



ST. MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The Seventh Sunday in the Season of Easter

*May 12, 2024*

**WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.*

HYMN

*The Hymnal 494*

*Printed on the next page*

*Descant*

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King,  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

*The Presider says this opening acclamation responsively three times.*

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

### SONG OF PRAISE (*sing twice*)

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high - est!

Glo-ry to god, Glo-ry to God, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

*Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26*

*After the reading the lector says*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated*

### PSALM 1

**1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

**2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

**3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.**

**4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

**5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**

**6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

SECOND READING

1 John 5: 9-13

After the reading the lector says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

The Hymnal 463, vs. 1-3



1. He is the Way. Fol-low him through the Land of Un-like -  
ness; you will see rare beasts and have u - nique ad -  
ven - tures. 2. He is the Truth. Seek him in the  
King - dom of Anx - i - e - ty: you will come to a great  
ci - ty that has ex - pec - ted your re - turn for years.  
3. He is the Life. Love him in the World of the Flesh: and  
at your mar - riage all its oc - ca - sions shall dance for joy.

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THE GOSPEL

John 17: 6-19

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 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.*

## 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](http://www.stmichaelsvermont.org) under "Give" & "Give Online." Our ministry at St. Michael's depends on your generosity. Thank you!*

## ANTHEM

*All stand to sing*

## HYMN

*The Hymnal 341*

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your  
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing  
hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

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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:*

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

*Presider and People*

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

*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

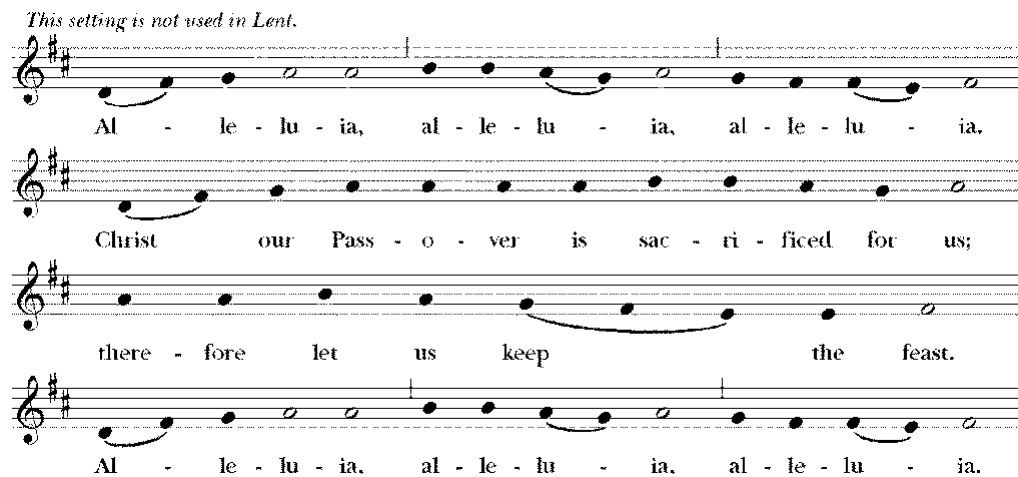
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,**

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

*After the blessing, all stand to sing the*

## HYMN

*The Hymnal 214*

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
\*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
bless - ings on his Church be - low, Al - le - lu - ia!  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781-1821).

## THE DISMISSAL

## POSTLUDE

### Participants Today

*The Reverend Lars Hunter*, deacon; *Craig Irvine*, lay assistant; *Laura Andrews* and *Ed McCatty*, readers & element bearers; *Chris Chapman*, intercessor; *Alex O'Pray*, chalice; *Robin Manning* and *David Baxendale*, ushers; *Judy Walker*, *Carol Hesselbach* and *Caroline Hammarlund*, 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. 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, 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: *KC Mattson*, Today; *Brian White* and *Clara Dutton*, Friday.**

### **ADULT FORUM, 9-10 AM, MEETING ROOM:**

- **Today, May 12, "Housing in Community: Houses of Hospitality"** – Houses of Hospitality were founded out of the Catholic Worker (CW) Movement by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin in 1933. Here hosts live alongside their guests, responding to the needs of the world in its own way, based on local needs and guided by the interests, talents and faithfulness of its hosts. A Brattleboro house of hospitality for unhoused children and families, "skyberry," is being planned by parishioners and others in the area. Discussion will be led by a panel of three people who have lived in hospitality houses: Teresa Savel from St. Michael's, Jim Levinson of Marlboro who led the Brattleboro Jewish Community, and Elizabeth Moriarty, the pastor of Trinity Episcopal Lutheran Church in Claremont, NH.
- **Next Sunday, May 19, "Helping Refugees Progress Towards Self-sufficiency"**: St. Michael's Episcopal Refugee Ministry, founded in 2021, welcomed its first refugees in January 2022. Come hear about the challenges, joys, and results with those families sponsored by the Ministry. Learn also about two of the core needs—higher education and healthcare—where volunteers had to innovate to navigate well-defined systems and regulations. The panel will include Joyce Vining Morgan, PhD, on education; Linda Rice, APRN-retired, on healthcare; and Robin Manning and Paul Gallagher, Co-leaders of the Refugee Ministry, who will moderate and provide updates on all our sponsored families.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY:**

