



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

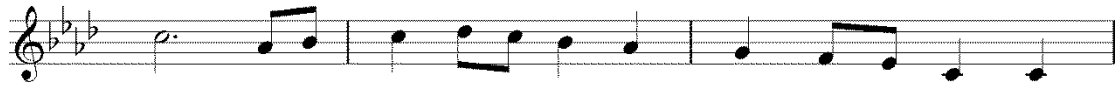
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HYMN

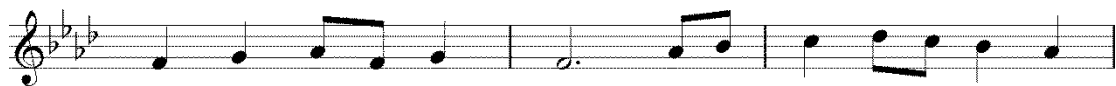
The Hymnal 9, v. 4-6



*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to
 *2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of
 *3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through
 4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
 5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
 6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the
 2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the
 3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what
 4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
 5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
 6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of
 2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion
 3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - les
 4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
 5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
 6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,
 2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,
 3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
 4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
 5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
 6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

ACCLAMATION

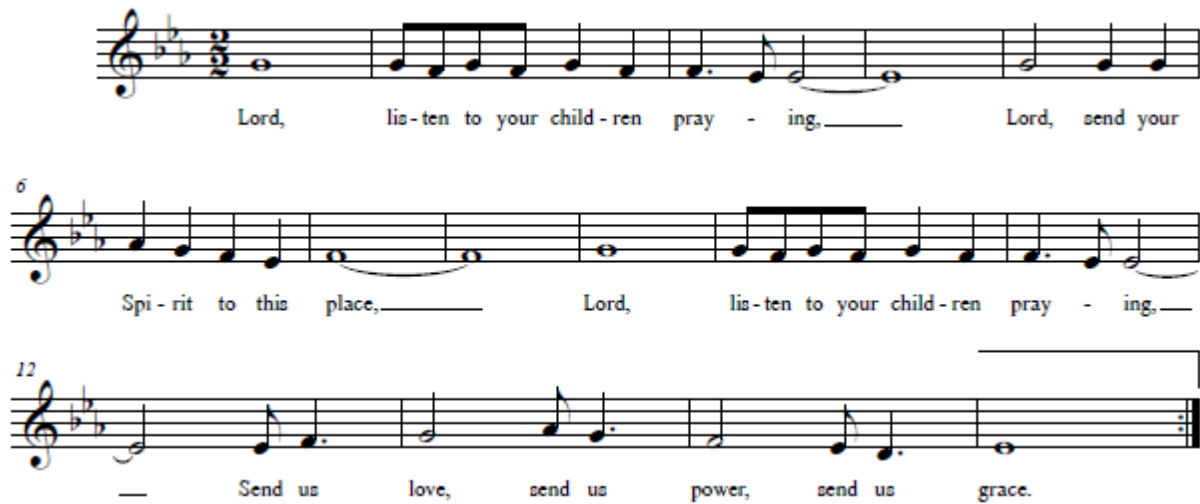
Celebrant

Blessed be God: Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE



Lord, lis-ten to your child-ren pray - ing, Lord, send your

6 Spi-rit to this place, Lord, lis-ten to your child-ren pray - ing,

12 — Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Paul tells of both exaltation and infirmity, and the discovery of a strength that comes through weakness.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Following the Lesson...

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123

To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud

HYMN

The Hymnal 707

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Jesus returns to his home town and finds suspicion and lack of faith.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Following the Gospel...

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Reverend Mary D. Lindquist

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 Priest says a concluding Collect

Let us confess our sins to God.

