

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

The members of the congregation gather on the lawn in front of the church if they are walking in the Palm Sunday parade or in the Church if they do not wish to walk in the parade.

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

Mark 11: 1-11

Those who have gathered outside now process around the block and into the church.

THE PROCESSION

HYMN

Hymnal 154

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Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King'
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring.

Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

Celebrant

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reign in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Celebrant: Let us pray

THE COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit for

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16

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- 9 **Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.**
- 10 **For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**
- 11 **I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.**
- 12 **I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
- 13 **For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.**
- 14 **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.**
- 15 **My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 **Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Philippians 2:5-11

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

The Hymnal 435, vs. 1-3

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1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
*6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt. Music: *King's Weston*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Remain standing for

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MARK

Mark 14:1-15:39

Preceding the Gospel...

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*Please be seated for the reading of the Passion according to Mark.
There will be periods of silence in between the scenes of the Passion.*

Following the Gospel...

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

All remain seated for

HOMILY

Mary D. Lindquist

Stand, if able, for

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

Congregation responds: **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM “Soon I Will Be Done” arr. Carla J. Giomo

All stand

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal 313

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
 and the nail - ing; by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

Refrain

of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925). Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

Remain standing for

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: 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 God thanks and praise**

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Celebrant recalls (and makes present for all) Jesus' life and last supper.

Celebrant: 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 Celebrant asks the Holy Spirit to consecrate the bread and the wine to be God's holy food.

Celebrant: By Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is
 yours, Almighty Father, now and forever

People: **Amen**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

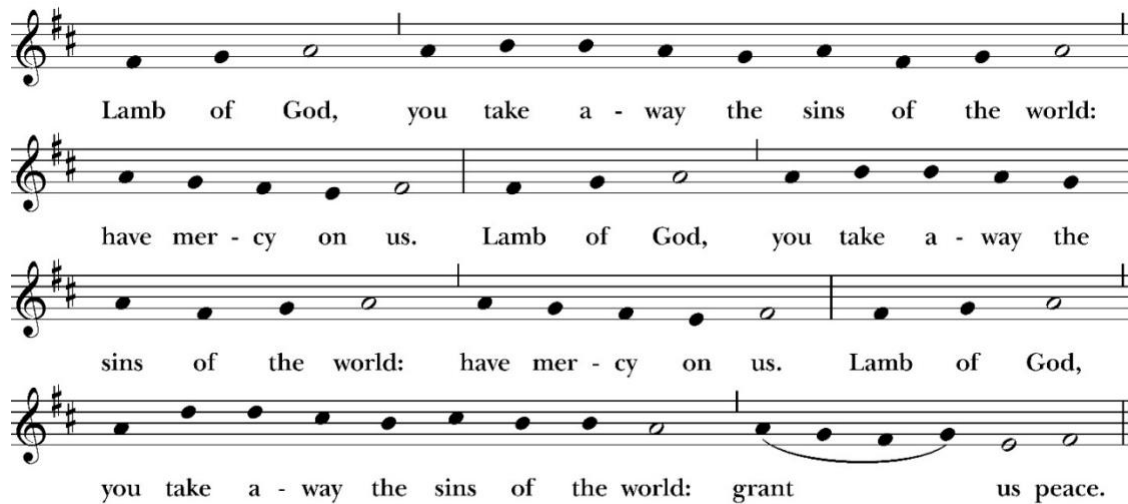
All say

**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,
 the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread as all sing

THE FRACTION ANTHEM



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant: Come all you who hunger and thirst, come and eat, come and drink.

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.

Remain standing to say

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **God of our Lenten journey,
you have said that the gate of mercy
will stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favor,
that we who follow the path of the Cross,
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Unison

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)

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LENTEN PRAYER

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Toccata” by Johann Philipp Krieger

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Greg Lesch, Lay Assistant; *Chris Chapman* and *Susan Daigneault*, readers and element bearers; **Ed McCatty**, **Asa Taggart**, **Alli Ackermann-Hovis**, **Bibi Johnson** and **Hugo Taggart**, Passion Readers; *Carol Hesselbach*, intercessor; *Ricky Davidson* and *Miranda Smith*, chalicers; *Elizabeth Freese* and *Betsy Bates*, ushers; *Rebecca Olmstead* and *Zadie Olmstead*, Altar Guild.

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.
- **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 *Joan Pinilla, Margery McCrum, Sherill Wilson* and *James Wilmott*, Today; *Kate LeBlanc*, Monday; *Tom Woodbury* and *Elizabeth Moore*, Thursday; *Craig Newbert*, Saturday.

PALM SUNDAY PARADE, TODAY: We are celebrating Palm Sunday this morning with a joyful parade around the neighborhood. After coffee hour from 9 – 10 am, we are gathering outside to begin the parade at 10:10. If you have drums, maracas or musical instruments, please bring them out so that we can make a joyful noise during the parade! This service marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most important week in the Christian year.

