



St. Michael and All Angels
Episcopal Church

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 9, 2025 AT 9:00AM

Prelude: Sue Hoadley, Harp

Opening: The Glory of These Forty Days

Gather #481

Offertory: Somebody's Knockin'

Gather #470

Communion Hymn: Where Two of Three are Gathered

Gather #907

Closing Hymn: Forty Days and Forty Nights

Gather #483

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91 *The congregation is invited to join in signing the refrain*



Be with me, Lord, when I am in trou - ble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the
Most High,
and abides in the shade of the
Almighty,
says to the LORD, "My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I
trust!" R.

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach your tent.
For you has he commanded his angels
to keep you in all your ways. R.

They shall bear you upon their hands,
lest you strike your foot against a

stone.

On the lion and the viper you will tread,
and trample the young lion and the
serpent. R.

Since he clings to me in love, I will
free him,
protect him, for he knows my name.

When he calls on me, I will answer
him;

I will be with him in distress;
I will deliver him, and give him
glory. R.

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A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** Luke 4: 1- 13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Gospeler The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher

The Rev. Simone Drinkwater

ANNOUNCEMENTS

More information on upcoming events can be found at stmichaelsabq.org/info

TONIGHT AT 5PM! Game night with the Diocesan LGBTQ+ ministry Sunday, March 9 at 5pm at Slice and Dice, 2225 Wyoming Blvd NE, Albuquerque NM, 87112. What could be more fun than pizza, sandwiches, and games? They have tons of games to choose from there or you can bring your own to share. This is a family event. All ages are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

3/12 - 4/9, 5:30PM - 7:00PM SACRED GROUND Facilitated by Rev. Simone Drinkwater, the curriculum for this 5-week class is built around powerful films and readings designed to enable dialogue on race, ethnicity and history. The Lenten series from the Episcopal Church helps us to stand for a community where all people are honored, protected, and nurtured as beloved children of God. Register using the website at the top of this page.

3/13, 2:00PM THE “CLASSICS” SENIOR MINISTRY will meet on Thursday, March 13 at 2:00 pm in the Pavilion. We will have a presentation from Bruce Roach from the Navajoland Ministry. This will definitely be an interesting and informative presentation. You are always encouraged to bring someone with you to this monthly senior “get-together.”

PRIZE DRAWING: ENTER YOUR INFORMATION IN REALM On April 27th, the Second Sunday of Easter, we will have a drawing for some fabulous prizes. To enter all you have to do is sign into Realm and update your and your household's information, including adding a photo and selecting your skills and interests. If you need help accessing Realm please contact our office administrator Codey Morales at codeym@stmichaelsabq.org or by calling the main church number 505-345-8147 during office hours (Monday through Thursday 9am-3pm.) Codey isn't available on Tuesday mornings 10am-11:30am due to our regular staff meeting.

FOOD PANTRY Canned veggies and peanut butter have been difficult to get through Roadrunner Food Bank recently. Please bring a few cans/jars or maybe case lots from Costco or sales at other grocery stores. Brown paper and plastic grocery bags or empty egg cartons are always needed and so appreciated. We use the plastic ones to redistribute large deliveries such as fruits and vegetables.

THURSDAY CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER Contemplative prayer continues to meet on Thursdays at 10:30am. Our time together begins with an opportunity to quietly engage scripture followed by a 20-minute sit and walking meditation. Participants then have an option to move to the Library for conversation exploring contemplative principles from the desert mystics (no preparation required) or to remain in the sanctuary for a second 20-minute sit. All are welcome!