



ST. MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

July 12, 2020

MORNING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.

OPENING SENTENCES

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CONFESSION

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The officiant reads an invitation to confession

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

ANTIPHON

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

People: **Come, Let us adore him.**

THE VENITE

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God; *
you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

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PSALM 119:105-112

Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.
I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

Following the Psalm:

Officiant and People: **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *James Carroll, former Roman Catholic priest, from his book, "The Communion of Sinners"*

The very act of story telling, of arranging memory and invention according to the structure of narrative, is by definition holy... We tell stories because we can't help it. We tell stories because we love to entertain and hope to edify. We tell stories because they fill the silence that death imposes. We tell stories because they save us.

CANTICLE *from A Song of Judith*

I will sing a new song to my God, *
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.
Let the whole creation serve you, *
for you spoke and all things came into being.
You sent your breath and it formed them, *
no one is able to resist your voice.
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, *
rocks melt like wax at your presence.
But to those who fear you,*
you continue to show mercy.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

THE SERMON

The Reverend Phillip Wilson

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECTS

Followed by an invitation to offer intercessions aloud, "in the chat" or silently.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Cantor or Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SENTENCE

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PARTICIPANTS TODAY
***DAN HOUDER*, READER AND *JAY POMPONIO*, PRAYER LEADER**

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
Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: *Ann Switzer*, Today; *Jessica Mattson* and *Beth Ruane*, Monday; *Marian Wojcik* and *David Carr*, Tuesday; *Olivia Capponcelli*, Thursday.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: *Susan & Paul Dedell*, Monday

MORNING PRAYER TODAY: Morning Prayer was the principal Sunday service for Anglicans and Episcopalians for many centuries until the last few decades, when Holy Eucharist became the principal Sunday service. Since we cannot gather to receive Holy Communion, we will be celebrating Morning Prayer most Sundays of the summer. We will celebrate Holy Communion next Sunday, July 19. Please let us know what you think!

USING THE CHAT FOR SUNDAY SERVICES: In order to "collect" the intercessions of the people, we invite you to use the Chat on Zoom to write your prayers and intercessions that will be read by the prayer leader. We also invite people to use the Chat to greet others at the Peace or at the beginning or end of the service. For those of you who do not know how to use the chat, here are some directions!

During the Sunday service, you will be logged into Zoom.

1. In your controls at the bottom window, click or tap **Chat** .
2. When you click on chat, the chat window will appear. It will be on the right if you are not in full screen. If you are in full screen, it will appear in a window that you can move around your screen.
3. Type your message
4. You will be given the option to send the message to Everyone or All Panelist. Choose Everyone.
5. Press **Enter** to send it.

ADULT FORUM TODAY: "A Plan for Re-Opening Episcopal Churches in Vermont": The Diocese of Vermont has published a Plan for Re-opening. What does this plan look like? What will it mean in practical terms for St. Michael's? How can we prepare ourselves for worship that will look and feel different from what we are used to? Join us at 9 am on July 12 to discuss these and other questions.

[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

ST. MICHAEL'S KIDS' TIME: 11:30-11:50 AM EVERY SUNDAY THROUGH THE SUMMER: Last year, we had "Summer Fun" for St. Michael's kids. This summer, we are not able to gather physically, but still want to gather virtually for some fun: songs, crafts, stories, games & prayer. We are trying out a new time after church, **11:30-11:50 am**. Please mark your calendars and join us every Sunday from wherever you are!

We know attention spans may be short, so no worries if you are late or need to leave early.

Here is the Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86314211640>

Meeting ID: 863 1421 1640

ST. MICHAEL'S NOW HAS A VIMEO CHANNEL! St. Michael's now has a Vimeo channel where you can watch or listen to past sermons and services, including the service and sermon from last Sunday. Here is the link: <https://vimeo.com/channels/1603817>

If you "subscribe," you will receive news in your email inbox when new content is available.

ST. MICHAEL'S THURSDAY EVENING CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE, JULY 16, 5:30

PM: Join the Contemplative Service via Zoom at 5:30 pm on July 16 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 this Thursday 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

BIN ON THE BENCH: Because of the generosity of St. Michael's parishioners, I was able to provide another substantial donation of toiletries and men's accessories to the Southern Vermont Correctional Facility (SVCF). Kris Sultzman, extraordinary Volunteer Coordinator there, was most appreciative.

The need continues and I will make another delivery at the end of July. The most needed items include gently used backpacks and toiletries including toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo and mouthwash. The last 3 items must be in clear bottles. Thank you for your continued support. *Cliff Wood*, 802-518-2080

GROUNDWORKS WISH LIST

Summer has brought a lot of excitement to Groundworks with a few of our folks getting housed. Supporting folks through that step in their journey is always hugely rewarding. That said, it is not happening for enough folks and so we are still serving close to a hundred people mostly at the Quality Inn and throughout motels in Brattleboro.

If you would like to donate any items on the following list, they can be dropped off on the front benches of the Quality Inn, 1380 Putney Road. If it is easier for you, you can also arrange to drop off at Groundworks Shelter on Royal Rd.

July Wish List: Deodorant, Disposable Razors, Umbrellas, Men's belts, Notebooks and pens, Playing cards and classic board games like chess, Sunblock, Bugspray