

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 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 God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

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.*

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, 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.**

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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.

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.

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.

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.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE 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

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 PEACE

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

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Participants Today

Jay Pomponio, 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: *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" -- A group consisting of Annemarie Pluhar, Judy Davidson, David Carr, Jean Smith, Jeff Lewis and Craig Hammond will lead a Forum on the matter of lament. 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 mornings, 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: Tuesdays; 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=cHdCcmlMNmpPQVhwRzgyemlnDDZ1dz09>
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 30: 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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