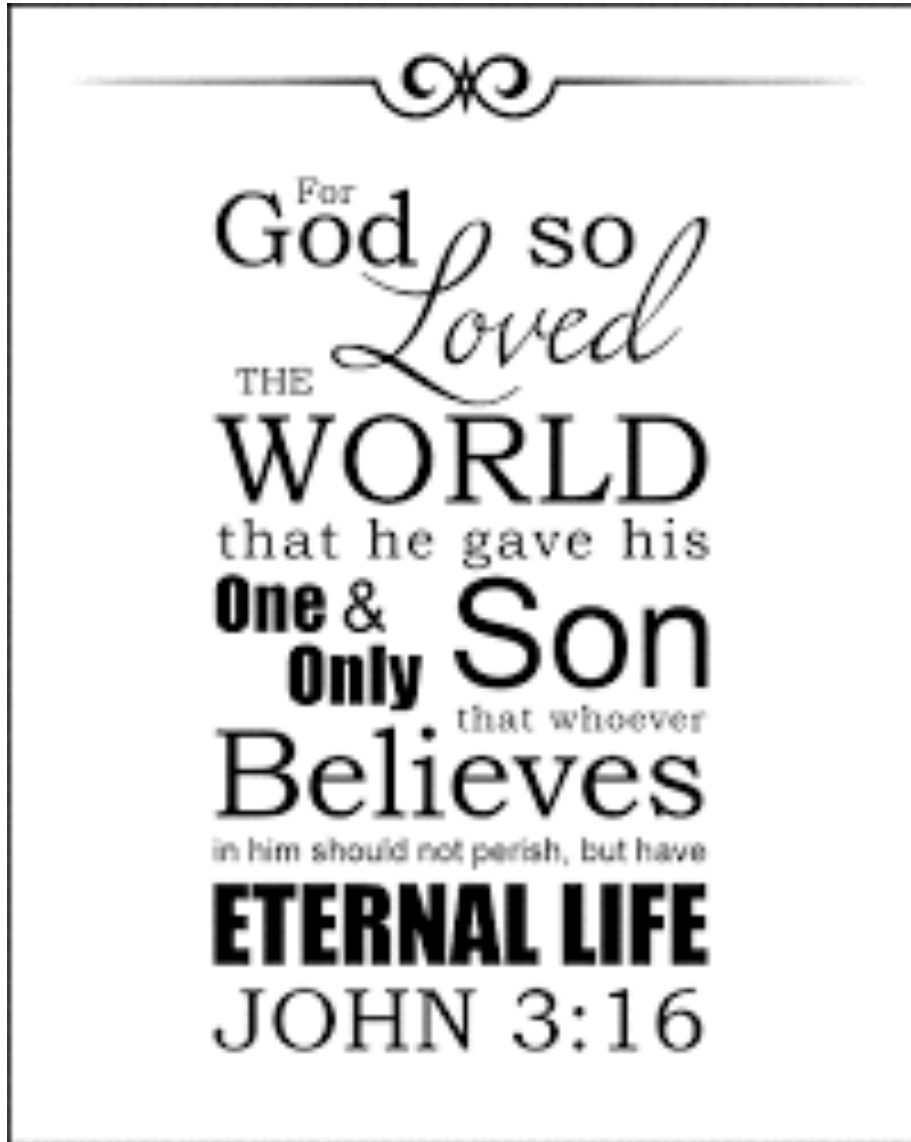


ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

*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 5, 2023
Second 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: We pray for The Church of Pakistan (United), 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, 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 Buddhist Meditation and Dhamma Talks Wednesday, March 8, 6-7PM.

Today is our second in a series of Teaching Eucharists. We will take a portion of our worship each Sunday to explain its history, usage, and theology. Today we examine pages 355-356, that is, the Opening Acclamation, the Collect for Purity, the Gloria, and the Kyrie. I hope you enjoy it. Douglas

Our readers today are our 3 generations of Jeffress women: Debbie, Suzie, and Natalia!

Today's flowers are given by the Reverend Nati Rangel in gratitude for her fellowship with our welcoming parish of Saint Michael and All Angels! We couldn't be happier. Thank you Mother Nati for allowing us to be your home church!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude:

Processional Hymn

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Kyrie Eleison

The Collect O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Genesis 12:1-4a The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121 - Read by half verse at the asterisk

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle: Romans 4: Portions

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gradual Hymn

#448 1,3,6

Gospel - John 3: 1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Sermon

The Rev. Douglas Carter

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St. Michael's Welcomes Visitors

The Great Thanksgiving

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Ministry

Bishop:	The Rt. Revd. Enrique Treviño Cruz
Rector:	The Rev. Douglas Carter
Senior Warden	Judy Frothingham
Junior Warden:	John Stelly
Treasurer:	Alistair Richardson
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Hospitality Ministry:	Debbie Jeffress
Communicator:	Carol Hopkins
Music Ministry:	Gabriel Vargas, Organist and Andrea Rogel Choir Leader
Choristers:	Patricia Bridger, Susan Kirago, Andrea Rogel, Kay Godrey, Suzie Jeffress, Ian Thomas, Jim Blanchard, Lucia Rogel, Yolanda Fernández, Gabriela Díaz, Roberto Zarate
Altar Guild:	Debbie Jeffress, Kristen and Marisela Lathrop.
Acolytes:	Jorge Bredée, Erika Mayen
Support Team:	Remigio Garcia, Guadalupe Estrada Gallardo, Adriana Estrada Gallardo, Cati Rodriguez

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 **777 316 2841** 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. **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.