



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

THE NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.

HYMN

The Hymnal 404

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly
2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the
3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our
won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with
chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all
joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we
mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings

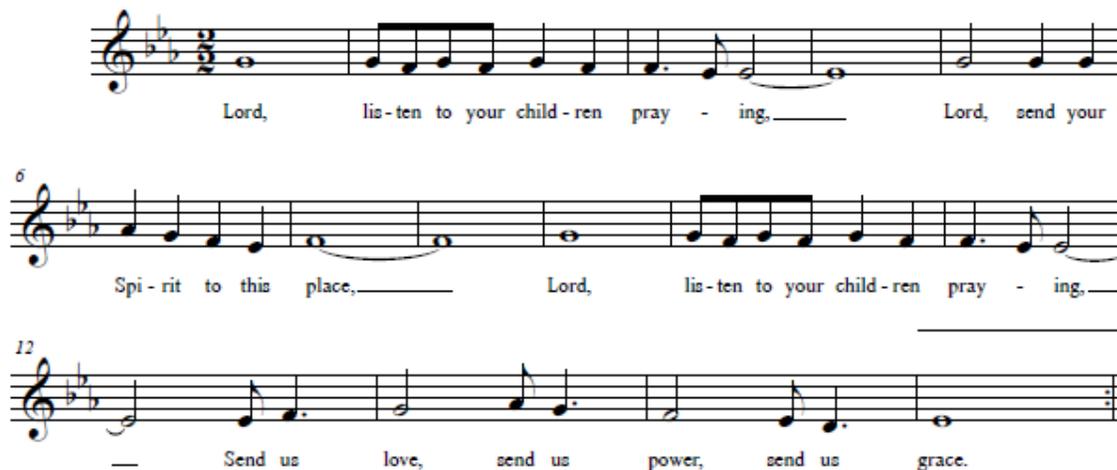
praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.
wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.
find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

The first stanza may be repeated at the end.

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
Spi-rit to this place, Lord, lis-ten to your child-ren pray-ing,
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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

Ephesians 3:14-21

The author, in the language of praise, expresses fervent hope that the community of the church might know the rich abundance of God's indwelling Spirit.

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Following the Lesson...

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:10-19

**All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.**

**They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;**

That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

HYMN

The Hymnal 516

Hymn is printed on the next page

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

The story of the feeding of the five thousand people by Jesus.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Following the Gospel...

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. 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

The Hymnal 339

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won - drous ban - quet found - ed— high o'er all the heavens he
be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

OFFERING

We ask you to continue to support St. Michael's during this time. Those in person may leave offering in the offering plate. 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:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My heart is glad to
say the words: You are ho - ly, Lord.

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 334

Hymn is printed on the next page

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
 by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

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DISMISSAL

Participants Today

David Treadwell and *Katie-Beth Ryan*, Readers; *Ricky Davidson*, Prayer Leader
David Treadwell and *Judy Davidson*, Ushers

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

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: *Phillip Wilson*, Today; *Kerry Capponcelli*, Tuesday; *Shirley Hodgdon*, Friday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: *Susan Heimer & Tim Ragle*, Monday; *Ann & Douglas Switzer* and *Kiersten McKenney & John Byrnes*, Tuesday; *Betty & Corwin Elwell*, Thursday.

WELCOME HOME ST. MICHAEL'S! It is so good to be back in our beloved church sanctuary for Sunday worship again.

- The 10:15 service will also be available through **livestream** for those who are not able to attend Sunday worship in person.
- For now, we are asking everyone to **wear masks at the 10:15 am** service.
- We also ask you to keep your greeting to a wave or a bow **at the Peace**, as everyone has different levels of comfort around touch.
- We will receive Holy Communion of bread only at this time.

SEND-OFF FOR JEFFRY HIAM TODAY: This is Jeff's last Sunday at St. Michael's before he moves to Virginia to begin his seminary studies. We are so grateful for Jeff's rich ministry with us and are proud to send him forth into the world bearing God's love in Christ. We will say a special prayer for Jeff at the 10:15 am service and have a simple reception following the service under the tent on the lawn outside the church.

