

A Christ-Centered Community of Practice Awaking to the Abiding Presence of God

# WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

# WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept. Please stand when you hear the music for the first hymn.

### HYMN



verse 2. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine Here in the love of Christ I stand.

verse 3. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

### ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### SONG OF PRAISE





# COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

The new community of believers in the resurrected Jesus devote themselves to teaching and fellowship, to sharing in eucharistic meals, and to the prayers.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Following the Lesson...

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 23



1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.
RESPONSE

3 He revives my soul \* and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. RESPONSE

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \* and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

RESPONSE

### THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2: 19-25

Disciples are called to bear undeserved suffering with patience, even as Christ has set an example for us, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

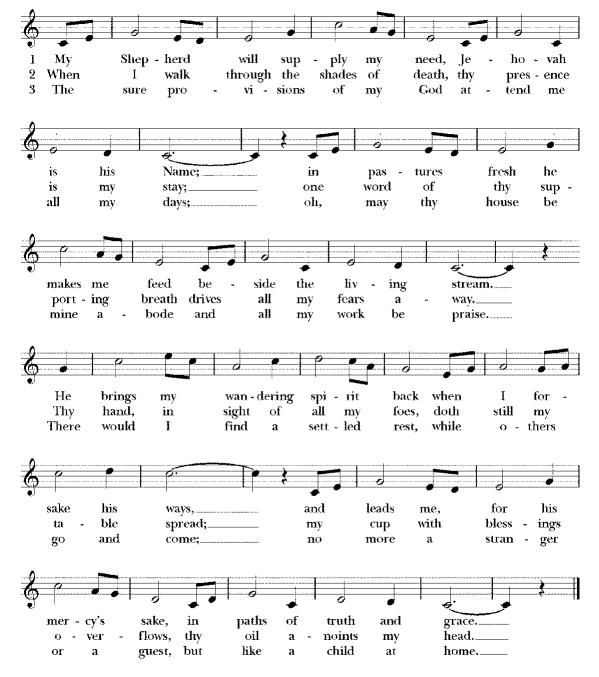
When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Following the lesson...

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people **Thanks be to God.** 

HYMN The Hymnal 664

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THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10: 1-10

Two related images in which Jesus is first the shepherd in charge of the sheep and then the gate through which the sheep enter. Preceding the Gospel...

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Following the Gospel...

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON** 

The Reverend Mary Lindquist

After the sermon a period of silence is kept

# WE PRAY FOR GOD'S CREATION, FOR THE WORLD, AND FOR THE CHURCH

The Leader bids us to pray for the sick and suffering, for those who have asked for our prayer, for those who rejoice in life events and for those who have died.

Intercessor:

Risen Lord,

People:

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant bids

THE PEACE

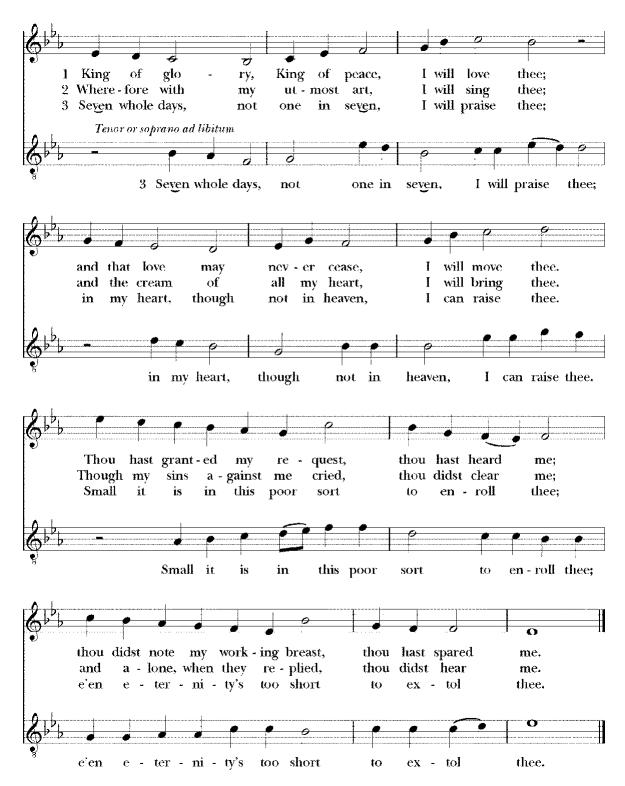
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN The Hymnal 382

