



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

September 6, 2020

## MORNING PRAYER

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.*

### HYMN

*The Hymnal 7*

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Rattabon*, melody from *Geistliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. alt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870);  
harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

*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.**

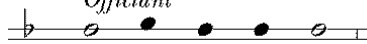
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest alone stands and says*

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.*

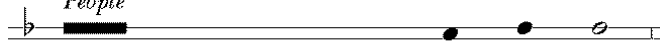
#### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Officiant*




Lord, o - pen our lips.

*People*

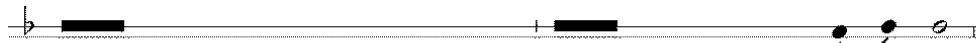


And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

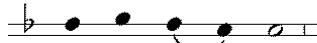


Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

*Except in Lent, add:*

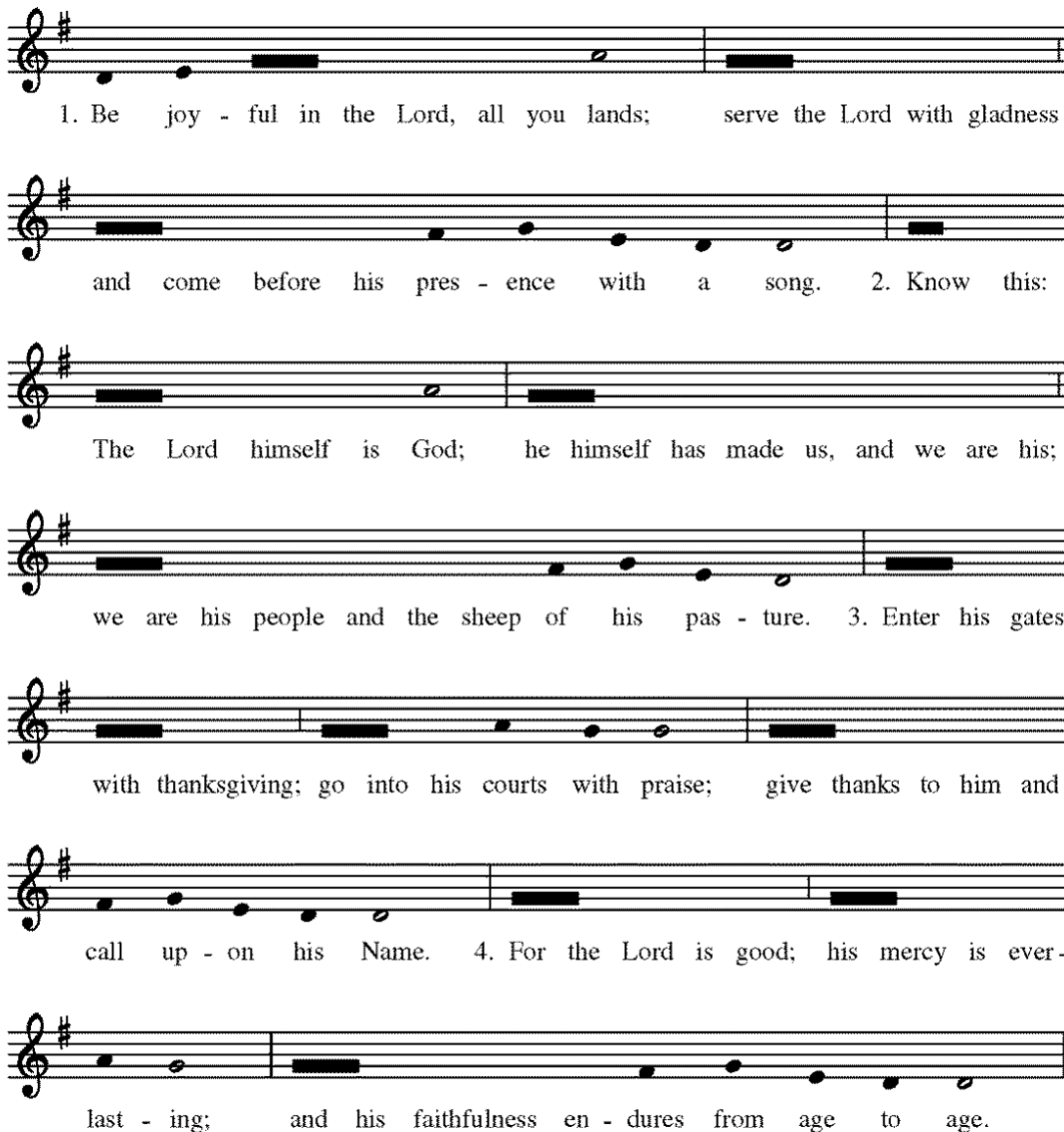


Al - le - lu - ia.

#### ANTIPHON

*Officiant:* The Holy One is in our midst.  
*People:* **O come, let us worship.**

## THE JUBILATE



1. Be joy - ful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his pres - ence with a song. 2. Know this:  
The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pas - ture. 3. Enter his gates  
with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and  
call up - on his Name. 4. For the Lord is good; his mercy is ever -  
last - ing; and his faithfulness en - dures from age to age.

Setting: Plainsong, Tone 8; adapt. The Standing Commission on Church Music, 1979, alt.  
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## PSALM 149

### 1 Hallelujah!

**Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

**2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

**3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.**

**4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.**

**5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.**

**6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;**

**7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;**

**8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;**

**9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!**

*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

*Romans 13:8-14*

*Paul summarizes the heart of the law and urges a way of life in full awareness of the nearness of salvation.*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Following the Lesson...*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE B *A Song of Pilgrimage*

**Before I ventured forth,  
even while I was very young, \***

**I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.**

**In the forecourts of the temple I asked for her, \*  
and I will seek her to the end.**

**From first blossom to early fruit, \*  
she has been the delight of my heart.**

**My foot has kept firmly to the true path, \*  
diligently from my youth have I pursued her.**

**I inclined my ear a little and received her; \***

**I found for myself much wisdom and became adept in her.**

To the one who gives me wisdom will I give glory, \*  
