



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept. Please stand when you hear the music for the first hymn.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

The Hymnal 388

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

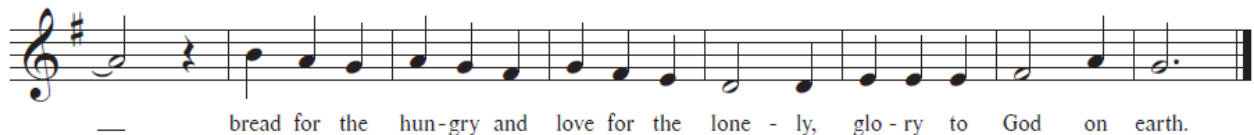
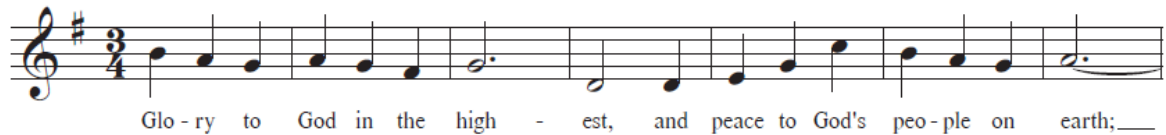
1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

SONG OF PRAISE



COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Micah 6: 1-8

Following the Lesson...

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

PSALM 15

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Following the Lesson...

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

HYMN

The Hymnal 689

1 I sought the Lord, and af - ter - ward I knew he
 2 Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine en - fold; I
 3 I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole of

moved my soul to seek him, seek - ing me; it was not
 walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea; 'twas not so
 love is but my an - swer, Lord, to thee: for thou wert

I that found, O Sa - vior true; no, I was found of thee.
 much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.
 long be - fore - hand with my soul, al - ways thou lov - edst me.

Words: Anon., Pilgrim Hymnal, 1904. Music: *Faith*, J. Harold Moyer (b. 1927). Mennonite Publishing House.

Preceding the Gospel...

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 1-12

Following the Gospel...

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

SERMON

The Reverend Mary Lindquist

After the sermon a period of silence is kept

**WE PRAY FOR GOD'S CREATION,
FOR THE WORLD, AND FOR THE CHURCH**

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

**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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you 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 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

ANTHEM *"Halehuya! Pelo Tsa Rona,"* *South African*

All stand to sing

OFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal 568

Hymn printed on the next page

1 Fa - ther all lov - ing, who rul - est in ma - jes - ty,
 2 Bless - ed Lord Je - sus, who cam - est in pov - er - ty,
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, cre - ate in us ho - li - ness,
 4 Ho - li - est Trin - i - ty, per - fect in u - ni - ty,

judg - ment is thine, and con - demn - eth our pride;
 shar - ing a sta - ble with beasts at thy birth,
 lift up our lives to thy stand - ard of right;
 bind in thy love ev - ery na - tion and race;

stir up our lead - ers and peo - ples to pen - i - tence,
 stir us to work for thy jus - tice and char - i - ty,
 stir ev - ery will to new ven - tures of faith - ful - ness,
 may we a - dore thee for time and e - ter - ni - ty,

sor - row for sins that for ven - geance have cried.
 tru - ly to care for the poor of the earth.
 flood the whole Church with thy glo - ri - ous light.
 Fa - ther, Re - deem - er, and Spi - rit of grace.

Words: Patrick Robert Norman Appleford (b. 1925), alt. By permission of The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.
 Music: *Was lebet*, melody from *Choral-Buch vor Johann Heinrich Reinhardt*, 1754; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

OFFERING

During the hymn, ushers pass the offering plates. Representatives from the parish bring the people's offerings of food bread and wine for the Eucharist, and money for mission and ministry to the Altar. You may also make a donation online at www.stmichaelsvermont.org under "Give" & "Give Online." Our ministry at St. Michael's depends on your generosity. Please consider making a donation or a pledge.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts,
<i>People</i>	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. Then all sing the Sanctus together:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

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,

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.

BREAD IS BROKEN

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Like bread in the de - sert, You nour - ish our lives, We
sing your praise, al - le - lu - ia!

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

Celebrant: Behold what we are.

People: **May we become what we receive.**

BREAD AND WINE ARE SHARED

Invitation to Receive the Sacrament of 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 and grape juice are available. If you would like either, please indicate that preference to the liturgical minister.