Leader and People

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 says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive 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 Celebrant bids

THE PEACE

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

Following the Peace, the Celebrant recites a sentence from Holy Scripture; all prepare for the Holy Eucharist.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

OFFERTORY HYMN

Levas 72

1. I am weak but thou art strong;
2. Through this world of toil and snares;
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
3. Time for me will be no more; Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, Dai - ly walk - ing close to

D.C. for Refrain

1. long As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
2. shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
3. o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

OFFERING

We ask you to continue to support St. Michael's during this time. Those in person may leave offering in the offering box. Or you may send your pledges or donations through the mail or online on our website, 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 people remain standing. The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts,

People

We lift them to the Lord.

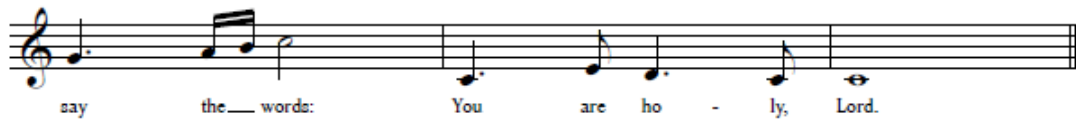
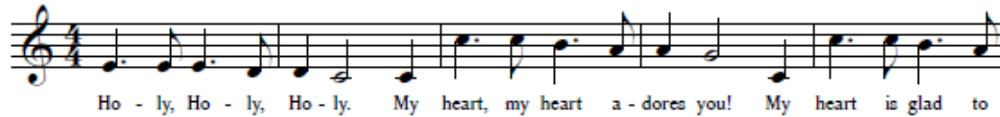
Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant praises God for God's creation and love. Then all sing the Sanctus together:



The Presider recalls and makes present for all Jesus' life and last supper.

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,

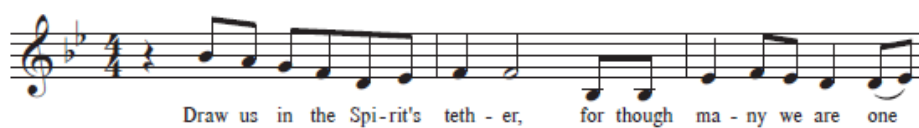
People and Celebrant

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.



Celebrant: We who are many are one Body;

People: **For we all share one bread, one cup.**

(For those not gathered, the Prayer of Spiritual Communion is below)

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

PRAYER

**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 Body and Blood.
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

HYMN

The Hymnal 529

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first four measures of the hymn, with lyrics underneath: "In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North, But". The second staff starts with a measure rest (marked with a '5' above it) and continues the melody for the next four measures, with lyrics underneath: "one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth." The music ends with a double bar line.

*v. 2 Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er
your race may be! Who serves my Father as his
child is surely kin to me.*

*v. 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in
him meet South and north, all Christian souls are
one in him, throughout the whole wide earth*

DISMISSAL

Participants Today

Andy Burrows and *Jeff Hiam*, Readers; *Elise Burrows*, 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, Monday - Friday
Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: *Matthew Wojcik*, Today; *Thea Porter* and *Rebecca Porter*, Monday; *Duncan Hilton*, Wednesday; *Lori Palmer* and *Joanne Patalano*, Wednesday; *Judith McGee*, Thursday; *Anita Crosson* and *Irene Burtis*, Friday.

FUNERAL FOR JONQUIL CLOUET, THIS COMING SATURDAY, JULY 10, 10 AM – St.

Michael's will host a funeral for Jonquil Clouet Boyle on Saturday, July 10 at 10 am. "Jonquil Clouet Boyle, 30, beloved daughter of Dianne Clouet and Kenneth Boyle and cherished sister of Eleanor Cautela-Clouet, died suddenly of an accidental overdose after a four year struggle with heroin use. " You may find Jonquil's full obituary here: <https://obituaries.neptunesociety.com/obituaries/kenner-la/jonquil-boyle-10181891>. There will be a reception following the service.

St. Michael's will re-open for Sunday Services on July 11

Please note that this is a week earlier than previously published.

We are excited to move back into the church for Sunday worship, where there is plenty of shade and lots of seating. This will be a *soft opening* to allow us time to rebuild many of our liturgical ministries. Think simple and streamlined!

