**DIRECTOR OF PARISH MUSIC**

**St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church**

**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

St. Michael & All Angels Church is seeking a part-time (20 hours/week) Director of Parish Music to partner with us in reimagining our music program. The parish is a socially and theologically progressive community, inviting all people to seek a life of spiritual growth grounded in worship, prayer, study, service and fellowship.

We want to broaden our music program to reflect the diversity, artistic ethos, and spiritual depth the congregation already possesses. Our vision is for the parish to be a true singing congregation, where music helps make community by including classical, acoustic, gospel, contemplative, world music, and jazz genres. In the past, the parish has been divided into three separate services, each with its own musical style (an early contemplative service with plainsong chant, a mid-morning service with an acoustic ensemble, and a later morning service with four-part choir). As we come out of the pandemic closure, our goal is to develop a common repertoire of music that will unite us as a parish. We also envision shifting the music program beyond being oriented solely “in house,” reaching outside the parish to support and utilize musical resources from throughout the community as a form of outreach, including groups who already perform in our space.

In the transitional moment churches are in as they emerge from the pandemic, we anticipate that our music program will develop around the experience and expertise of the Director of Music, though not be limited by them. Currently, the worship schedule is one online and one in-person service each Sunday; going forward, that schedule will certainly be adapted, and the Director of Music will be part of designing and implementing whatever changes evolve—while remaining within the allotted time commitment of the position.

The Director of Music reports to the Rector, and works collaboratively with other paid lead musicians (including an organist/accompanist) to plan and execute the music program, in particular directing the volunteer parish choir and other ensembles. The distribution of responsibilities can be adapted to the successful candidate’s personal skills and experience.

Salary will be commensurate with experience, and includes paid time off and a pension benefit. The start date will be as soon as practical upon appointment. A knowledge of the musical tradition of the Episcopal Church is helpful, but more important is a broad familiarity with resources and trends in church music across multiple denominations. Previous experience directing and coaching adult choral groups, familiarity with leading liturgical worship, and skill in developing participatory congregational singing are all desirable qualifications.

To apply, please send a cover letter addressing the vision described in this announcement, a personal resume, and the names of three references to:

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