Receive the Bread in your open palm followed by the Common Cup, taking the cup by its base and guiding it to your lips. You may also receive the Bread only, with arms folded over your chest afterwards. Or if you wish to come to the Altar for a blessing only, please fold your arms over your chest.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT AND GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Levas 165

HYMN PRINTED ON NEXT PAGE

1. I'm press - ing on the up - ward way, New heights I'm
 2. My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a -
 3. I want to live a - bove the world, Though sa - tan's
 4. I want to scale the ut - most height, And catch a

1. gain - ing ev - ery day; Still pray - ing as I on - ward bound,
 2. rise and fears dis - may; Though some may dwell where these a - bound,
 3. darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught a joy - ful sound,
 4. gleam of glo - ry bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,

1. "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."
 2. My prayer, my aim is high - er ground. Lord, lift me
 3. The song of saints on high - er ground.
 4. "Lord, lead me on the high - er ground."

up, and let me stand By faith, on heav - en's ta - ble - land; A high - er

plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.

DISMISSAL

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Craig Irvine, lay assistant; *Ian Harrison* and *Joyce Vining Morgan*, readers and element bearers; *Margery McCrum*, intercessor; *Ricky Davidson*, chalice; *Brian & Joyce Vining Morgan*, ushers; *Jane Sbardella* and *Sherry Stimmel*, Altar Guild.

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All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

- **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.
- **TO RECEIVE THE RITE OF HEALING:** Trained lay healing ministers are available in the chapel to pray with you individually before or after you receive communion. A healing minister will say prayers, lay her or his hands upon you, and anoint you with consecrated oil. You can come for yourself, for another person, for a need or for a thanksgiving. Please ask ushers for assistance if you have questions.
- **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.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday, on Zoom, Tuesday & Wednesday in-person the Chapel
Breakfast with the Psalms, 8:30-10 am, Wednesday at The Works, Main St, Brattleboro
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 *Paul Dedell*, Today; *Megan Buchanan*, Monday; *Linda Parker*, Tuesday; *Chris Landin* and *Doug Lilly*, Saturday.

ADULT FORUM, 9 – 10 AM IN THE MEETING ROOM:

- **TODAY, JANUARY 29: Our Financial Life: Budget Review** — In preparation for the Annual Meeting scheduled for later that day, our new treasurer, Tom Cain, and our old treasurer, Bruce Lawrence, will be available to go over our 2023 budget and answer any questions you may have about our financial life at St. Michael's.
- **NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 5: Radical Intellectual Hospitality & CS Lewis** – Last summer, Matthew and Linda Elkan participated in a seven-day conference in Oxford, sponsored by the C.S. Lewis Foundation. (<https://www.cslewis.org/programs/si/>). At this forum, they will share some of what they learned, focusing on the “radical intellectual hospitality of Jesus”- a call to love our enemies, not just those whom we find lovable (Matt. 5:44). This includes our “intellectual enemies,” those with whom we radically disagree.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING TODAY AT 2 PM ON ZOOM: All members of St. Michael's are invited to attend our Parish Annual Meeting on Zoom beginning at 2 pm today. Having the Annual Meeting on Zoom assures that everyone can participate regardless of the weather or of how far away you live. We have members of our church who participate in St. Michael's via the Livestream (Our Church in the Cloud), and we want everyone to be included! Here is the Zoom link:

At this Annual Meeting, we will elect three new members of the Vestry (see below), adopt a budget for 2023, elect delegates to the Diocesan Convention, and receive reports on St. Michael's Interfaith Refugee Ministry, Becoming Beloved Community and the Building Hope for the Earth Project. In addition, we will view our annual slide show highlighting life at St. Michael's in 2022. The Annual Meeting is an important overview of the past and future of our ministry together. Please make every effort to be present!

CANDIDATES FOR THE VESTRY:

PAUL GALLAGHER



Pam and I have been attending St. Michael's for over 50 years, including being married by the Rev. Steele Martin in 1969. Pam's mother, Nancy Hicks, was a member of the choir for over 25 years.

We live in both Newfane and Madison, CT. Now, with the Church in the Cloud, we can participate no matter where we may be. In St. Michael's we have found a welcoming, diverse community that strives to achieve its mission statement.

After four years in the Army, I had a 50-year career in the pharmaceutical industry, from which I retired in 2021. Being a veteran is one of the reasons I volunteered for the Refugee Ministry. I lector and, with Pam, worked on the Tag Sale. My experience includes having served a term on the vestry while we were members of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Wilton, CT.

