



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

HYMN

The Hymnal 380

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE



COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

The Lord exhorts the people to do what is just because the time of righteous salvation is close at hand. The temple will be a house of prayer for all nations.

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

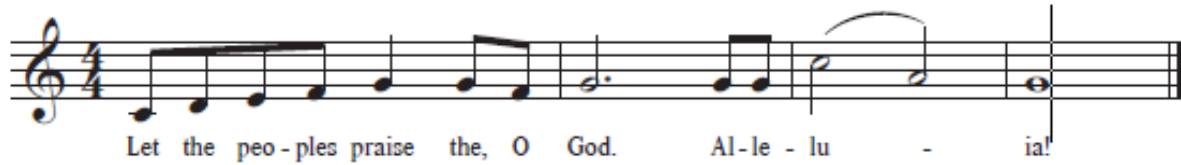
Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Following the Lesson...

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

PSALM 67



1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

RESPONSE

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

RESPONSE

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

RESPONSE

HYMN

The Hymnal 469

Hymn printed on next page

Introduction

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure

of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -
 up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -
 of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -

tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come
 ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -
 nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were

for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good; there is mer - cy
 ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for
 but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would

Interlude/Conclusion

with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15: 21-28

The Canaanite Woman challenges Jesus.

Preceding the Gospel...

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and

urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

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: Lord, in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal 325

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

1 2

V. 3

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Words: Afro-American spiritual. Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; harm. David Hurd (b. 1950) Copyright ©1985, David Hurd. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

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.

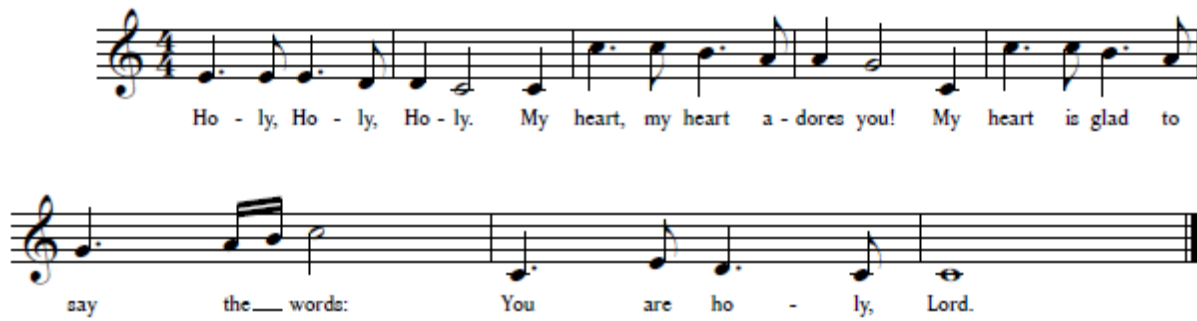
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant praises God for God's creation and love. Then all sing the Sanctus together:



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

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

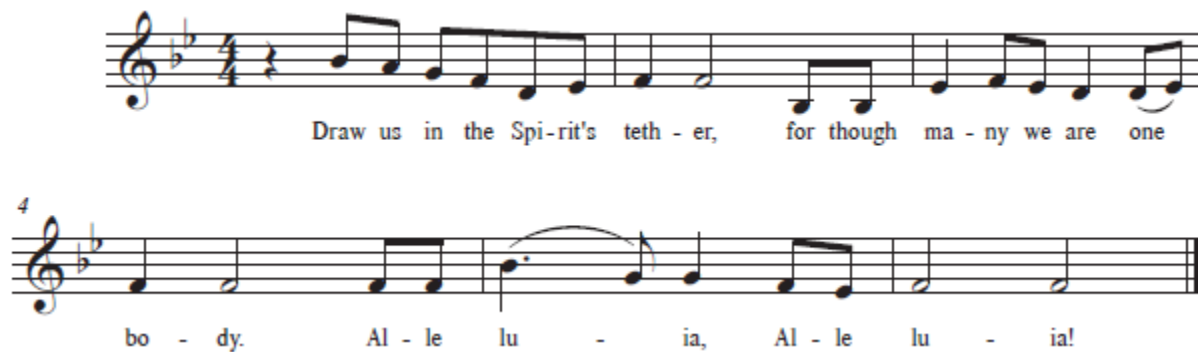
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but 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 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 all that we 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.**

BLESSING

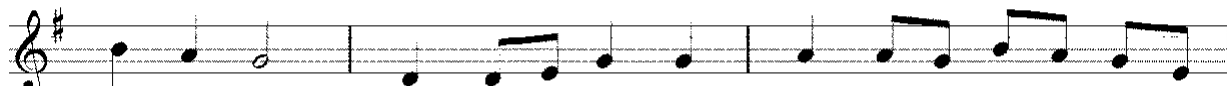
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The Hymnal 580, vs 1, 3, 4

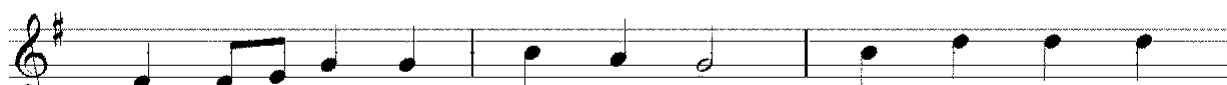
Unison




1 God, who stretched the span - gled hea - vens in - fi - nite in
 *2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern ci - ties, state - ly build - ings,
 3 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child - hood
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal - lenge




time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance
 row on row; yet their win - dows, blank, un - feel - ing,
 of our race; known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing
 us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose,




through the si - lent fields of space: we, your chil - dren
 stare on can - yoned streets be - low, where the lone - ly
 through un - trav - eled realms of space; probed the se - crets
 serv - ing o - thers, hon - oring you. May our dreams prove



in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive powers with you;
 drift un - no - ticed in the ci - ty's ebb and flow,
 of the at - om, yield - ing un - im - ag - ined power,
 rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or well be - gun:



Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing,
 lost to pur - pose and to mean - ing,
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion
 Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance



show us what we yet may do.
 scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 till our goals and yours are one.

