



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The Second Sunday in the Season of Easter

April 07, 2024

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.

HYMN

The Hymnal 209

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

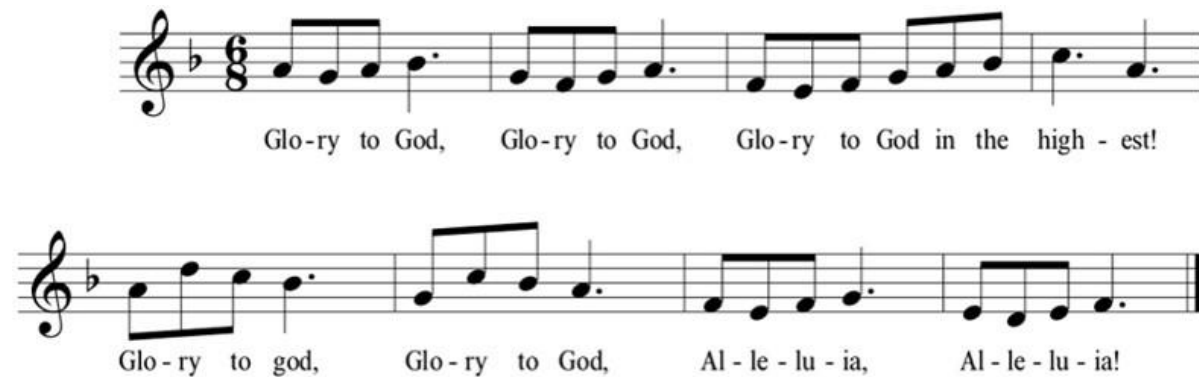
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After the hymn, the Presider says this opening acclamation responsively three times.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

SONG OF PRAISE



COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 4: 32-35

After the reading the lector says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated

PSALM 133

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

After the reading the lector says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN


The Hymnal 86




1 O Sa - vior of our fall - en race, _____
2 O Je - sus, ve - ry Light of Light, _____
3 Re - mem - ber, Lord of life and grace, _____
4 To - day, as year by year its light _____
5 For from the Fa - ther's throne you came, _____
6 O Christ, Re - deem - er vir - gin - born, _____



1 O Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's face,
2 our con - stant star in sin's deep night;
3 how once, to save our fall - en race,
4 bathes all the world in ra - diance bright,
5 his ban - ished chil - dren to re - claim;
6 let songs of praise your Name a - dorn,



1 O Son who shared the Fa - ther's might be - fore the world knew
2 now hear the prayers your peo - ple pray through - out the world this
3 you put our hu - man ves - ture on and came to us as
4 one pre - cious truth out - shines the sun: sal - va - tion comes from
5 and earth and sea and sky re - vere the love of him who
6 whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit



(After stanza 6)

1 day or night,
2 ho - ly day.
3 Ma - ry's son.
4 you a - lone.
5 sent you here.
6 ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia!

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THE GOSPEL

John 20: 19 – 31

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: Lord, in your mercy.

Congregational response: **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant bids the

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.

THE 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. Thank you!

All stand to sing

HYMN

The Hymnal 490

Hymn is printed on next page

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci-ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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

Hymn printed on next page

The Hymnal 212



1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let
 2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the
 3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in
 4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as
 5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - jice in Christ, a -
 2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their
 3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet free to
 4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less
 5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -

1 gain re - jice and on his prais - es dwell.
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), alt. Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1816); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

THE DISMISSAL

Participants Today

Craig Irvine, lay assistant; *Joyce Vining Morgan* and *Andy Burrows*, readers & element bearers; *Imogene Drakes*, intercessor; *Ricky Davidson*, chalice; *Alan McBean* and *Sherry Stimmel*, ushers; *Dan LaPenta & Janice Paren*, coffee hour hosts; *John Byrnes*, *Kiersten McKenney* and *Sue Dyer*, Altar Guild. *Marie Lawrence*, Flowers.

EASTER FLOWERS

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

To the glory of God

From Elizabeth Vick & Craig Hammond

From Caleb & Jenna Webb

From Thomas & Barbara Evans

From Dorrie Degutis

In thanksgiving for

The lives of David and Jamie Morgan *from Brian & Joyce Vining Morgan*

Ruth Evans *from Thomas & Barbara Evans*

Family and Friends *from Judy Walker*

Our grandchildren - Charlie, Ronia, Clayton, and Madelyn *from Tom & Ann Ely*

Madeline Grace Atkins *from David & Pam Carr*

All at St. Michael's, especially for your care and generosity at the time of our leave taking *from Jean & Peter Smith*