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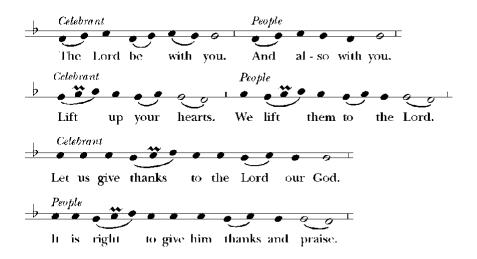
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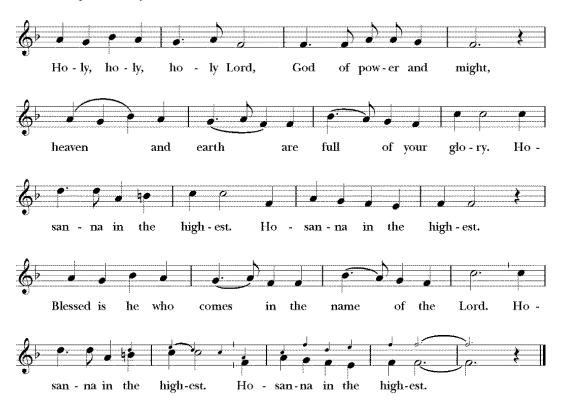
### **OFFERING**

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# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Presider praises God for God's creation and love.



The Presider recalls and makes present for all Jesus' life and last supper.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider asks the Holy Spirit to consecrate the bread and the wine to be God's holy food.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, People and Celebrant

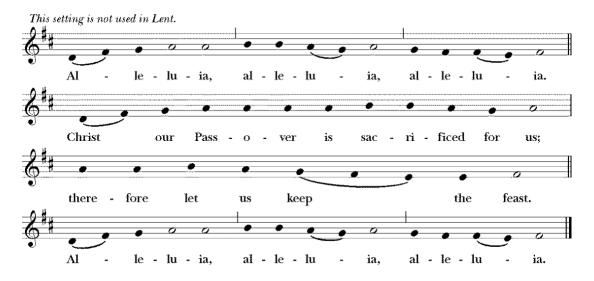
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread as all sing



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

We who are many are one Body, for we all share one bread and one cup.

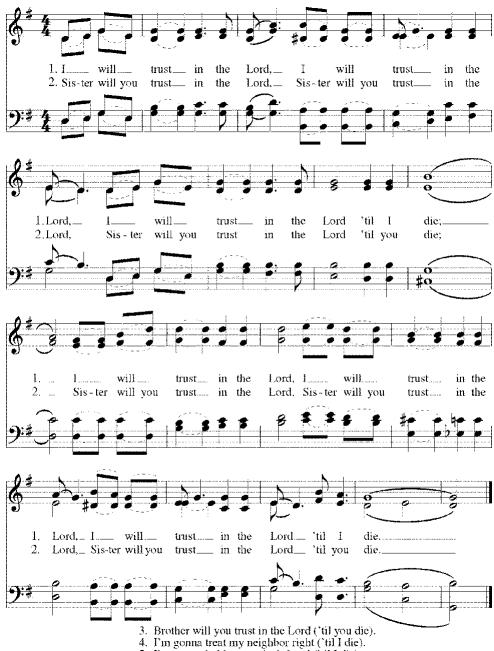
My God, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into our hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Presence.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN Levas 193



5. I'm gonna hold my savior's hand ('til I die).

DISMISSAL

### CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Carol Beninati and Bruce Landenberger, Monday; Bill Ames, Tuesday; Mark Mayer, Wednesday; Diane Pitcher and Beatrice Johnson, Thursday; Opal Mayer, Friday.

"Wednesdays with the Saints" and the Thursday Contemplative services are now online. Please check the website at www.stmichaelsvermont.org for updates about all of St. Michael's services and activities online.