Here are some important things to keep in mind:

Masks

We had hoped to be free of all COVID restrictions, but with the presence of the Delta variant in Vermont we ask that everyone who attends the 10:15 service wear masks for now. We will revisit the mask recommendation in a few weeks.

Those attending the 8 am service may choose not to mask because the service does not involve singing and is a much smaller gathering.

Virtual Church

We will be livestreaming the 10:15 am service on our website and on our Vimeo channel. This means that we will no longer be using our Sunday Zoom Links! Next week, we will update the St. Michael's website to reflect these changes. We will also send out the Vimeo link in the eNews. At present, we are unable to livestream the 8 am service.

Holy Communion

We will continue to offer Holy Communion of one kind (bread) for now. We hope to include wine again in the fall.

The Peace

As everyone has different levels of comfort regarding hand-shaking and hugging, we recommend a wave or bow as we greet one another at the Peace for now. We encourage hugs outside of worship for those who are consenting!

SHARING FOR MEALS PROJECT TO BENEFIT LOAVES AND FISHES, JULY 17 (JULY 24 RAIN DATE) ~ 9 AM - 2 PM: The Sharing for Meals Project, a benefit for Loaves and Fishes, will be presented by the St. Michael's Tag Sale Ministry from 9-2 on Sat., July 17th (rain date July 24th) under tents on the lawn of St. Michael's. We are all aware of the financial challenges the pandemic has brought to our community. Because of this, we are holding this "by donation" event rather than our traditional Tag Sale. Our goal is to help the whole community as well as Loaves and Fishes. Therefore, at the Sharing for Meals Project, please feel free to take what you need and leave what you can afford.

We will be offering gently used clothing and shoes for all seasons and linens at this event. Our goal is to raise \$3000 for Loaves and Fishes.

Of course, volunteers are needed to help this benefit succeed! In the coming weeks at outdoor services at Christ Church we will have a table set up for people to choose times to join us as a volunteer, or if you'd rather, you can call Charlene Kemp, our volunteer coordinator, at (802) 254-2083 to sign up.

We are now collecting monetary donations towards our ambitious goal. If you feel like helping us succeed in meeting this goal, please contribute as generously as you can. There will be a donation jar at our table at the Christ Church services, or you can send a check to St. Michael's with "Loaves and Fishes" noted on the memo line. Thank you, everyone, for your amazing support! *-The St. Michael's Tag Sale Ministry*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP FOR JOHN LAAMANEN: We exceeded the goal and John is thankful for the financial donations but also for all of St. Michael's assistance in the past months when Julie was so ill. The visits, the flowers, the meals and the prayers are much appreciated.

THE "JUST IN CASE" DOCUMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! These forms were developed by our Pastoral Care Team and our administrator, Jeanie, to help us prepare for emergencies. They are not just for older people, but for people of all ages, as none of us can predict when accidents or emergencies will happen.

We have developed four forms, all of which are available as forms to be filled in on a computer or as forms to be filled in by hand:

- **Information for First Responders** – a quick reference for those who provide initial help in an emergency. This form is meant to be in an obvious place, such as the refrigerator door, and to be accompanied by a medication list and a copy of your advance directive.
- **General Information** – information needed by family, neighbors or friends who might be caring for you, your home, pets etc. during a time when you cannot do that. It would also be helpful for St. Michael's to have a copy of this form.
- **Care Management Plan** – Here you can record your thoughts about how you would like to receive various kinds of care if needed, identify others to be involved or consulted in making any decisions about care you might need, and direct another person to pieces of information that might be needed such as copies of your insurance cards or policies, military discharge papers, or a copy of a power of attorney.
- **Funeral Information** -- This form where you record your preferences can be on file at St. Michael's as well as in your papers at home.

Here is the link to the forms on St. Michael's website: <https://www.stmichaels-vt.org/just-in-case-documents/> Printed forms are also available at the church office or can be mailed to you. If you would like help in understanding or filling out the forms, contact the Church office. Jeanie will connect you with one of the members of the Pastoral Care Team who have volunteered to help.