CARY GAUNT



In the fall of 2000, I fled the chaos and stress of living in the midst of Washington, D.C.'s sprawling suburbs for the green and remote mountains—first of New Hampshire and then Dummerston, Vermont. My community became the woods and all of nature's beings, *and* St. Michael's Episcopal Church. I began attending late in the fall of 2000. Some of you may remember me from then when I was very involved in Centering Prayer (facilitating a Monday night group) and offering programs on greening the church, our lives, and voluntary simplicity. I also offered forums on nature-based prayer. After a hiatus while I completed my doctoral dissertation in eco-spirituality and then moved to Boulder, Colorado for a post-doctoral fellowship in Christian-Buddhist role models of ecological living and leadership, I returned to the

Brattleboro area and St. Michael's in 2012. After a career in higher education sustainability leadership, it has been a joy to work with Mary and the Vestry to bring this consciousness to our church home.

Today many of you may know of my work with the Building Hope for the Earth campaign. My passion is ecological spiritual formation, contemplative practice, personal/organizational discernment and how they weave together to create a just, equitable, and ecologically conscious community of hopeful action. I also loved being an active member of the Discernment for Laypeople Team when Duncan was here. I am so deeply touched by the courage the St. Michael's community has demonstrated with its commitment to reduce our fossil fuel use, choose renewables, and be a beacon of hope and leadership for the broader community.

SUSAN HEIMER



You could say I experienced the Episcopal Church in many ways as the daughter of a priest and Air Force chaplain (former Priest Associate here, Father Hutchins, whom many may still remember). But our St. Michael's community, where I have been active since 1996, is closest to my heart. Now retired from my career as an early childhood educator, I have been most involved in Christian Formation, particularly as a coordinator of Godly Play for our youngest children. In the last year I also pondered the questions of how we are led to serve and understand what is possible in our community as a co-leader of one of our Lenten Covenant Groups, as a member of the Schroeder Fund Help Committee, and as a member of the Music Director Search Committee. After 40 straight years of parenting, 2023 promises to be the first year I will not have a child at home. I will be given the gift of more time, and I would be very humbled if I can give it in ministry to the vestry.

SPRING TAG SALE DONATIONS BEGIN FEB. 5: The 2023 St. Michael's Episcopal Church ***Huge 50th Anniversary Tag Sale*** has been scheduled for Sat., May 6. This is a once-a-year event. We will be fundraising for 2 community organizations- Groundworks Collaborative and the Windham County Heat Fund.

Tag Sale donations will be welcome starting Sun., Feb. 5th, 2023. Items may be dropped off inside (please, not outside of) the 2 closets next to the childcare center (lower level door near the parking lot). The closets are labeled "Clothing and Linens" and "Housewares and Books" to help guide you. Masks encouraged inside the church building. **Please pay attention to our donation guidelines (as follows):**

Clothing- any season, adult and child. **Must be clean, no stains or rips, good condition.**

Shoes- any season, only lightly worn, excellent condition shoes, hiking boots, boots, sandals

Jewelry- in good condition.

Linens- good condition, no stains or rips, clean.

Housewares- must have all parts, clean, unbroken, in good condition. Small electric kitchen appliances (blenders, food processors, toasters) are fine if clean and in working order.

Toys- only puzzles or games with all the pieces! Sorry, no other toys.

Books- books in good condition are welcome as long as they have not been stored in a damp basement. Children's and adult books welcome. **PLEASE, No Textbooks!**

Furniture- Please keep furniture at home until 2-4 weeks before the sale. We do not have storage space at this time. Upholstered furniture will need to be reviewed before accepting. Note: we cannot accept furniture made from particle board (fiber board).

Sports Equipment- Anything in really good cond. with all parts welcome, but please hold off until we are accepting furniture. Sporting goods are pretty bulky!

Sorry, we absolutely **cannot accept** any **AUDIO OR VISUAL ELECTRONICS, LARGE APPLIANCES, MATTRESSES, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, or anything that is soiled, worn, musty or broken.**

PS. If anyone in the congregation knows of dry, local storage where we could keep furniture prior to the Tag Sale, please contact Liz with that information. Thank you!!

For questions, please contact: **Liz Vick, 802-254-7060** or ebethvick@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!!

COFFEE HOUR CELEBRATIONS: Please consider hosting coffee hour as a way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary ,to honor someone special or just to say thank you. You provide snacks decorations, if appropriate, and the church furnishes drinks and cups, napkins etc.

You can reserve a date by emailing Jeanie in the Church office at jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org. We will confirm and provide instructions. You can make a Sunday special.