



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

**February 11, 2024**

## **WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

PRELUDE: “Adagio Cantabile” from “Sonata Pathétique” by L.V. Beethoven

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 542*

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,  
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;  
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

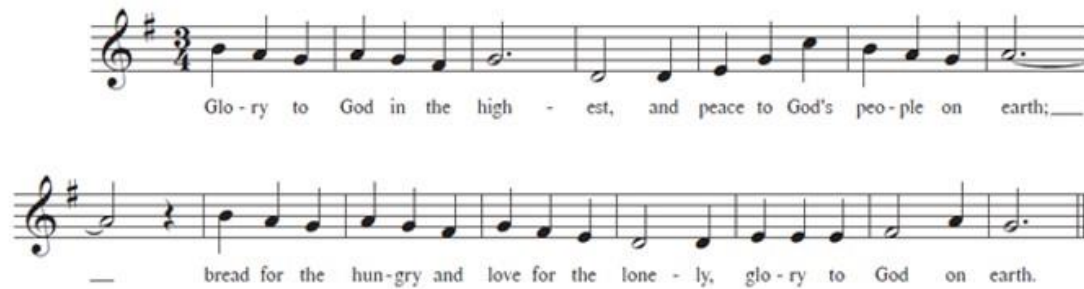
new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:  
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

*Priest:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People:* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## SONG OF PRAISE



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

*2 Kings 2:1-12*

*Following the Lesson...*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 50:1-6

**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.**

## A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

*2 Corinthians 4: 3-6*

*Following the Lesson...*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**Thanks be to God.**

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of  
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,  
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt. Music: *St. Elizabeth*, melody from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

*Preceding the Gospel...*

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 9: 2 – 9*

*Following the Gospel...*

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

SERMON

*The Reverend Mary D. Lindquist*

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Leader and People (silent pause)*

**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 Celebrant 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.**

*After the sermon a period of silence is kept*

## 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

‘Give ear unto me’ by Benedetto Marcello arr. Novello *Sung by Margery McCrum and Jenny Karstad, sopranos*

*All stand to sing*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

LEVAS 83

1. I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in  
And then a little light from heaven filled my soul;  
It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above,  
And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole

REFRAIN *Now, let us have a little talk with Jesus, let us  
tell Him all about our troubles, He will Hear our faintest cry, and He will  
answer by and by; Now when you feel a little pray’r wheel turning, and you  
know a little fire is burning, you will  
Find a little talk with Jesus makes it right, it makes it right.*

2. Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer  
And then a cloud may hide the light of day;  
The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies,  
And just a little talk with Jesus clears the way.

REFRAIN

3. I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears,  
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night;  
I go to Him in pray'r, He knows my ev'ry care.  
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.  
REFRAIN

## 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](http://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.  
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. 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.*

And having seen the glory of the Jesus himself, full of unending love, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, 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,

**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!

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes.

*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 120

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I  
know that it's the Spirit of the Lord, There are  
sweet expressions on each face, And I  
know they feel the presence of the Lord.

REFRAIN: *Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in  
praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have  
been revived when we shall leave this place.*

2. There are blessings you cannot receive Till you  
know Him in His fullness and believe. You're the  
one to profit when you say, "I am  
going to walk with Jesus all the way."

REFRAIN

3. If you say He saved you from your sin, Now you're  
weak, you're bound, and cannot enter in, you can  
make it right if you yield; You'll enjoy  
the Holy Spirit that we feel.

REFRAIN

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Voluntary in G minor" by Samuel Long

## PARTICIPANTS TODAY

***The Reverend Lars Hunter***, deacon; ***Annie Landenberger***, lay assistant; ***Ann Ely*** and ***Carol Hesselbach***, readers and element bearers; ***Margery McCrum***, intercessor; ***Alex O'Pray***, chalice; ***William Stearns*** and ***Alan McBean***, ushers; ***Carolyn Taylor-Olson***, healing minister; , coffee hour host; ***Judy Walker*** and ***Carol Hesselbach***, Altar Guild. The flowers on the altar today are ***given by the Altar Guild in thanksgiving for Jean Smith and her ministry.***

**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.**

**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-Thursday 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 *Alan McBean* and *Jayne Fritz*, Today; *Craig Irvine*, Monday; *Cliff Wood*, Tuesday; *Greg Allen*, Friday.**

