

# The Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ Easter Day

4 April 2021, 8 am

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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

*The Presider says this opening acclamation responsively three times.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## **Song of Praise**

*Celebrant and People*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## **Collect for the Day**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*After the reading the lector says*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

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

## Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-17, 22-24

**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.**

**Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."**

**The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.**

**There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"**

**I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

**The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

**This is the LORD'S doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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## Gospel

Mark 16: 1-8

*The people turn to face the Gospel book and remain standing for the reading of the Gospel*

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*Following the Gospel, the Officiant says*

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

*The Reverend Mary D. Lindquist*

*After the sermon a period of silence is kept. When the Celebrant stands, then all stand to say the*

## 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

*Reader:* Alleluia, Christ is risen.

*Congregational response:* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The Celebrant bids the*

### **Peace**

The Peace of the lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

### 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](http://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 musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff is labeled 'Celebrant' and 'People' and contains the lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is labeled 'Celebrant' and 'People' and contains the lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is labeled 'Celebrant' and contains the lyrics: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff is labeled 'People' and contains the lyrics: 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Presider sings the Proper Preface.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Presider recalls (and makes present for all) Jesus' life and last supper.*

*Presider:*

And seeing that the power of sin is broken, and Christ is all in all,  
we praise you and we bless you.

*People:* **We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we give thanks to you  
and we pray to you,  
O Lord our God.**

*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,

**The Lord's Prayer  
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,  
the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the bread.*

We who are many are one Body, for we all share one bread and one cup.

*The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all who do not have the physical elements of Holy Communion:*

My 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 myself entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Presence.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*The following blessing is said. The people respond to each petition with a loud "Amen."*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children through the resurrection of Christ our Savior,  
bestow upon you the riches of blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*The Presider & People say this*

## **Dismissal**

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*People* **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Participants Today

***Dan & Beth Houder***, Readers

***Kiersten McKenney***, 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:** *Neil Montgomery*, Wednesday; *Kelli Allen*, Thursday; *Sherry Stimmel*, Saturday.

**THERE IS NO ADULT FORUM TODAY.**

**ADULT FORUM, APRIL 11: "THE JERUSALEMA CHALLENGE!"** In January of 2020 a South African spiritual "Jerusalem," sung in Zulu, became a hit in southern Africa. When Angolan dancers choreographed it in February and recorded themselves dancing while they ate lunch, the song and the dance began to go viral. People danced it in law offices in Zimbabwe, a Catholic church in Montreal, a monastery in Israel, on the streets of Havana. Firefighters danced, and street kids, and pilots; the Swiss police challenged the Irish Garda. An Australian dance teacher made an instruction video. So we will explore why the Jerusalem Challenge became a global response to the pandemic, why cloistered Irish nuns took up the Challenge not only "to cheer people up" (as the Kenyan Parliament did), but as "a creative way to pray." We might also dance.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK:** The office of St. Michael's will be closed until Tuesday, April 13. We will listen to voice messages often at 802-254-6048, ext 104 and will read email to [jeanic@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:jeanic@stmichaelsvermont.org).

**SPRING CLEAN UP DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 8:30 AM, ST. MICHAEL'S:** All hands on deck for St. Michael's Spring Clean Up Day, Saturday, April 17 at 8:30 am at St. Michael's. Don't forget to wear your mask and bring rakes and gloves if you have them. Many hands make light work! Rain date is April 24.