

**St. Michael and All Angels Anglican/Episcopal Church
aspires to be a beacon of inclusive Christian spiritual growth and service in the State of
Morelos, Mexico.**

March 26, 2023, Fifth Sunday in Lent



Minerva #1

Colonia Delicias, Cuernavaca, Morelos

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.

Gilda Darlas' Spiritual Wisdom class is Mondays, 5-6, at *Discierne, Esquina of Nueva Inglaterra y Nueva Polonia.*

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

Friday, March 31, 5PM, Saint Michael's will host a concert of Sacred Music offered by our very own Gabriel Vargas, Andrea Rogel and other soloists. This is a rare opportunity for us to hear such talented musicians. Please come and support them. Tickets are on sale after church today or by using the QVR code on the poster outside.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude:

Processional Hymn

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Opening Acclamation

Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Kyrie Eleison

The Collect - **A**lmighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament - Ezekiel 37:1-14 The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Psalm 30 I will exalt you O Lord because you have lifted me up* and have not let my enemies triumph over me. 2. O Lord my God, I cried out to you* and you restored me to health. 3. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;* you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. 4. Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;* give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. 5. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,* his favor for a lifetime. 6. Weeping may spend the night,* but joy comes in the morning. 7. While I felt secure I said "I shall never be disturbed.* You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains. 8. Then you hid your face,* and I was filled with fear. 9. I cried to you, "O Lord;* I pleaded with the Lord saying. 10. "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?*" will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? 11. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy

upon me;* O Lord by my helper.” 12. You have turned my wailing into dancing;* you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy. 13. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;* O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

The Epistle - Romans 8:6-11 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through the spirit that dwells **in you**.

Gradual Hymn

#365

The Gospel - John 11:1-45 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to

weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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Ministry

- Bishop:** The Rt. Revd. Enrique Treviño Cruz
Rector: The Rev. Douglas Carter
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- Hospitality Ministry:** Debbie Jeffress
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- Choristers:** Patricia Bridger, Susan Kirago, Andrea Rogel, Kay Godrey, Suzie Jeffress, Ian Thomas, Jim Blanchard, Lucia Rogel, Yolanda Fernández, Gabriela Díaz, Roberto Zarate
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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.

Any news, dedications or special prayers you would like included in the bulletin and/or service, please contact Carol Hopkins **carolhop1@gmail.com** or cell **777-328-0637**. **Mexican peso check donations** should be made payable to St. Michael and All Angels A.C. **US dollar check donations** should be made payable to just St. Michael and All Angels. **Donations can also be made on our new website.** saintmichaelcuernavaca.org **Check out how easy it is!!!** **If you require a US tax deductible receipt,** U.S. dollar check donations should be made payable to DFMS which must be accompanied by a letter which Alistair Richardson, SMAAA treasurer can prepare for you.