TOM ELY PREACHES NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 1: The Rt. Rev. Thomas Ely, former Bishop of Vermont and presently Bishop Provisional for the Diocese of North Dakota, will join us next Sunday. Come say hello to Tom on August 1.

A TALL DRINK FROM A SHORT GOSPEL - MARK STUDY 2021, WEDNESDAYS, 5:45 PM: The lectionary bible, fellowship, and worship group that began during covid continues to meet weekly in a simple format of song, prayer, lectio, and discussion. After traveling with the Sunday lectionary, we have decided to move slowly through one book of the Bible. So, for now, the Wednesday night group is a Mark Study. Though the Sunday lectionary is also following Mark, we will be going at a slower pace so that we can get a greater appreciation for the images and themes important to the evangelist. This is a great way for folks to get a broader sense of Mark's goals and themes.

All are welcome to join for a week or for the remainder of the study. No prior knowledge is required. Please note that we are beginning to meet in person, both at church and in people's homes. If you would like to know the coming week's location, please email adwoa@stmichaelsvermont.org. We will also endeavor to open the Zoom link from the St. Michael's website for those who wish to join virtually.

SIGN UP TO PROVIDE ALTAR FLOWERS: On the bulletin board in the Common Room, you will find sheets where you can sign up to provide altar flowers through November 21. Flowers from your garden or foraged in the woods, as well as those from a florist, are lovely. You can contact Marie Lawrence at 802-257-1494 or gotiegoat@yahoo.com with any questions.

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING! UBE CHURCH-WIDE REVIVAL, JULY 27-30: This year, the Union of Black Episcopalians is hosting a multi-day virtual event that is open to the entire Episcopal community and includes both day and evening events. Our Bishop Shannon will speak on Thursday evening. Events will take place over Zoom, Facebook and YouTube. [Register for Zoom Access and to see full schedules](#) here for the day events. The evening events are free and open to the public. These events follow the themes of “Revive Us Again” (Tuesday), “Faith” (Wednesday), “Hope” (Thursday), and to walk with us into a bright, gleaming future, as we “Face the Rising Sun” (Friday). These worship services promise lively, foot-stomping music and inspiring messages by:

- The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church, Tuesday
- The Rev. Otis Moss III, pastor of Chicago’s famed Trinity United Church of Christ, Wednesday
- The Rt. Rev. Shannon MacVean-Brown, Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, Thursday and
- The Rev. Naomi Washington Leapheart, Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, Philadelphia, Friday.

You can register for the evening worship services here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ube-2021-virtual-churchwide-revival-worship-services-tickets-160713904615> **Come and share the joy!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC IS COMING AUGUST 29!

Kate and Dana McGinn have graciously offered to host our church picnic this summer. Since we missed last year because of the pandemic, we are so excited to be able to come together this year for food, swimming, rocking chairs on the porch at beautiful Spofford Lake. The event will be from 12-4 pm and we ask attendees to bring a salad/side dish or a dessert.

Please RSVP by August 14th by emailing Kate at kjmcginn@comcast.net or by signing up in the Common Room.

LEADERS IN LITURGY – HELP WANTED

We are rebuilding our liturgical ministries after the long pandemic. Please give some thought as to whether you feel drawn to serving in one or more of the below capacities. Remember, “Liturgy” means “work of the people.” It is a beautiful thing for many people to be involved in the leading of worship. All the roles listed below are scheduled on a rotating basis approximately every 6 weeks, according to your availability. Training will be provided!

Ushers

Ushering is one of the most important roles in the church, for they are the first representatives of our church to welcome people. Ushers need to arrive early and greet people as they come through the doors, handing our bulletins and helping to orient people to restrooms, childcare, etc. Ushers also help with the offering and bringing up elements for the Eucharist.

Crucifers

The Crucifer helps lead the liturgical party by carrying the cross and helping to serve Holy Communion.

Lay Assistant

Lay Assistants assist the priest by setting the altar, distributing Holy Communion and reading the second lesson. At the 8 am service, the Lay Assistant also carries the cross and does all the readings.

Acolytes

Acolytes assist in worship by lighting the candles, leading the procession and helping serve Grape Juice at Holy Communion. Anyone ages 8 and above are invited to be acolytes.

If you are interested in serving in any of the above capacities or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Lindquist at mary@stmichaelsvermont.org or 254-6048.