

The Festival Choral Eucharist for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ



Easter Day

09 April, 2023

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Brattleboro, Vermont

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Welcome

Hymn in Procession

The Hymnal 207

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!

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After the hymn, the Presider says this opening acclamation responsively three times.

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

During the hymn the people are sprinkled with water as a remembrance of Baptism.

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Collect of The Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

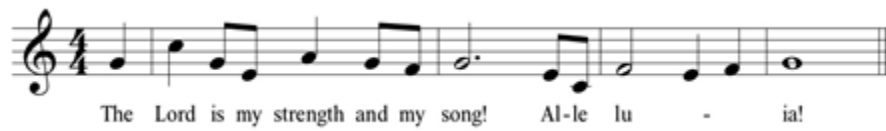
Jeremiah 31:1-6

After the reading the lector says

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

Remain seated

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-17, 22-24



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
RESPONSE

The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
RESPONSE

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
RESPONSE

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
RESPONSE

Second Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

After the reading the lector says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

The Hymnal 184

Hymn is printed on next page



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.
takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:
is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia!



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Gospel

John 20:1-18

The people turn to face the Gospel book and remain standing for the reading of the Gospel

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Following the Gospel, the Officiant says

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Mary D. Lindquist

After the sermon a period of silence is kept.

Prayers of the People

Reader: Alleluia, Christ is risen.
Congregational response: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

The Celebrant bids the

Peace

The peace 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.

Anthem

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.

All stand to sing

Hymn

The Hymnal 178

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
Now we shall live for ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings

Celebrant
The Lord be with you. *People*
And al - so 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 sings the Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Then all sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he 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.

Presider:

And seeing that the power of sin is broken, and Christ is all in all,
we praise you and we bless you.

People: We praise you,
we bless you,
we give thanks to you
and we pray to you,
O Lord our God.

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. Then all sing this hymn:

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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. Please indicate that preference to the liturgical minister.

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

The following blessing is said. The people respond to each petition with a loud "Amen."

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children through the resurrection of Christ our Savior, bestow upon you the riches of blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

After the blessing, all stand to sing the

Hymn in Procession

The Hymnal 210

Hymn is printed on the next page. Please turn over.

Descant

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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At the back of the nave, the Officiant and People say this

Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

People **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Please join us on the Rectory yard outside for the Easter Egg Hunt and/or downstairs in the Undercroft for Coffee Hour!

Participants Today

Craig Irvine, lay assistant; ***Laura Andrews and Ed McCatty***, readers and element bearers; ***Jenny Karstad***, intercessor; ***Miranda Smith*** and ***Ricky Davidson***, chalcers; ***Betsy Bates*** and ***Alan McBean***, ushers. ***Judy Walker*** and ***Carol Hesselbach***, Altar Guild. ***Marie Lawrence***, Flowers.

EASTER FLOWERS

The following gifts have been made for the flowers in the sanctuary this Easter season.

A Gift to The Glory of God

Anonymous - 2

Dorrie DeGutis

Janet Cramer

Laura Lewis

Jean Smith

In Thanksgiving For:

This Parish from *Craig Hammond & Liz Vick*

Sons Frank, Dwayne and David from *Judith Junkins*

Rev. Dr. Lise Sparrow and the Circle of Support she leads with such compassion from *Cliff & Wylene Wood*

The ministry and life of St. Michael's from *Christine Hart*

In Memory Of:

Andrew Jacob Hammond from *Craig Hammond & Liz Vick*

Bruce Hesselbach from *Carol Hesselbach*

Daniel Dobson from *Susan Gantt*

Esther Shzars

Peter Davidson and Marissa Theisen from *Judy & Jack Davidson*

The McGee Family, Charles & Evelyn Swift, Marge Turek from *Judith McGee*

Jonathan Field from *John Linscheid*

Bill and Frank Sr. from *Judith Junkins*

My sister Annie from *Judy Walker*

Robert R. Anderson from *Becky Anderson*

Judy Wagenbach from *Michael & Susan Wilmott*

Len & Shirley Ely, Martha & Spider Wiggins, Ben Wiggins, Scott Ely from *Ann & Tom Ely*

Doris E. Spahr, Richard Blazej, Doris & August Spahr, Jr. from *Lucy Spahr-Blazej*

David and Jamie Morgan from *Brian & Joyce Vining Morgan*

Bonz Hart, beloved brother-in-law, from *Anne Black*

Paula & Arthur Dyer, Miriam & Sidney Johnson from *Sue Dyer*

Madelyn & Wendell Howard, Jeffrey Howard from *Judith & Alan McBean*

Nancy & Halsey Hicks, Jeffrey Durborow from *Pam & Paul Gallagher*

Phyllis Lindquist from *Mary Lindquist*

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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 8:00am 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 Telephone + Tuesday and Wednesday also in the Chapel

Breakfast with the Psalms, 8 – 10:30 am, Wednesdays at The Works, 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 *Sherry Stimmel*, Monday; *Peter Johnson* and *Kurt Johnson*, Tuesday; *Michael Wilmott* and *Devin Starlanyl*, Wednesday; *Diane Clouet*, *Ron Bell* and *Lyndsay Hesselbach*, Thursday; *Ian Harrison*, *Ian McBean* and *Emily Brown*, Saturday.

SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES, RETREAT FARM, APRIL 29, 11 AM – 1 PM: St. Michael's, in collaboration with the Windham County Sheriff's Department, the Brattleboro Police Department, and the Windham County NAACP, will sponsor Swords to Plowshares (S2P), a gun safety and violence prevention event, on Saturday, April 29, 11AM to 1 PM at the Retreat Farm, Rte. 30, in Brattleboro. The Rt. Rev. James Curry, Retired Episcopal Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut, a co-founder of Swords to Plowshares, will also lead the Adult Forum and preach at St. Michael's on April 30.

Since its founding in 2017, Swords to Plowshares (<https://www.s2pnortheast.org/>) has focused on reducing gun violence in communities. The Rt. Rev. Thomas Ely, Retired Episcopal Bishop of Vermont, and Bishop Curry will speak and do in a live demonstration to let all witness the means by which weapons are forged into tools and implements of nurture. Participants can also try a hand at the forging process. Parishioner Cliff Wood, an event co-chair, will offer a look at the garden tools created from weapons and present them to Edible Brattleboro and SUSU Community Farm, both honored for their community service.

The event will close with talks on gun safety by Brattleboro Police Chief Norma Hardy and Windham County Sheriff Mark Anderson with a final response on behalf of communities of faith by Mary Lindquist as well as a Challenge to Community from Bishop Ely.

Communities of Support for the April 29 event include All Souls Unitarian Universalist, Brattleboro Area Jewish Community, Centre Congregational Church UCC, Dummerston Congregational Church UCC, First Congregational Church of Brattleboro, First United Methodist Church, Guilford Community Church UCC, Newfane Congregational Church, Putney Friends Meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, VT Insight Meditation, Brattleboro Zen Center, and Vermont Interfaith Action Council.

ADULT FORUM: There is no Adult Forum at 9 am today. There will be an Adult Forum next Sunday, April 16, from 9 – 10 am in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

COFFEE HOUR TODAY: There will be coffee hour after the 10:15 service today. Thanks to Lise Sparrow and to Cliff & Wylene Wood for hosting.

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER 10:15 SERVICE TODAY: The Easter Egg Hunt takes place outside after the 10:15 service. Kids of all ages are urged to participate!

BUILDING HOPE FOR THE EARTH UPDATE: We have officially completed the “electrification of energy” portion of the Building Hope for the earth project! That means that the majority of our spaces at St. Michael’s will no longer be using oil to heat and cool, but rather clean energy from Green Mountain Power.

Now that winter is largely past, the roofers are back to replace the Bradley Wing and Rectory roofs. Insulation will be installed in the Bradley Wing, helping to prevent the leakage of heat and cooling for this part of our building. Finally, in May, the solar panels will be installed on all the south-facing roofs of the sanctuary, Bradley Wing and Rectory. We are so thankful for this wonderful work that helps us bring our building in alignment with our deepest values and stewardship for God’s creation.

2023 TAG SALE UPDATE: St. Michael’s has been having Tag Sales since 1973! Our event this year is scheduled for Saturday, May 6 and will be raising proceeds for 2 amazing local organizations: Groundworks Collaborative, which helps local unhoused folks with shelter, food, healthcare and social services, and the Windham County Heat Fund, which offers fuel assistance to people who need it.

We have recently begun accepting furniture donations and hope that you will keep the Tag Sale in mind if you have any items you would like to get rid of. Wooden items (tables, chairs, shelves, bed frames [please, no mattresses], etc.), should be actual wood, not particle board, and in decent condition. Upholstered furniture needs to be in clean, usable condition, and we need to take a look at it before accepting it. Also, pickups of larger or multiple items are available! Please contact Liz Vick (below) to schedule either a “look over” or a pickup. Furniture storage is offsite until the week before the sale, so please contact Liz to arrange dropping off, as well.

In addition, donations continue to be open for clothing, jewelry, linens, housewares, books and puzzles. Donations for these items may be left inside the Tag Sale donation closets which are located in the downstairs back hallway near the parking lot. Please be sure to review the guidelines posted on the doors when leaving donations. Talk to me at Church, call or email to schedule furniture look-over, pickup or drop-off: Liz Vick, 802-254-7060 or ebethvick@gmail.com. Thank you very much! Your donations make the Tag Sale a great success every year!!