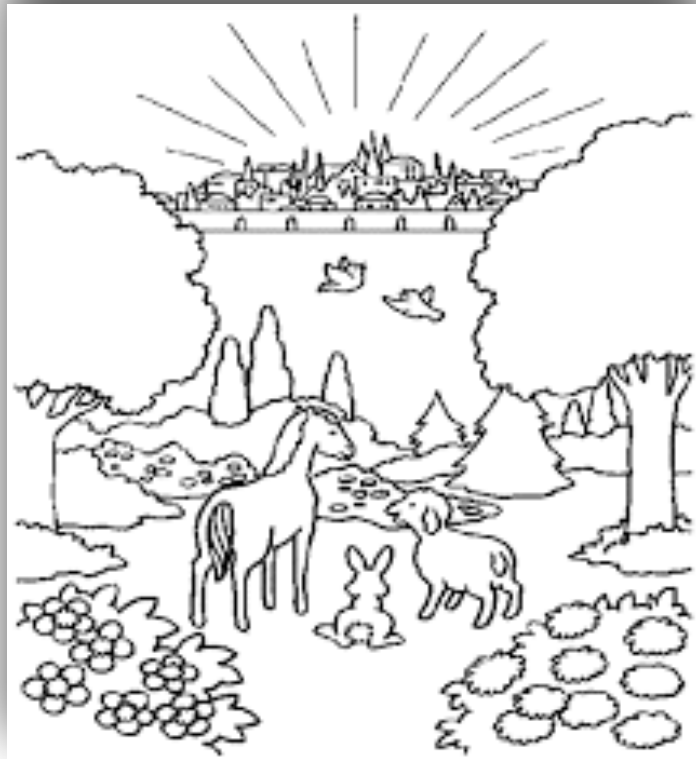


***St. Michael and All Angels Anglican/Episcopal Church
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July 30, 2023.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



How would YOU describe the Kingdom of Heaven?

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WELCOME TO SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

We extend a warm welcome to you all and we give great thanks for the return of our beloved Rev. Gillian Ball to today's service. We celebrate our life and mission in Christ, we ask the blessings of God on our parishioners and those who are worshipping 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 particular we pray: for The Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, for the Most Revd. Enrique Treviño, our Presiding Bishop and the Diocese of Cuernavaca, for the Congregations of SMAAA and San Pablo, The President of Mexico and all World Leaders

We keep in our prayers: Maria Fernanda, Andrew, Karin, Aunt Kay, Tamara, Andrea, Charlie, Eduardo, Gonzalo, Father Bruce, Edward, Harriet, Helen, Howard and The Friend Family, Jimmy, Jorge, Kathryn, Maria Luisa, Marisela, Nicole, Raymundo, Sheila, Suzi, Teri, René, Paul and Anita and William, Carolyn & David Holmes.

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 read, 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 in our Columbarium. For the month of June we are offering a special reduced rate of 10,000P. Please see Father Doug, Mario or Carol for further information.

We need a flower coordinator for Sunday services. Is that your calling? If so, please see either Judy or Carol to volunteer. 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.

Hank Frothingham's Funeral Service will be held this Tuesday, August 1, 12 noon. It will be followed by a luncheon at Judy and Hank's home on Humboldt. All in the church are invited to attend. Please, if you have not already RSVP'd to Judy, please do so today.

Wednesday, August 9, 4PM, SMAAA will host the 3rd in our 2023 Lecture Series. Our speaker will be **Ann Moxey, Founder and President of Parinaama.** Ann is an inspiring speaker and will talk about her work and the work of many other yoga instructors to bring hope and a new beginning through yoga to prisoners in Mexico, Central America and the United States. We hope to have a large crowd and need volunteers to help with hospitality.

Today's Lector: Carol Hopkins

ORDER OF SERVICE - PENTECOST 9

Prelude:

Processional Hymn

Hymnal #405

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

TRISAGION

The Hymnal S101

The Collect: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen*

Old Testament Reading Genesis 29:15-28 Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. "The Word of the Lord."

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105: Woman read to the asterisk and men beyond.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

The Gradual

Hymnal #410

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

People: "Glory to you, Lord Christ."

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” **The Gospel of the Lord.**

People “Praise to you Lord Christ.”

The Homily

Reverend Gillian Ball

The Apostle’s Creed

BCP 358

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Form 4, BCP 388

The Exchange of the Peace

Announcements

The Communicator

Offertory Anthem

Choir

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

The Sanctus

The Hymnal S125

The Lords Prayer

BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Communion (By Your Own Intinction)

Communion Hymn

The Post Communion Prayer
BLESSING with Sung AMEN
Recessional Hymn
Dismissal
Postlude

BCP 366

Hymnal # 493

Ministry

Bishop: The Rt. Reverend Enrique Treviño Cruz
Rector: The Rev. Douglas Carter
Senior Warden Judy Frothingham
Junior Warden: John Stelly
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Hospitality Ministry: Debbie Jeffress
Communicator: Carol Hopkins
Social Media: Maria Jose
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Technical Support: Steve and Angel Farmer
Music Ministry: Gabriel Vargas, Organist & Andrea Rogel, Choir Leader
Choristers: Patricia Bridger, Susan Kirago, Andrea Rogel, Kay Godfrey, Suzie Jeffress, Ian Thomas, Jim Blanchard, Lucia Rogel, Yolanda Fernández, Gabriela Díaz, Roberto Zarate, Isabel Graves
Altar Guild: Debbie Jeffress, Kristen and Marisela Lathrop.
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Support Team: Remigio Garcia, Guadalupe Estrada Gallardo, Adriana Estrada Gallardo, Cati Rodriguez

Schedule of Services

Sunday - 10:45: Holy Eucharist

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**.
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