



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9 May 2021

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may love you completely,
and rightly magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God in the high - est;

Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever **Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Following the lesson...

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

**1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.**

**2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**

**3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

**4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

**5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

**6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**

**7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.**

**8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

**9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is

the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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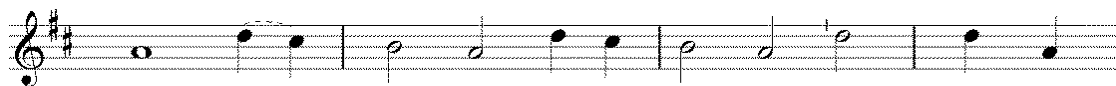
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

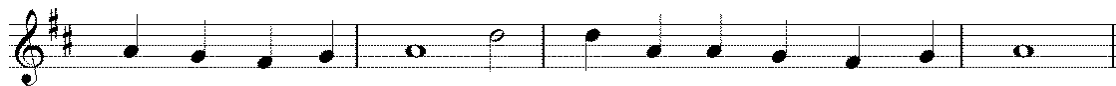
The Hymnal 400, v 1, 3, 4



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O___ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Following the Gospel...

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Adwoa Lewis-Wilson

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 Celebrant bids

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

MISSION PRAYER FOR ST. MICHAEL’S

**Dear God, help us
to be a loving, welcoming
and dynamic faith community,
deeply rooted in the conviction
that we are all children of God.**

**Through the joyful experience and power of Christ,
help us serve all people.**

**Guide us to practice
stewardship of the Earth,
deep generosity
and social, racial and economic justice.**

**Through these practices
of compassion, love and service,
may your presence be manifested in our time. Amen.**

EASTER BLESSING

HYMN

The Hymnal 705

Unison or harmony

1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and
*2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and
3 With grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to

field to God, the giv-er of all good, the
give; to make our life an of-fer-ing to
thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of bount-eous yield; so we to-day our
God that all may live; the Church of Christ is
all hu-man-i-ty. O thou who gav-est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of
call-ing us to make the dream come true: a
us thy-self in Je-sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.
world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

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Participants Today

Laura Andrews and *Brian Morgan*, Readers; *Ricky Davidson*, Prayer Leader

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: *Brian Morgan, Diana Bingham* and *Julien Siegel*, Tuesday; *KC Mattson*, Wednesday.

TODAY MAY 9, BOTH 8 AM AND 10:15 SERVICES OUTSIDE AT CHRIST CHURCH! All the 8 am services will be held at Christ Church, weather permitting. The 10:15 am services on May 9 and May 23 (The Feast of Pentecost) also will be held outside at Christ Church. We are keeping some of the 10:15 services as Zoom-only services to allow for opportunities to sing and to accommodate those who might not be able to attend outdoor worship.

If you wish to attend one of these services at Christ Church, the next step is to email or call Jeanie at the church (jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org & 802 254-6048, ext 104). In your message, please let us know how many people are in your family group. Also, let us know if you have any special requests (sitting toward the front, staying in your car, etc.). Although we still need to abide by many restrictions, we can accommodate 100 people at each service, so no one will be turned away. If you think you will be attending on a regular basis, we'll sign you up for a season pass!

NO ADULT FORUM TODAY as both services are outside at Christ Church.

THE ADULT FORUM WILL BE TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER BEGINNING MAY 23. Normally we stop mid-June when the choir goes on break and the coffee hour morphs into lemonade on the lawn. This year, because we are going to be having church outside at Christ Church, **our last forum will be May 16th.** We will start up again in September - and maybe even - can we hope in person!?

ADULT FORUM, MAY 16, NEXT SUNDAY: "Celebrating Women's Journeys": In this Forum we enlarge "Mothers' Day to "Celebrating Women's Journeys" which for some women include motherhood, others not. A panel of women looks at challenges, expectations and barriers they have faced in their lives as women. St. Irenaeus said, "The Glory of God is in men and women fully alive." The panel is asked: "What they experience as still needing to happen for women to achieve this?"

BREATHE: CELEBRATING ASCENSION, PENTECOST AND THE GROWING TIME

*ST. MICHAEL'S OUTDOOR GATHERING FOR KIDS, FAMILIES & ALL WHO ARE
INTERESTED! SUNDAY, MAY 16, 4 PM ON THE RECTORY LAWN*

Now that the weather is nice, we are planning another special gathering on the Rectory Lawn for kids, parents, teachers and kids-at-heart. The theme of this gathering is Celebrating Ascension, Pentecost and the Growing Time, based on a new book called Breathe, by Laura Alary. There will be a story walk, crafts, food, and time to greet each other. Every family who attends will receive a copy of the book, Breathe, which you can check out [here](#). The crafts we prepare can be used to celebrate Pentecost on May 23 at our outdoor services at Christ Church. Just like last fall, we will all wear masks and practice social distancing. Please let us know if you will be attending by emailing mary@stmichaelsvermont.org

LEGACY SUNDAY, MAY 16: The Stewardship Team has been reflecting on Legacy Giving and how important legacy gifts to our parish. Since our fall stewardship season is focused on encouraging support for the coming year, we decided to spend one Sunday, the last Sunday in the Easter Season, reflecting on legacy giving and the importance of aligning the gifts God has given us with our deep values. In addition, we will be naming and celebrating some of the ancestors who have made our ministry at St. Michael's possible through their generosity.

MAY 23, PENTECOST SUNDAY
BOTH 8 AM AND 10:15 SERVICES OUTSIDE AT CHRIST CHURCH

On May 23 we will celebrate The Feast of Pentecost outside at Christ Church with Holy Communion at both services. Please wear red in honor of the Holy Spirit!

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BIN ON THE BENCH FOR SOUTHERN STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY: *From Cliff Wood* – “On Wednesday May 12, I will again deliver donations. **Please leave donations in the bin by noon on Tuesday, May 11.** Always welcome are toiletries in clear bottles, individually wrapped candies and cookies, paperback books, magazines, cards, games and puzzles. Thanks for your wonderful generosity.”

TREASURER NEEDED: The Board of the Christ Church Guilford Society seeks a volunteer to serve as Treasurer. The Treasurer will manage the Society's finances and checking account, pay bills, and report to the Society's financial situation to the Board, which currently entails about 1 hour per month. The Treasurer will work with the Board on any grant funds received. Preferred qualifications: knowledge of QuickBooks or other accounting software program; some past experience with financial responsibilities in a nonprofit setting. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Anne Montgomery (amontgomery1254@gmail.com) or the Rev. Mary Lindquist (mary@stmichaelsvermont.org). Thank you!"