DISMISSAL

Participants Today

Greg Lesch, Reader; *Annie Landenberger*, 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: *Colin McKenney*, Today; *Gregory Lesch*, Monday; *Avery Buchanan* and *Mary Carnahan*, Tuesday; *Samuel Mattocks*, Thursday; *Judith McBean*, Friday; *Janet Brocklehurst* and *Joseph Meima*, Saturday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: *Mary & John Carnahan* and *Pam & Lawrin Crispe*, Thursday; *Judith & Alan McBean*, Saturday.

WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH TODAY: As long as there are no showers, the 8 am service is outside at Christ Church for those with reservations. We hope to be able to zoom from Christ Church. If the weather is not good, we will be zooming both the 8 am and 10:15 am services from the Chapel.

ADULT FORUM TODAY: "Lament" – Today is Part 2 of a Forum on "Lament" put together by Annemarie Pluhar, Judy Davidson, David Carr, Jean Smith, Jeff Lewis and Craig Hammond. They say: "To lament is to cry out for help in the face of what feels like insurmountable odds. It can be the plea of an individual, such as when Jesus cried out to God from the cross. Or it can be the plea of the community; 'Lord, rouse yourself, do not reject us forever and forget our misery and our oppression' (Psalm 44)."

"Such is the time in which we now live, a time of great unknowing, of affliction and pain, a time of lament. So much of the time we feel powerless, and it's against all odds that we seek answers and seek hope. Plagues and epidemics have been with us forever, but this coronavirus in 2020 may well be the worst most of us may ever know. So what does our tradition, what does our faith, teach us? Where can we find hope? Where and how is God with us in all this? We may wonder what our life in the future will look like. How do we know? We just don't. And yet lamentation can teach us much about fear, about being angry, about our complaints to God and to one another, about even feeling lost. And how it is that in the words of lament in scripture, through its tough and utterly honest language, great beauty, clarity, purpose, and yes, hope is found. Please join us."

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

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

TEEN GROUPS MEET TODAY FOR GAMES AT 7 PM: Today, August 16, the groups will meet at 7 pm for games. All had a great time last month playing Scattergories, Never Have I Ever, and other fun games.

Older Group Zoom link: <https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/92480495019>

Younger Group Zoom link: <https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/98231132130>

**LIFE & FAITH IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC: GATHERING TUESDAY AUGUST 18
AT 4 PM FOR REFLECTION AND CONVERSATION**

When: Tuesday August 18; 4–5 pm.

What: Common reflections on scripture & conversation about how faith informs our lives in this time.

Why: Because we are all navigating this time together & need to draw wisdom and support from our faith and from each other.

Who: Facilitated by Mary Lindquist and open to all.

How: We will meet via Zoom Meeting with some large and small group discussions.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83096091576?pwd=cHdCcnlMNmpPQVhwRzgyemlndDZ1dz09>

Meeting ID: 830 9609 1576; Passcode: 402338

Connect by phone: +1 646 558 8656, Meeting ID: 830 9609 1576; Passcode: 402338

Service of Remembrance

for loved ones who have died during this pandemic time

Sunday, August 30, 9 am on the Christ Church Lawn

On Sunday, August 30, we will gather outside at Christ Church at 9 am (following the 8 am service) for a Service of Remembrance for those loved ones who have died during this COVID time and whose funerals we were not able to attend (or for whom there have been no funerals). Please email me at mary@stmichaelsvermont.org. or call the church office (802) 254-6048, extension 104 if there is someone who has died during these last few months whom you would like to be remembered during this service.

OUTDOOR SERVICES ON AUGUST 23 AND 31: St. Michael's is offering the 8 am Sunday service outdoors at Christ Church for up to 25 attenders. The 10:15 service will continue to be offered virtually using zoom and we hope to also offer the 8 am service using zoom.

There are many restrictions that we will need to abide by, but we think it is worth experimenting with gathering in a physically distanced way for worship. The restrictions include: all shall wear masks, chairs will be set up and designated for specific individuals or family groups, and there will be no singing. More specifics are found in the August issue of The Guardian. Here is a link to the Guardian: [Guardian_August2020_print](#)

If you wish to attend an outdoor 8 am service on August 23 or 31, please email jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org or call the church office at 802 254-6048, extension 104. **There is still space available for each Sunday.** In your message, please let us know which Sundays in August you could attend and how many people are in your family group. We will be in touch to let you know on which Sunday(s) we have a space reserved for you. We expect that all who wish to attend will be able to do so on at least one Sunday in August.

ST. MICHAEL'S THURSDAY EVENING CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE, AUGUST 20, 5:30 PM: Join the Contemplative Service via Zoom at 5:30 pm on August 20 at 5:30 pm. 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
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. You can also view Mary's interview with Madelyn & Wendell Howard soon after their 70th anniversary of their wedding at St. Michael's.

Here is the link: <https://vimeo.com/channels/1603817>

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