

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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 God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Romans 8: 12-25

Paul teaches that, if we follow our lower nature, we are enslaved and destined to death, but when we are moved by God's Spirit, we become God's children and heirs with Christ.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry,

“Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Following the Lesson...

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139: 1—11, 22-23

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

The parable of the wheat and the weeds, for which Jesus then provides an explanation

Preceding the Gospel...

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Following the Gospel...

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Mary Lindquist

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: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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 CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 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 *Joanne Patalano*, 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

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


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: *Richard Gauthier*, Monday; *Helena and Zofia Kotas*, Tuesday; *Susan Wilmott*, Wednesday; *Phillip Wilson*, Saturday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: *Susan & Phillip Wilson*, Monday and *Mary Lindquist & Kurt Johnson*, Thursday.

WE ARE CELEBRATING EUCHARIST TODAY: We have been experimenting with the rhythm of Morning Prayer and Eucharist at St. Michael's and we are trying to offer Eucharist once a month this summer and Morning Prayer on the other Sundays. We will re-evaluate that rhythm in September. Please let us know how that rhythm is for you!

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, 9 – 10 AM:

- **TODAY, JULY 19:** "How Slavery Took Root in America: How did good, hard working people, many fervent Christians, come to accept the permanent enslavement of women, men and children?" Led by Philip Wilson
- **SUNDAY JULY 26:** "The Notion of White Privilege" -- In this forum, we will view the TED talk of Dr. Peggy McIntosh who first coined the phrase "white privilege." Discussion to follow. Led by Annamarie Pluhar

[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 23, 5:30

PM: Join the Contemplative Service via Zoom at 5:30 pm on July 23 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

VACATION: The Lindquist/Johnson family will be visiting family in Western New York from July 25 - August 1. Please keep them in your prayers for a time of rest and renewal and a bit of a break from zoom meetings!

BIN ON THE BENCH: Cliff Wood writes *"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." You can contact Cliff at 802-518-2080 with any questions.

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, sun block, and bug spray.