NO ADULT FORUM TODAY: March 24, Palm Sunday, and March 31, Easter Sunday, there is no Forum. Please join us at the coffee hour between services today.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to contribute to the flowers for the parish's celebration of Easter, please fill out the yellow form in the back of the sanctuary and put it in the offering plate this morning.

PLEASE HELP WITH SAINT MICHAEL'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT: The Easter Eggs are in the common room. Please take a bag of 12 plastic eggs home, fill them with candy or coins, **and bring them back by Easter Sunday, March 31.** We will hide them on Easter Sunday for our kids to find. The Easter Egg Hunt takes place outside after the 10:15 service. Kids of all ages are urged to participate. Consider bringing a guest to Easter Service. This is a wonderful event and a way to introduce friends and neighbors to our Saint Michael's community.

NOON EUCHARIST, MONDAY – THURSDAY IN HOLY WEEK: In preparation for the liturgies of Tenebrae through Easter Vigil, there will be Eucharist at noon in the chapel on Monday through Thursday during Holy Week. The service will include an opening chant, reading a portion of the Passion according to Luke, a consecration and sharing of holy communion, and silence. Come to one or more of these brief liturgies as we prepare our hearts to walk on the road Jesus walks with us.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Many of the Holy Week Services will be Livestreamed. Please check St. Michael's website for livestream links.

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8 am Holy Eucharist

9–10 am Coffee Hour

10 am Gather outside for our Palm Sunday Parade

10:15 am Holy Eucharist & Procession with Palms

MONDAY-THURSDAY

12-12:30 pm Contemplative Eucharist in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

12 pm Contemplative Holy Eucharist

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service (beginning with Dinner in the Undercroft)

8 pm Nightwatch

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

12 noon Proper liturgy for Good Friday (no music or veneration of the cross)

7:00 pm Proper liturgy for Good Friday with veneration of the cross

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

9-9:30 am Holy Saturday

7:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter followed by a celebratory reception

SUNDAY, EASTER DAY, MARCH 31

8 am Holy Eucharist

10:15 am Festival Holy Eucharist

What is Holy Week?

During the last week of the Lenten season we celebrate **Holy Week**, a sacred time of the year for Christians when the events of Christ's passion and death are remembered. In the remembering of the sacred stories, we hope not only to remember, but to experience the drama of these stories ourselves, that we may know Christ's love for us in a new way. All are welcome at any or all of these services!

Palm Sunday, March 24, 8 & 10:15 am -- This special liturgy begins with a procession (with spirited music) of the congregation and the blessing of the palms, commemorating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The service underlines the contrast between the crowd's joyous greeting of their king and then their condemnation of him—the contrast between shouts of “Alleluia” and “Crucify him!”

Monday-Thursday, March 25-29: 12-12:30 pm – In preparation for the dense liturgies of Maundy Thursday through Easter Vigil, there will be Eucharist at noon in the chapel on Monday through Thursday during Holy Week. The service will include an opening chant, reading a portion of the Passion according to Matthew, a sparse consecration and sharing of holy communion, and silence. Come to one or more of these brief liturgies as we prepare our hearts to walk on the road Jesus walks with us.

Wednesday, March 27, 7 pm -- Tenebrae, “The Service of Shadows,” offers us a time to be prayerful and reflective together in the midst of the darkness that is part of the Lenten season. This is a quiet and contemplative service of scripture and poetry readings, music, Taize chants and singing.

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 5:30 pm - The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word, *mandatum* (commandment), and refers to Jesus giving the “new commandment” to “love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34) to his disciples at the Last Supper. The Maundy Thursday service commemorates the Last Supper and often focuses on two things Jesus did at the Last Supper: washing of the disciples' feet and the institution of the sacrament of Holy Communion. We begin in the Undercroft with a simple meal then go to the candle-lit sanctuary for voluntary foot-washing, Eucharist and the remembrance of Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane, ending with the stripping of the altar. There will be an optional time of silent prayer (Nightwatch) in the church and in the chapel following the service. The Church will remain open all night for prayer.

Good Friday, March 29, 12 pm & 7 pm commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus. During this solemn service, we mourn for the death of Jesus and for our own sins. There will be music at the 7 pm service. No Eucharist is celebrated on this day.

The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, March 30, 7:30pm : We gather outside to light the new fire of Easter and move from darkness to light telling the ancient stories of God's people. This is the “king of all liturgies” of the Christian year and this year is extra special because we will be celebrating the baptism of an adult, Gabriel Sistare. The service is followed by a festive Easter Reception of chocolate, cheese and fruit.

Easter Sunday, March 31, 8 + 10:15 am, is the most important day of celebration in the Christian Year. On this day we celebrate how Christ overcame death to rise to new life, offering his redemption and love to all.