 for I have resolved to live according to her way.  
 From the beginning I gained courage from her, \*  
 therefore I will not be forsaken.  
 In my inmost being I have been stirred to seek her, \*  
 therefore have I gained a good possession.  
 As my reward the Almighty has given me the gift of language,\*  
 and with it will I offer praise to God.

SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 18: 15-20*

*Teaching about how to deal with sin and grievances within the Christian community.*

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

*The Hymnal 554*

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
 and when we find our - selves in the place just right,  
 'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.  
 When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to  
 bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will  
 be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

**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.**

*Cantor or Officiant*



V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine her - i - tage;

*People*



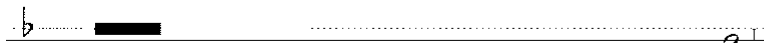
R. Govern them and lift them up for ev - er.



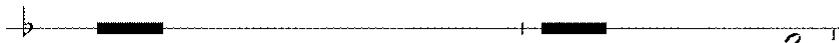
V. Day by day we mag - ni - fy thee;



R. And we worship thy Name ever, world with - out end.



V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;



R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.



V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;



R. As our trust is in thee.



V. O Lord, in thee have I trust-ed;



R. Let me never be confound-ed.

## THE COLLECTS

## REFLECTIVE MUSIC

*Singer will sing chant twice through and then hum. Please join in the humming in preparation for next week. Also, feel free to add your intercessions to "the chat" on Zoom at this time.*

*Music printed on next page*

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O

Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O

*Fine*

INTERCESSIONS

HYMN

*Levas 12, vs 1, 2, 4*

*The hymn is printed on the next page*



1. Come, we that love... the Lord, And let our joys... be known:— Join  
 2. Let those re - fuse... to sing Who nev - er knew our God;— But  
 3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred sweets— Be -  
 4. Then let our songs— a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear— be dry;— We're

1. in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -  
 2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly  
 3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly  
 4. march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's

1. cord. And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne...  
 2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad...  
 3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.  
 4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high. To fair - er worlds on high.—

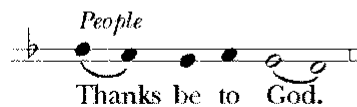
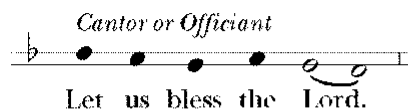
We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful  
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on.

Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,  
 Zi - on. Zi - on.

The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

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



## CLOSING SENTENCE

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## PARTICIPANTS TODAY

*Ricky Davidson* and *David Treadwell*, Readers; *Cary Gaunt*, 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:** *Ricky Davidson*, Today; *Sarah Benton*, Wednesday; *Grace Xinqi Willingham*, Friday; *Margit Lilly*, Saturday.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** *Kate & Andrew LeBlanc*, Thursday; *Julie & Richard Cogliano*, Friday.

### ADULT FORUM TODAY, 9 – 10 AM

- **September 6 -- “Sacred Humming: Good for You; Good for the Community”** — Everything you need to know about the healing and bonding powers of humming, which we will use in September 13 services. An interactive session led by parishioner Karen Guthrie, former director of music at Northfield-Mt. Hermon School and St. John’s Episcopal in Northampton, and now luckily a member of St. Michael’s!
- **September 13** – No Forum as there are 8, 9 and 10:15 services at Christ Church.

[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

### GATHERING & BLESSINGS OF THE BACKPACK FOR KIDS, TEACHERS AND FAMILIES; TODAY, 4-5 PM; THE RECTORY LAWN, 18 BRADLEY AVENUE

- Please bring a blanket to sit on with your family; blankets will be spaced 10 feet apart to be safe & everyone with masks (except young children).
- We will have a brief service on the lawn, followed by some physically distant games and individually wrapped ice cream cones.
- This is our chance to see each other and offer blessings for children and youth as they begin their new school year!

**SUNDAY REUNION AT CHRIST CHURCH; NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13; 8, 9 & 10:15 AM:** September is usually the time when we “kick off” our education programs and start our program year. This year is different. We cannot gather in the church. Instead, we are inviting you to gather outside *safely* so that we may see one another and worship together in one place. SO, on Sunday September 13, we will offer three worship services on the lawn of Christ Church, Guilford. We will have chairs for sitting, but if you are in a family unit, you might want to bring a picnic blanket to sit on the lawn together.

Although we are not allowed to sing, there will be music at the 9 and 10:15 services and we will try humming (yes HUMMING!) some hymns. Please note that there are no bathrooms at Christ Church.

*Please contact the Church office at [jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org) or call 254-6048 ext 104 and let Jeanie know which service you would like to attend so we can monitor numbers at each service.*

If it happens to rain on September 13, we will postpone to September 20.

**KEEPING UP WITH YOUR PLEDGE** – Summer can be a slow time for pledges coming in and this year is no different. Please don't forget to send in your pledges or make online payments to support St. Michael's ministry and mission. Thank you for your generosity!

**GENTLE YOGA OUTSIDE:** On the grass at Christ Church on Wednesday mornings, 9-10 AM. Please bring a yoga mat and wear a mask. Led by parishioner Jean Brodie. You can contact Jean at [jmbrodie59@gmail.com](mailto:jmbrodie59@gmail.com) with any questions.

**BIN LEAVES THE BENCH ON SEPTEMBER 7:** Please leave your donations of toiletries, magazines and paperbacks in the bin on the bench on or before September 7. Thank you!

**TRUDI CRITES MEMORIAL SERVICE ON ZOOM, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2 PM – 3:30 PM EASTERN TIME** All are invited to attend the memorial service for long-time St. Michael's parishioner Trudi Crites, who died on April 20. You can read the obituary for Trudi at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/middletownpress/obituary.aspx?n=gertrude-crites&pid=196085113>

The service will be on Saturday September 19 beginning at 2 pm at St John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Milwaukie, Oregon. You can attend on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5752534782>. The Meeting ID is 575 253 4782.

To attend by phone, call 1 929 436 2866 Meeting ID: 575 253 4782

**ST. MICHAEL'S HAS A NEW WEBSITE!** [www.stmichaelsvermont.org](http://www.stmichaelsvermont.org)

Check it out and let us know what you think.

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