

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 20, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant Blessed be God: Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed by God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

SONG OF PRAISE

Holy God
Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal one
Have mercy on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; 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

THE FIRST READING

Job 38:1-11 God appears to Job out of the whirlwind and demands to know whether he is wise enough to question the Creator of the heavens and earth.

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—

when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,

and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?"

Following the lesson...

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships *
and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the Lord *
and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; *
their hearts melted because of their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards *
and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper *
and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, *
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people *
and praise him in the council of the elders.

Preceding the Gospel...

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4: 35 – 41

The story of Jesus' stilling of the storm.

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Following the Gospel...

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Mary D. Lindquist

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

Prayers are offered for the world, the church, the sick, etc. followed by a period of silence. Congregation members are invited to offer intercessions during the silence, either aloud or silently.

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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 PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

We ask you to continue to support St. Michael's through your offering, in person or remote. Please 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 Presider praises God for God's creation and love.

**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.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

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 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

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
People **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Participants Today

Steve Guerriero, Reader and ***Jay Pomponio***, 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: *Jared Rediske*, Today; *Nye Farrabas*, Monday; *Craig Hammond* and *Adwoa Lewis-Wilson*, Wednesday; *Whitney Nichols*, *Kevin McElhinney* and *Michael Fedoruk*, Friday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: *Ron Bell & Gwen Mousin*, Monday; *Kevin McElhinney & Carol Beninati*, Tuesday; *Phillip & Cheryl Stimmel*, Thursday.

HELPING JOHN LAAMANEN: Several people have asked how they could provide financial help for our sexton John at this difficult time after the death of his wife Julie. John could use our help with the funeral and the many medical costs. Those who are able to help may send checks to St. Michael's (with John Laamanen in the notation) or give through *John's Go Fund Me Page*. Thank you to St. Michael's generous family for your support of our faithful sexton!

WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICES ARE BACK! We are now gathering mid-week for a 30-minute service of prayer, Eucharist, and celebrating the saint of the day! Please join us in the church sanctuary from 12 noon to 12:30 pm for this special time of communion.

THURSDAY CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE is now being held outside on the Rectory Lawn on Thursdays, 5:30-6 pm, weather permitting. The service will also be on Zoom. In case of inclement weather, we will move to the sanctuary.

BOTH 8 AM AND 10:15 SERVICES OUTSIDE AT CHRIST CHURCH THROUGH JULY 11: Both Sunday morning services are now outside at Christ Church until unless bad weather is forecast. There is a tent for shade and a toilet for your use on the grounds. Please contact the office if you have specific seating requests.

If you have questions about the weather and if the service might have been moved to Zoom-only status, please check the Church website at www.stmichaelsvermont.org under "Outside Worship." There you will find a calendar of services that we will update each Saturday by noon.

COME CELEBRATE PRIDE SUNDAY ON JUNE 27 AT BOTH SERVICES! On Sunday, June 27, St. Michael's will be celebrating PRIDE Sunday in honor of PRIDE month. This year, our own Darcey Mercier (*Seminarian Extraordinaire*), who prefers ze and zir pronouns, will be preaching for us and sharing zir own story of claiming zir identity as someone who is non-binary and gender non-conforming. Please join us at the 8 or 10:15 service to show your ongoing support and celebration of the LGBTQ community at St. Michael's and in the world. Weather permitting, both services will be held at Christ Church.

WORSHIPPING IN THE SANCTUARY AGAIN FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

BEGINNING JULY 18: YAY! We are planning to return to St. Michael's sanctuary for our Sunday worship on Sunday, July 18. Until that time, we will continue to worship outside at Christ Church. The COVID regulations regarding masks, distancing, etc. are rapidly changing, so we will let you know what to expect closer to that time.

FREE YOUTH NAACP MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE: The Windham County Branch of The NAACP has free memberships available for youth 12 to 22. If you are interested, please contact Cliff Wood at 802-518-2080 or email clwood0213@gmail.com.

BOOK TALK, AMERICA ON FIRE: *The Untold History of Police Violence and Black Rebellion Since the 1960s*, JUNE 28, 6-7 PM ON ZOOM: The Social Justice Committee of St. Michael's Episcopal Church and the Windham County NAACP invite the public to a FREE virtual BOOK TALK, featuring ELIZABETH HINTON and her widely acclaimed new book, *AMERICA ON FIRE: The Untold History of Police Violence and Black Rebellion Since the 1960s*. The author is Associate Professor of History and African American Studies at Yale University and Professor of Law at Yale Law School.

Books are available at a discount at Everyone's Books in Brattleboro. Please join us on Monday, June 28 from 6 -7pm via ZOOM. To get the ZOOM link for this event, please register in advance at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinmeeting/register/tZUrf-2hqzsqGN3415acV2-qS4xVVpyFhSt2> For questions, please contact Wylene Wood at wylenewood@aol.com or call 802-518-2080.

THE BIN IS ON THE BENCH: *From Cliff Wood* --In late June I will again take your donations to the Southern State Correctional Facility. Special needs are magazines and reading glasses (the drugstore kind.) While Kris, the Volunteer Coordinator, has a good supply of clothes for those who are released, she does need casual pants and shorts. As always, men's toiletries {in clear bottles only} and individually wrapped candies and cookies are needed. Please know how much your generosity is 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.

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 have already started 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*

NEEDED: A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR LOAVES AND FISHES: St. Michael's is partnering more with Centre Congregational church around the financial support of Loaves and Fishes following a request from CC and a Vestry discussion. There already are quite a few of our parishioners who work each week cooking and serving on Tuesdays and Fridays and some people also bake and drive. The Vestry feels that helping out more is a way for us to carry out our Mission Statement. In order to save on recycling costs, one parishioner now takes away the bottles on Tuesday. We are asking for a few more volunteers for specific other tasks, both of which can be done more at your own convenience.

1: Taking cardboard to the dump. Occasionally we need a volunteer to take over for the volunteer from CC who takes cardboard away. There is always quite a bit but most can fit in the back of a normal station wagon. You could do this any time from Wednesday evening through the weekend. It is placed outside under the fire escape stairs, This is as a backup person, not a weekly commitment.

2. Carol Davis has been making up bags of groceries for people in the community who have food challenges. She usually does this at her convenience on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons downstairs near the kitchen. She needs knee surgery at the end of June so we need someone to help out while she is recovering. She is willing to train.

If you can help out, call or text Ruth Tilghman at 802-258-1765