



# Michael's Messenger

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## St. Michael's Christmas Services

The Service of Lessons and Carols  
Sunday, Dec. 10th, 10am (with Holy Communion)

The Christmas Pageant: Featuring St. Michael's Sunday School  
Children  
Sunday, Dec. 17th, 10am (with Holy Communion)

Christmas Eve Services  
Sunday, Dec. 24th  
10am - Holy Eucharist  
7:00pm - Carol Singing  
7:30pm - Christmas Eve Service  
Holy Communion  
Candle Lighting Service

Christmas Day  
Monday, Dec. 25th, 10am  
Christmas Morning Service with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve  
Sunday, Dec. 31st  
8:30am - Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am - Holy Eucharist (with music)



# UPCOMING READINGS

## **Dec 3-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 64:1-9  
 Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18  
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
 Mark 13:24-37

## **Dec 10-2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Lessons & Carols**

## **Dec 17-3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent; Christmas Pageant**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
 Psalm 126  
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

## **Dec 24-4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
 Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26  
 Romans 16:25-27  
 Luke 1:26-38

## **Dec 25-The Birth of the Lord**

Isaiah 52:7-10  
 Psalm 98  
 Hebrews 1:1-4  
 John 1:1-4

## **Dec 31-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
 Psalm 148  
 Galatians 4:4-7  
 Luke 2:22-40

## **Jan.7-Epiphany & Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Psalm 72:1-14  
 Acts 19:1-7  
 Mark 1:4-11

## **Jan. 14-2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

1 Samuel 3:1-10  
 Psalm 139:1-5 & 12-17  
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
 John 1:43-51

## **Jan. 21-3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
 Psalm 62:5-12  
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
 Mark 1:14-20

## **Jan. 28-4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

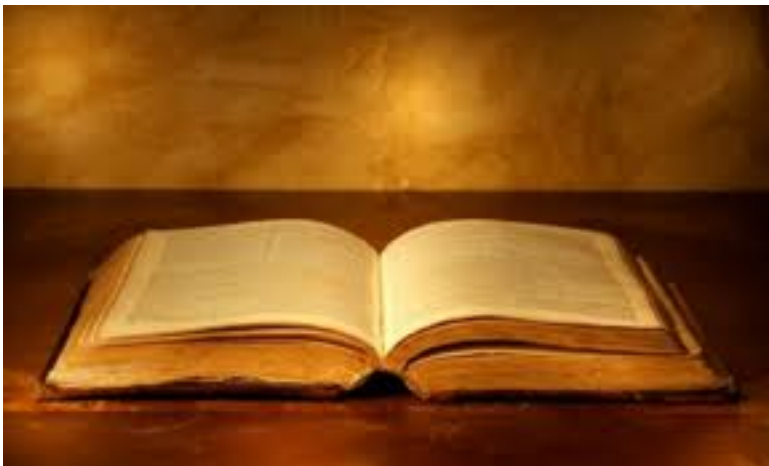
Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
 Psalm 111  
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
 Mark 1:21-28

## **Feb 4-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 40:21-31  
 Psalm 147:1-11  
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
 Mark 1:29-39

## **Feb 11-Transfiguration Sunday**

2 Kings 2:1-12  
 Psalm 50:1-6  
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
 Mark 9:2-9



## A Christmas Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,

You have filled our lives with countless blessings, and our hearts with peace and love. We thank You for this wonderful season and for the gifts it brings to us, but most importantly, we thank You for the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who was Your gift to the world. Help us to follow His teachings and find our way through the darkness. Give us the strength to find joy wherever we are, safe in the knowledge that we are loved by You. Remind us that no matter where we are, that we are never, ever alone. Through the glory that is Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen

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*The 39 Articles of the Anglican Communion are published in the 1604 Book of Common Prayer. Three of the articles were published in a St. Michael's Messenger a while ago. Here are three more. Taken from <http://www.anglican.ca/about/beliefs/39-articles/>*

#### VIII. Of the Creeds.

The Three Creeds, *Nicene Creed*, *Athanasius's Creed*, and that which is commonly called the *Apostles' Creed*, ought thoroughly to be received and believed: for they may be proved by most certain warrants of holy Scripture.

#### X. Of Free-Will.

The condition of Man after the fall of *Adam* is such, that he cannot turn and prepare himself, by his own natural strength and good works, to faith, and calling upon God: Wherefore we have no power to do good works pleasant and acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christ preventing us, that we may have a good will, and working with us, when we have that good will.

#### XXXIV. Of the Traditions of the Church.

It is not necessary that Traditions and Ceremonies be in all places one, and utterly like; for at all times they have been divers, and may be changed according to the diversities of countries, times, and men's manners, so that nothing be ordained against God's Word. Whosoever through his private judgement, willingly and purposely, doth openly break the traditions and ceremonies of the Church, which be not repugnant to the Word of God, and be ordained and approved by common authority, ought to be rebuked openly, (that others may fear to do the like,) as he that offendeth against the common order of the Church, and hurteth the authority of the Magistrate, and woundeth the consciences of the weak brethren.

Every particular or national Church hath authority to ordain, change, and abolish, ceremonies or rites of the Church ordained only by man's authority, so that all things be done to edifying.

# I Always Had to Carry the Myrrh

~submitted by Val

Not for me the glitter of gold,  
nor the gummy fragrance of frankincense.  
Those great and glorious gifts  
that spoke of royalty and worship, dignity and adoration,  
were carried by others deemed more worthy of their glory.  
I always had to carry the myrrh,  
reluctant bearer of an unwelcome gift.  
I had heard the hymn often enough.  
I knew what its bitter perfume meant.  
"Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb."  
It was as if I pierced the joy of every Christmas pageant  
with the desolation of Good Friday,  
dragging my feet up the aisle,  
sure no one wanted my gift to be given.  
Decades have passed since I last crossed that stage.  
The years have taught me the richness of that gift.  
To enter suffering knowing it will bend but not break you,  
silence the body but not the soul,  
is to rob it of its pain  
and to release its power.  
If I were to carry the myrrh once again,  
I would not skulk my way to the Christ child.  
No, I would carry it as the precious gift it is --  
the bittersweet fragrance of life itself.

Cheryl Kristolaitis