



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

*February 28, 2021*

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

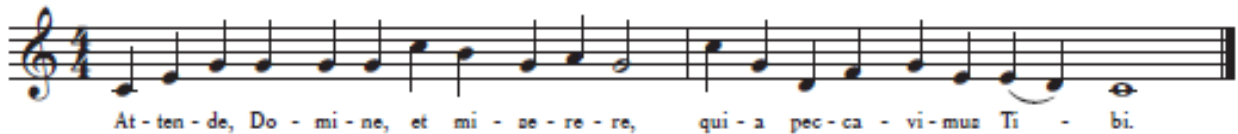
*After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.*

OPENING SENTENCES

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LENTEN CHANT

*Attende Domine*



CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto humankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

HYMN

*THE HYMNAL 142, V 1, 4, 5*

*THE HYMN IS PRINTED ON THE NEXT PAGE*

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,  
 3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,  
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,  
 5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.  
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
 5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hermaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562, adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

## 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 Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

*People:* **O come, let us adore him.**

## THE VENITE

*Antiphons are sung with this setting.*

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our  
sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. [Ant.] 3. For the Lord is a  
great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are  
the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so.  
5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land. [Ant.]  
6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord  
our Ma - ker. 7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would heark - en to his voice! [Ant.]

*Venite ends here.*

*(Gloria Patri may be added)*

*Officiant:* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

*People:* **O come, let us adore him.**

PSALM 22: 22-30

**22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

**23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.**

**24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

**25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"**

**26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

**27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.**

**28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

**29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.**

**30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.**

*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

*Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

*Following the Lesson...*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 14

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven,  
God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring.

You made the heavens and the earth,  
with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence;  
They tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure;  
It surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion,  
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand;  
you so not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners,  
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart,  
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned,  
and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you:  
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin,  
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent,  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy,  
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises,  
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

## SECOND LESSON

*Romans 4: 13-25*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were

written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Following the Lesson...*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

WLP 812

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry,  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain,

All who dwell in deep - est sin, My hand will save. I who made the  
 I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way. I will break their

stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright, Who will bear my light to them?  
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone I will speak my word fo them.

Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_ (refrain) Here I am, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ Is it I, Lord?  
 Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have heard you call - ing in the night. \_\_\_\_\_ I will go, Lord,  
 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ If you lead me, \_\_\_\_\_ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

GOSPEL LESSON

*Mark 8: 31-38*

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful

generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Following the Lesson...*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

*Advoa Lewis-Wilson*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*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

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

*Please use this as a time of reflection to gather your intercessions and thanksgivings and offer them silently or "in the chat."*

## INTERCESSIONS

## HYMN

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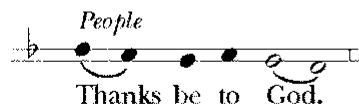
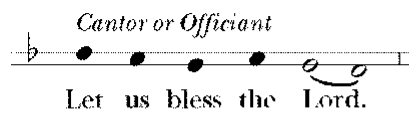
Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,  
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

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THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all people.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE



CLOSING SENTENCE

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PARTICIPANTS TODAY

*Katie-Beth Ryan* and *David Treadwell*, Readers  
*Margery McCrum*, 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, Monday-Friday  
Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** *Leigh Marthe*, Today; *Susan Kochinskas*, Tuesday; *Christine Hart*, *Kiersten McKenney* and *Callan McDowell*, Wednesday; *Joshua Fritz*, Friday; *Wayne Cook*, Saturday.

**FORUMS ON THE SUNDAYS IN LENT: "Speaking Truth Toward the Future—Voices of our Hebrew Ancestors"** -- We will explore the lives of our Hebrew ancestors as they addressed the central questions of their lives and times. The power of the Scriptures is found as our Hebrew ancestors help us address those same questions in our lives during this time. Join us each Sunday from 9 – 10 am.

**TODAY February 28 - Joseph** led by Craig Hammond  
March 7 – **Amos** led by Janet Cramer  
March 14 – **Jonah** led by Jay Pomponio  
March 21 – **Job** led by Annie Landenberger

To enter the Forum meeting on Sunday mornings, [click the link in the eNews or on the website.](#)  
Meeting ID: 932 0641 6516, Password: theology

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

***VOICES FROM THE WILDERNESS: REFLECTIONS ON A YEAR OF DISRUPTION, TUESDAYS, 6-7:20 PM, THROUGH MARCH 23:*** March 15 marks the one-year anniversary of our church's time of separation as well as deep and previously unthinkable changes in our lives. During the Lenten series this year, we will take time to reflect on this time and all the changes it has wrought for ourselves, our church, our nation and our world.

The Wilderness is one of the ways we think about Lent. It is the place of Jesus' temptation and fasting; it is the place where the Jews wandered for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land; it is also the place where early Christian monks and nuns chose to live in order to be closer to God. The Wilderness is a place of hardship and danger, but also a place of growth and renewal. In what ways have we been living that paradox in this time?

Some of the voices we will hear from during the Lenten Series include folks from Medical, Educational and Church fields. We will find out what this last year has been like for them.

- March 2 – "Danger & Security," Voices from the Medical Field
- March 9 – "Confusion & Formation," Voices from the Educational Field
- March 16 – "Temptation & Trust," Voices from the Church
- March 23 – "Leaving the Wilderness," What have we learned? What will we take with us?

### **Schedule – Join us for part or all of the evening!**

5:30-6 – Dinner conversation (We will chat while "sharing" a meal from home)  
6-6:15 – Introduction of theme and speakers  
6:15-6:45 – Panel discussion  
6:45-7 pm – Questions/responses  
7-7:20 – Closing worship

We hope you can join for these important conversations! Zoom links:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88226949380?pwd=RXRUaWl2SXdqNTVTVHRsQ2pZQXZwUT09>

**Phone:** +1 646 558 8656, Meeting ID: 882 2694 9380, Passcode: 573701

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[LChapman@GroundworksVT.org](mailto:LChapman@GroundworksVT.org). *Craig Hammond*

**TOILETRIES:**

- Tampons
- Deodorant

**PHARMACY ITEMS:**

- Benadryl / Antihistamine
- Antibacterial Ointment
- Rubbing Alcohol and/or rubbing alcohol pads
- Cold Medicines
- Pain Relievers (Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, Aspirin)
- Sleep Aids (Melatonin)
- Band-Aids - assorted sizes

**KITCHEN:**

- Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Sugar

**CLOTHES:**

- Various sizes and styles of adult underwear - especially men's
- Various size sweatpants
- Experienced Goods gift cards are always appreciated!

**OTHER:**

- \$20 Pre-loaded laundry cards from Bucket of Suds on Putney Road for folks to do their laundry - There is a \$1 fee when purchased. We do support reloading these cards.
- \$20 Gas Cards
- Wired and/or wireless earbuds

**BIN IS BACK ON THE BENCH UNTIL MARCH 3:** The St Michael's Family was very generous with its Day of Giving donations to the Southern State Correctional Facility. Thanks to all you for your continued support of our prison ministry. The need continues and the Bin Is Back on the Bench until this coming Tuesday, March 3.

The SSCF volunteer coordinator writes to say that some of the donations are now being used for contests and prizes for the population, as well as going in the bags when someone leaves. Currently, they don't need clothes for inmates leaving the facility but would especially like body wash, deodorant, and individually wrapped candy or cookies. Thank you all!