### **GIVING THANKS FOR JEAN SMITH'S MINISTRY AT ST. MICHAEL'S, THIS**

**MORNING, FEB 11, 9-10 AM:** It is time to say a huge THANK YOU and ~~goodbye~~ *see you later* to our beloved priest associate, the Reverend Jean Smith. Jean and her husband, Peter, are moving to Connecticut to be closer to their son. Jean has served St. Michael's for sixteen years and her ministry with us has been so profound. We want a chance to tell her just how much her ministry has meant to us all. We will share food, memories and words of gratefulness for Jean at a special coffee hour between the two services, from 9-10 am. Since Jean will not be too far away, we hope to see Jean again at St. Michael's for visits in the summer. This is not a final goodbye, but a recognition that Jean will not be part of the community in the way she has been!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY:**

- **Godly Play** (for ages 3 and up) will hear about the story of The Boy Jesus. Judy Davidson is the storyteller and Liz Vick is the doorkeeper.
- **Upper El** will meet today in the Meeting Room.

**LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS EGG CARTONS:** Loaves & Fishes is receiving eggs in cases and need cartons that hold a dozen eggs. Bring your empty egg cartons to St. Michael's -- another way to recycle them!



**PANCAKE SUPPER, SHROVE TUESDAY, FEB 13, 5:00–6:30 PM:** The Outreach Committee invites you to come celebrate Shrove Tuesday, or Mardi Gras as it is called in New Orleans. It is a merry prelude to the solemnity of Lent, with homemade pancakes (including gluten-free pancakes for those with gluten allergy), real Vermont maple syrup, sausages, applesauce and fruit. Costumes encouraged!

Supper is from 5:00 to 6:30 in the Undercroft, with a voluntary contribution of \$7 for each person or \$20 for a family of three or more. All proceeds from the supper will support Saint Michael's Interfaith Refugee Ministry.

Helpers are needed for set up, cooking, and clean up: contact Brian Morgan at 802-451-8551 or [morgan.bg@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.bg@gmail.com).

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 8 AM, 12 NOON AND 5:30 PM:** The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday which lands this year on February 14. Ash Wednesday, a reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God, marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season and is commonly observed with ashes and fasting. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness. The imposition of ashes will be offered at The Works (193 Main Street) at 8 am. The liturgy, which includes the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist, will be offered at St. Michael's at 12 noon and 5:30 pm (with music). All are welcome.

**ST. MICHAEL'S LITURGY TRAINING, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17:** Calling all readers, ushers, lay assistants and intercessors! We are having a liturgy training to brush up on our ministry of worship. This is also an opportunity both for experienced liturgy helpers and for those who would like to be more involved in serving on Sundays. Here is the timing for the training:

9-9:30 am – Lay Assistants

9:30 – 10:15 am – Readers, Intercessors and Ushers

If you cannot attend this training, we hope to do some recordings of the training to pass on to folks who are not able to be there.

**ST. MICHAEL'S COFFEE HOUR TRAINING & KITCHEN ORIENTATION,**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2024, 10:30AM:** Ever felt like signing up to help with Coffee Hour, but decided 1. You are too new, 2. You don't know the kitchen and what is expected? 3. It is too overwhelming? 4. You want to partner with someone to do it?

On Saturday, February 17 at 10:30 am (conveniently following the liturgy training) St. Michael's Hospitality Team will hold a kitchen orientation and a Coffee Hour Training. Come learn the ins and outs of St. Michael's kitchen, join with others who feel called to offer hospitality to our parish, and see what it's all about.

**TEAM HOLY WEEK, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 12 PM, THE CHOIR ROOM AND SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 12 PM, THE CHOIR ROOM:**

The holiest, most important time in the Christian year is Holy Week, from Palm Sunday (March 24) to Easter Day (March 31). At St. Michael's, we especially focus on the Triduum (Maundy Thursday – Easter, March 28-31). Last Lent we started a new tradition at St. Michael's – Team Holy Week. The idea is that liturgy is about participation, so instead of doling out parts for folks to do, we call together a team of people who are willing to participate fully – a whole team effort. Because of the commitment, dedication and creativity of Team Holy Week last year, Holy Week was a deeply transformative experience for many. All are welcome to participate, even if this is your first time observing this holy time.

- We will need readers, prayer leaders, cooks, kitchen help, prayer practitioners, artists, musicians, singers & more.
- Come to two planning meetings at 12 pm (after church and some refreshments) on Sundays February 18 & March 3 to understand the story arc of the triduum and decide how you would like to participate.
- Are you in? Please contact me at [mary@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:mary@stmichaelsvermont.org) If you are interested in participating, but can't attend the meetings, just let me know.