In memory of

My mother, Phyllis Lindquist, *from Mary Lindquist*

Nini & Bumpa *from Hailey and Ryan Cogliano*

Bob Anderson *from Becky Anderson*

Daniel Dobson *from Susan Gantt Kubert*

Bruce Hesselbach *from Carol Hesselbach*

Richard D. Blazej and Doris E. Spahr *from Lucy Spahr-Blazej*

Tim Gallagher and Nancy & Halsey Hicks *from Pam & Paul Gallagher*

George Lewis *from Laura Lewis*

Alfred A Cramer *from Janet Cramer*

James Cumming *from Evangelina Holvino*

Rosie & Charley Dumberger *from Dyana Lee*

Jack Hunter *from Lars Hunter*

Jack Pratt *from Edward S. McCatty*

The McGee Family, Evelyn Swift and Marge Turek *from Judy McGee*

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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 Zoom and Tues-Thursday 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: *Neil Montgomery*, Today; *Kelli Allen*, Monday; *Sherry Stimmel*, Wednesday; *Peter Johnson* and *Kurt Johnson*, Thursday; *J. Michael Wilmott* and *Devin Starlanyl*, Friday; *Diane Clouet*, *Ron Bell* and *Lyndsay Hesselbach*, Saturday.

ADULT FORUM:

- **TODAY, APRIL 7: "SPEAKING CHRISTIAN: RESURRECTION: THEN AND NOW" --**
This Adult Form, right after Easter, looks at the most fundamental Christian experience, resurrection, life out of death, and invites us to explore what it has meant down through time and what it means and does not mean to us today.
- **APRIL 14: "A CULTURE OF CARING: BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNITY" --** In 2019, Reverend Duncan Hilton, then serving at St. Michael's, spearheaded the initiative to explore the creation of a L'Arche community in Southern Vermont. His vision to create a local L'Arche community continues to shine. At this Forum, we'll learn more about L'Arche's Mission, how it closely aligns with the spirit of community at St. Michael's, and explore how we can foster a sense of belonging. Friends of L'Arche Southern Vermont believes that "people with intellectual disabilities belong at the center of community, that people of differing abilities are called into life together, and that we are all transformed when we commit to loving and serving each other."

NEW DISCUSSION GROUP ON AGING: *From Jeff Lewis:* The first Aging Discussion Group has completed its 8-week term and has decided to continue. I'm offering a second group, Aging II, which started April 3, on Wednesdays from 4 to 5:15. Discussion will be based on the Joan Chittister book "The Gift of Years." We'll meet for an hour and fifteen minutes for 8 weeks. The book is available widely, or I can ask Everyone's Books to order some. Please let me know if you are interested: jeffrey.m.lewis@comcast.net, or 802-579-3877.

BAPTISM CELEBRATION, APRIL 14, AT THE 10:15 AM SERVICE: 2024 seems to be the year we are catching up on the baptisms missed during the pandemic. Ethan Horton, who was our baby Jesus for the Christmas Pageant of 2019, will be baptized on Sunday, April 14. Ethan is now 4 years old and is very excited to be baptized (or “babaptize” as he likes to say). Below is a great poem about a baptism that I read recently. Please join us for this great celebration!

TAG SALE FURNITURE DONATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED: The Tag Sale team is now ready to begin looking at furniture donations for the upcoming Sat., May 4th Tag Sale which will benefit Brattleboro’s community meals program, Loaves and Fishes. This year, we will be looking over potential furniture donations so that we take only what we can sell.

For 1-2 items, a photo might be fine to send to lindariceaprn@gmail.com. For more than 2 items, please request someone to come look at what you have to make sure we can take everything, by calling Linda Rice at 802-257-7982 or 802-275-2268. Linda will schedule someone to come review your furniture donation items. Furniture pickup will be available beginning April 1st, and Linda can pass your information on to others on the pickup crew.

We have had some really nice donations of clothing, linens, books, jewelry, puzzles and housewares and would be happy to receive more, as well as sporting goods like bikes and skis.

Thank you for your generosity!

PRISON MINISTRY UPDATE: A special thank you to the person who left nice gift bags of toiletries in the Bin on the Bench. Toiletries continue to be the biggest need; these include bath soap, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes. If you send a donation to St. Michael's marked for "prison ministry," Cliff will be able to order in bulk. Thank you for your continued support.

SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES LOOKING FOR DONATED FIREARMS: Swords to Plowshares, Vermont, Inc, is a local Windham County non-profit devoted to community education aimed at reducing gun violence. Working with the Windham County Sheriff's department, we are seeking unwanted firearms that can be destroyed and the usable parts turned into garden tools and other artwork.

We are currently working with the staff and students in the art department at Putney School and need some donations so that the students can create the tools and other artwork as part of their class. We are also working on our next public educational event scheduled for May 11 at the Putney School.

If you have firearms that you no longer have use for and would like to dispose of them in a safe way and at the same time know that the usable parts will be transformed into garden tools and other works of art, then please respond to this request by sending an email to Tom Ely at thomasely1@gmail.com