



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 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

ACCLAMATION

Presider: In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.

People: Amen.

Grace to you and peace
from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning
and without end,
in our midst and with us.
**God is with us,
here we find new life.**

SONG OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Following the lesson...

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

PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24

**1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

**2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.**

**3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.**

**4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.**

**5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."**

**6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.**

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

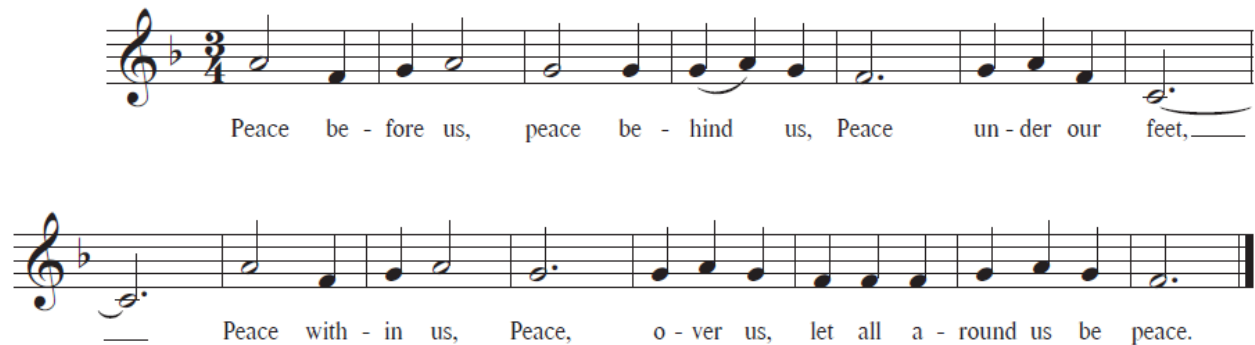
8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

HYMN

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Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, Peace un - der our feet, —

— Peace with - in us, Peace, o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.

v. 2 Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.

Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

v. 3 Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.

Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

v. 4 Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.

Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:32 - 40

Preceding the Gospel...

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

Following the Gospel...

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

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 CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have sinned against you,
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart.
We have not loved others
as our Savior Christ loves us.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The Celebrant bids

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ 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

OFFERATORY HYMN

The Hymnal 596

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
 2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
 3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
 brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
 with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
 cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
 with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
 and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
 of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

OFFERING

Please consider an offering/pledge to St. Michael's to support our many ministries. At this time, we have an offering plate located at the back of the church to collect contributions. You may also contribute online on our website, www.stmichaelsvermont.org, clicking the "Give" and "Give Online" button on the top right hand corner. Our ministry at St. Michael's depends on your generosity.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 Lord, God of po - wer and might, _____

9
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in - the high - est. Bless'd

18
is - the one who comes in the name of the Lord! _____ Ho - san na

in - the high - est, _____ Ho - san - na in - the high - est.

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.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, and right-eous ness shall look down from heav - en.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu ia, Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Celebrant: We who are many are one Body;
People: **For we all share one bread, one cup.**

(For those worshipping online, 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)

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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. In our celebration of the Eucharist, there is no one here who is ineligible or unwelcome; no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the table of a loving God set for all creation through the power of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Please indicate that preference to the liturgical minister.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**God of abundance,
 you have fed us
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us
 with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth
 in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN

1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I

don't want to run this race in vain.
 don't want to run this race in vain.
 don't want to run this race in vain.

DISMISSAL

Participants Today

Miranda Smith, lay assistant; *Laura Andrews*, reader; *Cary Gaunt*, intercessor; *Ricky Davidson* and *Maida McKenna*, ushers; *John Byrnes*, *Kiersten McKenney* and *Sue Dyer*, Altar Guild.

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- **WELCOME TO VISITORS!** All are welcome at this table. If you have any questions about the liturgy, location of the bathrooms, or anything else, please ask one of the ushers or greeters. Thank you for joining us today.
- **GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AND GRAPE JUICE** are available for Communion at both 8:00 am and 10:15 services. Please make yourselves known to the priest when you come up for Communion.
- **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!** There are clipboards with paper and crayons, as well as activity bags with coloring books at the back of the Sanctuary for children who are interested in coloring or drawing during the service. Feel free to come in and out of the worship area as needed with your children! Please ask an usher if you need assistance.
- **NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE** for young children during the service. Please ask the ushers for directions.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday, on Zoom
Centering Prayer, 11:30-11:55 am, Wednesday in the Chapel
Eucharist with the Saints, 12 noon-12:30, Wednesday in the Chapel
Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday in the Chapel, in-person and on Zoom
Centering Prayer, 8 am, Saturday in the Chapel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: *Christine Triebert*, Thursday and *Paul Moberly*, Saturday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: *Duncan Hilton & Bethany Hobbs*, Monday and *Andy & Elise Burrows*, Wednesday.

