

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

a Christ-centered community of practice awakening to the abiding presence of God

Trinity Sunday

June 7, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Blessed be God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Celebrant Lord have mercy.
People **Christ have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1: 1-2:4a

The story of creation

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

CANTICLE 13

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes his painful letter to the Corinthians with final admonitions and words of peace and love.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Following the lesson...

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus makes his last appearance to his disciples and gives them their mission to baptize and teach through all the world.

Preceding the Gospel...

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Following the Gospel...

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Adwoa Lewis Wilson

After the sermon a period of silence is kept

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Holy Spirit, with great power,
People: **Come among us.**

Prayers are offered for the world, the church, the sick, etc. followed by a period of silence. Congregation members are invited to offer intercessions during the silence, either aloud or silently.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Following the Peace, the Celebrant recites a sentence from Holy Scripture; all prepare for the Holy Eucharist.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

THE OFFERING

We ask you to continue to support St. Michael's during this time of physical separation. Please send your pledges or donations through the mail or online on our website, www.stmichaelsvermont.org, pressing the "Donate now" button on the top right hand corner. Our ministry at St. Michael's depends on your generosity.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant recalls (and makes present for all) Jesus' life and last supper.

The Celebrant 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,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAD IS BROKEN

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant: We who are many are one Body;

People: For we all share one bread, one cup.

Dear 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)

PRAYER

Almighty God, giver of all good things,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of your presence
which unites us to you and to one another.
Keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship,
and give us the grace to offer ourselves wholly,
all that we have and are,
to serve you faithfully in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**WE ARE SENT AND GO FORTH
INTO THE WORLD**

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Participants Today

Kate McGinn, Reader and *Jay Pomponio*, Prayer Leader

At St. Michael's we believe that God's love is unconditional. We welcome all people and we affirm the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a beloved child of God.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP ON LINE OR BY TELEPHONE

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday
Evening Prayer, 5-5:30 pm, Every day
Wednesday with the Saints, 12-12:30 pm, Wednesday
Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: *Louise LaChance*, Today; *Larry Earle*, Tuesday; *Jon Davis*, Wednesday; *Martha Moravec*, Thursday; *Betsy Bates*, Friday; *John Byrnes*, Saturday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: *Greg & Kelli Allen* and *Douglas & Ann Bonneville*, Wednesday and *Joao d'Alcaravela & Carol Blanchard*, Saturday.

ADULT FORUM TODAY: "Where are we now? Reflecting on the events in our nation over the last two weeks. How do we respond as Christians to all that we are living now?"
Please note, we have shifted the Adult Forum scheduled for June 7 to June 14 & 21, "Catching up with St. Michael's parishioners who have moved away."

[Click this Link](#) to enter the meeting on Sunday mornings, Meeting ID: 932 0641 6516
Password: theology

Call by phone: +1 646 558 8656, Meeting ID: 932 0641 6516, Password: 679508

SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S LIVE STREAM MINISTRY!: For better or worse, "livestreaming" St. Michael's worship services has become an integral part of our ministry at St. Michael's. The experience of creating ways for people at home to connect to our Sunday worship has taught us how vital this ministry is, not just in this pandemic time, but also in the future.

Livestreaming our services allows us to:

- Reach people who are unable to come to our services for health, or work, or transportation reasons;
- Reach people who want to know more about Christ, faith, the Episcopal expression of faith;
- Help everyone -- regardless of age, health, work schedule, or transportation -- to have access to our ministry together during this uncertain time; and
- Have the capacity to record music, concerts and plays that we hope to offer in the future.

In anticipation of the day when we can gather a few people in the church, **we are hoping to raise \$15,000** to equip our sanctuary with cameras and audio equipment to provide higher quality livestream services. Higher quality livestream will mean no more Zoom distortions in sound quality, a much higher resolution of video images and the ability to view different parts of the church (the organ, choir, altar, etc.) through different cameras.

We hope you will consider supporting this exciting and important ministry if you are able.

Please send your contributions to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Livestream Ministry, 16 Bradley Avenue, Brattleboro, Vermont. You may also give online at our website, www.stmichaelsvermont.org and choose "Donate Now" on the top right hand corner.

Thank you for your generosity!