- **Godly Play** (for ages 3 and up) will hear about the story of Ruth. Judith Reichsman is the storyteller and Judy Davidson is the doorkeeper.
- **Upper El** will meet on May 19.

**MOTHERS' DAY DIAPER SUNDAY IS TODAY!** Please bring your packages of diapers or wipes to the front of the Sanctuary this morning. Alternatively, place a check to St. Michael's in the collection plate with the memo "Diaper Sunday," which the Outreach Committee will use to purchase diapers in bulk. Your donations will be shared between Parks Place Diaper Bank in Bellows Falls, the Putney Foodshelf, and Foodworks and Loaves and Fishes in Brattleboro."

**SLIDE LECTURE, PUTNEY COMMUNITY CARES, MONDAY MAY 13, 6 PM:**

Parishioner and choir member, Dr. Valerie Abrahamsen, will present a free slide lecture, "The Birth of the West: New Insights from Archaeological Finds of the First Three Centuries CE," on Monday evening, May 13, at 6:00 pm. Using photos taken at archaeological sites around Europe, Valerie will highlight several liberating themes from antiquity, including the involvement and leadership roles of women and the positive contributions of same-sex missionary pairs. A packet of resources will be available to attendees, and there will be time for questions. Come to 54 Kimball Hill in Putney on Monday May 13 at 6 pm. All are welcome!

**SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES, VERMONT, INC. HOLDS FIRST PUBLIC EVENT ON SATURDAY, MAY 18 AT THE PUTNEY SCHOOL:**

Swords to Plowshares, Vermont (StPVt) is a Windham County chapter of the nonprofit organization dedicated to community education aimed at reducing gun violence. StPVt has been seeking unwanted firearms that can be destroyed and the usable parts turned into garden tools and works of art. StPVt is working with Brian Quarrier, art teacher at The Putney School, whose students will create items out of the recycled weapons.

The StPVt May 18 event will be from 10-12 at The Putney School, Houghton Brook Rd., Putney, Vt. Plan to arrive around 9:30 on May 18 so that the program can begin on time. There is a bit of a walk to the art center from the parking area.

Those attending will hear a presentation on StPVt's mission and its connection with local law enforcement and a demonstration of the transformational process of turning unwanted firearms into garden tools and works of art by Putney School students. You will also have a chance to watch and share in the demonstration.

And if you still 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 works of art, then please email [swordstoplowsharesvt@gmail.com](mailto:swordstoplowsharesvt@gmail.com).

**THE FEAST OF PENTECOST WILL BE CELEBRATED NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19:**

The Feast of Pentecost, which marks the end of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on Sunday, May 19 at the 8 am and 10:15 am services. This is the occasion when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the Church and the sending of the apostles into the world to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ. ***We are looking for people who can speak in different languages to enact the Pentecost story.*** If you would like to volunteer, please let Mary know at [mary@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:mary@stmichaelsvermont.org).

For this special feast:

- We invite you to WEAR RED in honor of the Holy Spirit.
- Children and youth are invited to gather at 9:45 am to create special Pentecost streamers to carry in the opening procession.
- Incense will be part of our celebration at 10:15 am.

**THANK YOU!!!!** To all who gave to the Tag Sale with time, donations and money: THANK YOU from all of us at Loaves and Fishes. This support means so much to the work we all do to feed our neighbors. With this wonderful gift we will be able to:

- Purchase more stable canned protein.
- Maintain the quality of food we offer the refugees with fresh and local eggs, milk, and vegetables.
- Purchase more from the Food Bank to serve the 1500 meals and groceries twice a week. We spend about \$1500 a month!
- Hire a floor cleaner to keep our space cleaner.
- Pay for all the extra products we use for service: takeout containers, aluminum disposable pans, toilet paper, forks, paper bags, plastic bags.....
- Upgrade our dishwasher system.

AND this gift gives all of our volunteers a morale boost that the work we do is supported with such heart by the community at St Michael's.

With a warm and thankful heart, *Ruth Tilghman for all our volunteers*