SEND-OFF FOR DEVIN STARLANYL THIS MORNING AT 10:15 SERVICE: Our beloved, longtime parishioner, Devin Starlanyl, is moving to the Taft Farm Senior Living Community in Williston, Vermont on August 10. Devin has been so active in St. Michael's ministries - EFM, Tag Sale, and the Longest Night service, to name a few -- and her main ministry to the world is as an author, authority and supporter of people suffering from fibromyalgia. Devin plans to stay connected with St. Michael's through our Livestream service, but she also wants to let people know how thankful she is for St. Michael's: "I am leaving a part of me with St. Michael's and taking some of St. Michael's with me." We will have a special blessing for Devin during the 10:15 am service this morning; we can all greet Devin and say goodbye.

VESTRY LISTENING CORNER AFTER 10:15 SERVICE TODAY: Vestry members Rosie Wojcik and Annie Landenberger will be in the Listening Corner outside to hear your questions, concerns, and praises!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR THE ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND DINNER OF THE WINDHAM COUNTY BRANCH OF THE NAACP, RETREAT FARM, SATURDAY AUGUST 13, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM: The Windham County Branch of the NAACP will host their annual Freedom Fund Dinner at the Retreat Farm this year. There will be wonderful guests including Senator Patrick Leahy, Congressman Peter Welch, and Sam "Magic Man" Waymon, the brother of Nina Simone. Tickets are \$50 and include an annual membership to our Branch as well as dinner. Cash bar available. The link to purchase tickets is: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/third-annual-freedom-fund-dinner-tickets-345816044097> . To order by mail, send check to Windham County NAACP, P.O. Box 6164, Brattleboro VT 05302. To make sure you receive your membership card, please provide: name of each person for whom you purchase a ticket, mailing address of each person, email address, and phone number. For additional information or for questions, please email Cliff L. Wood at clwood0213@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: PARISH PICNIC AT SPOFFORD LAKE, SUNDAY AUGUST 28: All are invited to St. Michael's Annual Parish Picnic, August 28 from noon to 4 pm at 29 Barn Road, Spofford Lake, New Hampshire (about a 15-minute drive from St. Michael's). Kate and Dana McGinn have generously agreed again to host the picnic at their place, which is right next to the lake, with a great porch for sitting, wonderful grounds for playing and great access to the lake for swimming, kayaking, etc. Drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers will be provided by the church. More information to come as the date draws closer!

BUILDING HOPE FOR THE EARTH OPEN HOUSE!

When: Thursday, September 1, 5–7 pm

What: Come and see what St. Michael's is planning for our roof, solar and energy transformation project!

- Fun, Interactive Information Stations
- Food, Conversation & Inspiration
- A Mystery Raffle

Where: The Rectory Yard (right by St. Michael's parking lot, 18 Bradley Avenue)

How: Come anytime between 5–7 pm; there will be a brief prayer and speaker at 5:30 pm

Why: For the future of our church and the care of God's earth

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND SACRED GROUND CIRCLES COMING: This fall, Sacred Ground circles open to those in the dioceses of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine will meet on Zoom. The introductory meeting will be held in early September. The circles are sponsored by the Diocese of Vermont's Anti-Racism Action Group, the Diocese of New Hampshire's Reconciliation Commission and the Diocese of Maine's Racial Justice Council. Those interested in participating should contact Franci Farnsworth (farnswor@middlebury.edu). Learn more about Sacred Ground and watch an invitational video at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM) ONLINE SEMINAR FORMING IN

SEPTEMBER: Education for Ministry (EFM) offers the faithful and the curious an opportunity to encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences in the world. Seminar participants study, worship and engage in theological reflection together in a weekly seminar format over 36 weeks.

Karen Byers (Diocese of Western Massachusetts) and Steve Isham (Diocese of Vermont) will co-mentor this seminar on Zoom. Both are experienced mentors and are trainers in the program.

Time: Monday afternoons 2:30 pm–5:00 pm

Dates: Sep 12–Dec 19, 2022; Jan 9–June 5, 2023

Cost: \$325. (Participants will separately obtain the textbooks for the program. The tuition fee includes the Reading and Reflection Guide.)

If you are interested in joining EFM, please contact Karen Byers (kdbyers@comcast.net) or Steve Isham (stevenisham@charter.net).