SAYING GOODBYE TO DUNCAN

Duncan's last Sunday with us will be June 14. We are so sorry that we are not able to gather together to give him a proper send off. Instead, we ask you all to send Duncan a card or a letter to let him know how much he means to us. We are also collecting financial gifts for Duncan for a "purse" to help him in the next chapter of his life. Checks may be sent to St. Michael's (16 Bradley Avenue, Brattleboro, VT 05301) with "gift for Duncan" clearly marked.

- **PLANS FOR JUNE 14 SERVICES ON DUNCAN'S LAST DAY WITH ST. MICHAEL'S:** On Sunday, June 14, our services will focus on reflecting and giving thanks for the Ministry of Discipleship and Discernment which Duncan Hilton has led these last three years. For the sermon time, we have invited four people to reflect on this ministry during the sermon time. Please join us for this important celebration!
- **CELEBRATE DUNCAN WITH A TOAST, SUNDAY JUNE 14, 5 PM!** Although we cannot gather to fete Duncan and thank him for his presence and ministry at St. Michael's, we can still celebrate! Please join with others from St. Michael's over Zoom on Sunday, June 14 at 5 pm.

This is a FESTIVE occasion, so please **dress up in your finest duds** – pearls, hats, tux, lipstick – all the stuff you don't get a chance to wear these days.

- Bring a fancy glass (wine glass, champagne flute, etc.) with a beverage of your choice (juice, milk, wine, beer....) for toasts
- Be prepared to give a toast or a roast

L'ARCHE IN VERMONT, ZOOM SOCIAL GATHERING, TODAY, 4 PM:

There will be a L'Arche in Vermont social gathering on Zoom on Sunday June 7 at 4:00 pm. We will be playing follow the leader (Zoom style), we will make up nonsense stories, and we will play 'babble' a fun game where we talk gibberish about a random topic. This will give us a chance to gather and be silly together. We will laugh, have fun, and connect. Did we also mention June 7th is national chocolate ice cream day? So bring your bowls of ice cream and come gather with us virtually. If you have questions, contact Mandy at mandy.white.diamondstone@gmail.com

Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85480190575?pwd=ZGVmZUVESDBxekVNdm9mamFseXU0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 854 8019 0575

OR

Dial +1 646 558 8656

WEDNESDAYS WITH THE SAINTS, 12-12:30 PM: During this time of crisis, let us revisit the stories of the holy men and women of our Christian history as a source of inspiration. This will be a simple gathering of prayer, story and conversation.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#), Meeting ID: 833 4817 0150, Password: Amen

Or Dial in with your phone: +1 646 558 8656 US, Meeting ID: 833 4817 0150 Password: 402428

ST. MICHAEL'S THURSDAY EVENING CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE, JUNE 11 , 5:30

PM: Join the Contemplative Service via Zoom at 5:30 pm on June 11 at 5:30 pm. This will be very much like our usual Thursday service, except we will not be able to gather together in the Chapel. The 30-minute service includes chant, Lectio Divina and silence. Please join in today at 5:30 at: [Join Zoom Meeting](#), Meeting ID: 935 3147 8931 Password: Amen

Or Dial in with your phone: +1 646 558 8656, Meeting ID: 935 3147 8931 Password: 472051

THANKS FROM KRISTEN SULZMAN, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR

SOUTHERN STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN SPRINGFIELD: Your wonderful donations of shoes, clothing and toiletries as well as new socks and underwear are signs of the truly giving and wonderful people in Vermont! During this pandemic, many men who have supports and can be safe are being released to the community. However, many have been incarcerated for a long time and literally have nothing.

I have organized and looked at everything that was donated. Toiletries can always be used here for those leaving, for the holidays, as well as for Bingo prizes. The greeting cards in one of the bags are beautiful! Due to no in-person visits, the guys are writing a lot. Shampoo in clear bottles, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes,, back packs, and duffle bags are always needed. I am putting together Care bags for those leaving with nothing and along with an outfit, there will be toiletries included. Thank you for your generosity! *Kris*

BIN REMAINS ON THE BENCH FOR DONATIONS: Cliff Wood writes, “Because of the needs described above by Kris, I will continue to leave the blue bin by the bench outside St. Michael’s for any additional donations, including any gently used or new backpacks or duffels, which I will deliver to the prison at the end of June. I see this special ministry as part of St. Michael’s commitment to renewal, redemption, and re-entry.”