**ST. MICHAEL'S 2024 LENTEN STUDY- WISDOM IN THE WILDERNESS:  
DISCOVERING PATHWAYS TOWARD HOPE; TUESDAYS, 5:30–6:45 PM IN LENT:**

Jesus's Lenten journey from the wilderness to Easter's resurrection offers wisdom for all of us who feel lost, in transition, discouraged, or despaired. It also provides a fitting metaphor for those who hear the calls to live and serve in new ways, supporting what many name the "Great Turning" and what we call "Building Hope" at St. Michael's.

St. Michael's Lenten Series this year examines the wisdom of the wilderness and pathways toward hope demonstrated by Jesus and wisdom teachers from our Christian and other traditions. Through short readings, reflection, prayer practices, and community we will explore together the Lenten Gospels, Jesus's time in the desert as a metaphor for the rites of passage in our own lives, the power of forgiveness and reconciliation, and how hope emerges from faith and learning to see with new eyes. The five sessions will be a combination of prayer, conversation and sharing facilitated by Cary Gaunt, Mary Lindquist, and Lars Hunter.

**When:** Tuesdays in the Season of Lent, from 5:30–6:45 pm (February 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19).

**Where:** This will be a *hybrid offering*, which means that you may gather in-person in the Meeting Room at St. Michael's or you may attend on Zoom.

**BAPTISM & COLLABORATION IN THE BODY OF CHRIST: A DIOCESAN**

**LENTEN STUDY:** On Thursday evenings in Lent and the beginning of Easter - February 15-April 4 - from 5:45-7:45 there Green Mountain Online Abbey will host adult formation conversations based on our devotional "Baptism and Collaboration in the Body of Christ." Each week will focus on a different question in the baptismal covenant and will engage with the writings of lay and ordained authors from both Vermont and Massachusetts. It will be a wonderful time to explore our own baptisms and to be in fellowship with people from across our province. RSVP to Rev. adwoa at [awilson@diovermont.org](mailto:awilson@diovermont.org) is appreciated. The devotional will be available on the diocesan website shortly before Ash Wednesday.

**ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'S RETREAT: COMING INTO OUR WHOLE AND HOLY NAMES, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 9AM-4PM, HALLELUJAH FARM RETREAT**

**CENTER** - St. Michael's invites women from the parish to gather for a spacious day of reflection and connection at beautiful Hallelujah Farm in Chesterfield, New Hampshire. The retreat will be a day of conversation, art, gentle movement, music, and prayer. Together we'll explore the power of naming, through the stories of our own naming and through the stories of people, places, and animals that we may have named. This retreat will be led by Kim Peavey.

Please register by signing up in the Common Room or by emailing Mary at [mary@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:mary@stmichaelsvermont.org). **Deadline to sign up is February 18.** A donation of \$25 is requested to help cover lunch and facility rental.

**TAG SALE DONATIONS BEGIN TODAY:** The members of the St. Michael's Tag Sale Ministry have begun planning for our annual Terrific Tag Sale, slated for Sat., May 4. We are looking forward to another great sale with lots of excellent items to offer "for sale" (mostly by monetary donation). We are very pleased that the proceeds will all go to Loaves and Fishes this year.

On Sun., February 11, we will begin accepting selective items to "sell" at the Tag Sale. Housewares, clothing, shoes, linens, jewelry, puzzles and books (please, no textbooks!) may be brought to the Church anytime that the building is open. We ask that all donations be in **good condition**: gently used, clean, nothing stained, broken or with pieces missing. The only electronics we can accept are (working) small household or kitchen appliances. (see guidelines below).

We will begin accepting furniture and sporting goods later this spring. Stay tuned!

All donated items may be left inside one of the 2 designated Tag Sale closets ("Clothing and Linens" or "Housewares and Books") off the hallway outside Horizon Preschool (entrance through the church's back door near the parking lot.)

Please review our donation guidelines below when setting aside donations for the sale:

**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, clean.

**Housewares**- must have all parts, clean, unbroken, in good condition.

**Appliances**- **Only small kitchen electronics, working, clean, all parts with it. Sorry, NO AUDIO, COMPUTER OR OTHER ELECTRONICS OR APPLIANCES!!**

**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. **NO TEXTBOOKS!!**

**Furniture**- **Save for closer to Tag Sale due to lack of storage. New policy:** ALL furniture will need to be reviewed by Tag Sale Team member before being accepted. Note: please, no furniture made from particle board (fiber board).

*Sorry, we absolutely **cannot accept any MATTRESSES, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, or anything that is soiled, worn, musty or broken.***

Thank you so much- we look forward to working with all of you to hold another awesome sale this spring! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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