



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE “Devotional Pieces No. 13+14” by Dom Paul Benoit

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.

HYMN

The Hymnal 569

1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! King, who or - dain - est
2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth hath for - sak - en
3 God the All - right - eous One! earth hath de - fied thee;
4 God the All - prov - i - dent! earth by thy chas - tening

thun - der thy clar - ion, the light - ning thy sword;
thy ways all ho - ly, and slight - ed thy word;
yet to e - ter - ni - ty stand - eth thy word,
yet shall to free - dom and truth be re - stored;

show forth thy pi - ty on high where thou reign - est:
bid not thy wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:
false - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side thee:
through the thick dark - ness thy king - dom is haste - ning:

give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

Words: Sts. 1-2, Henry Fothergill Chorley (1808-1872), alt.; sts. 3-4, John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Russia*, Alexis Lvov (1799-1870).

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Congregation **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

SONG OF PRAISE

sing twice

Harmony

Ev' - ry time I feel the spir - it, mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev' - ry time I feel the

spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray. *Fine*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

Following the lesson...

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Following the lesson...

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

HYMN

The Hymnal 691

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Music: *Oliver*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 3: 20-35

Preceding the Gospel...

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

Following the Gospel...

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

SERMON

The Reverend Mary D. Lindquist

After the sermon a period of silence is kept

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

The Leader bids us to pray for the sick and suffering, for those who have asked for our prayer, for those who rejoice in life events and for those who have died.

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

The Priest says a concluding Collect

CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have sinned against you,
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart.
We have not loved others
as our Savior Christ loves us.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The Celebrant bids

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

ANTHEM "O Food of Men Wayfaring" by Heinrich Isaac

OFFERTORY HYMN

LEVAS 188

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well, It is well with my soul, with my

— It is well, it is well with my soul.
soul,

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!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 Celebrant praises God for God's creation and love. Then all sing the Sanctus together:



The Presider recalls and makes present for all Jesus' life and last supper.

...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,
People and Celebrant

**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.



Celebrant: Behold what you are.

People: **May we become what we receive.**

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN

The Hymnal 391

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1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
 2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
 3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
 4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
 5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
 2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering
 3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - or
 4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
 5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
 2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
 3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
 4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
 5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 100. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “Fugue sur les jeux d’anches” by Francois Couperin

Participants Today

Alli Ackerman-Hovis, lay assistant; **Cary Gaunt** and **Elizabeth Fisher**, readers and element bearers; **Imogene Drakes**, intercessor; **Miranda Smith**, chalice; **Sherry Stimmel** and **Betsy Bates**, ushers; **Judy Walker**, **Carol Hesselbach** and **Caroline Hammarlund**, Altar Guild; **Alan & Judith McBean**, coffee hour hosts. The flowers on the altar today are given by **Carol Hesselbach** in memory of **Bruce Hesselbach**.

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.

- **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.
- **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, 8:30 – 10:00 am, Wednesdays at The Works, Brattleboro

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: *Larry Earle*, Today; *Ed McCatty* and *Jon Davis*, Monday; *Martha Moravec* and *Susan Gantt Kubert*, Tuesday; *Betsy Bates*, Wednesday; *John Byrnes*, Thursday; *Aldrich Wright*, Saturday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: *Greg & Kelli Allen*, Monday and *Peter & Jean Smith*, Saturday.

ADULT FORUM TODAY, 9-10 AM, MEETING ROOM:

- **Today Sunday, June 9 – “Aging: It’s Not What We Expected.”** There have been two discussion groups on Aging this winter and spring arranged and facilitated by Jeff Lewis. Each began with 8 selected chapters of ‘The Gift of Years’ by Sr Joan Chittister. The first group moved on then to ‘Aging with Wisdom and Grace’ by Wilkie and Noreen Au. Each group has discovered great value is talking about the unmentioned—that we are aging and everything seems different again. While much has been written about aging (the Times and Post seem to cover it continuously), little is said about it leaving us as aging individuals strangely alone on this vital topic. Between the two groups 16 people have sought insight together on the way of the spirit in aging. One group has been considering what we as a congregation can do together for our elders to promote safety and community. Come and hear the participants talk about their experience.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY:

- **Godly Play** (for ages 3 and up) will hear about the story of The Crosses. Susan Heimer is the storyteller and Judith Reichsman is the doorkeeper.

CELEBRATING GRADUATING SENIORS TODAY: Marian Wojcik and Zadie Olmstead will be graduating from Brattleboro Union High School on June 21. Marian plans to attend the University of Vermont's Honors College and Zadie plans to study (and play soccer) at Simmons University in Boston. At the 10:15 am service today, we will celebrate their achievement and say prayers for them.

TODAY! SUNDAE SUNDAY CELEBRATION FOR KIDS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES! FOLLOWING THE 10:15 AM SERVICE, THE RECTORY YARD: Come and celebrate the end of school with an ice cream celebration in the Rectory Yard! All kids, parents, families and teachers are invited to join in a time of fellowship, play, bouncy house and food. We especially want to honor our Godly Play, Upper El and Youth teachers by showering them with our thanks for their dedication and love for St. Michael's children and youth.

WRITE A POSTCARD TO JIMMY DAVIS, NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 16 AT COFFEE HOUR: *From Cliff Wood* -- Once again parishioners at St Michael's will have the opportunity to write letters to Jimmy Davis, wrongfully incarcerated on death row in Alabama. Daniel Guerra, chair of the NAACP Education Committee and teacher at Brattleboro High School, will bring postcards to coffee hour on Sunday June 16. A few weeks ago, several of you wrote to Jimmy, and last week St. Michael's received a wonderful letter and picture from Jimmy which will be posted in The Common Room. Jimmy writes, *"My brothers and sisters in Christ: Pray and believe. I pray this letter finds you and your family in the best of health. For me I am blessed. I want to thank each and every one of you for all the love and support but most importantly for your prayers and encouraging words."* You can read the entire letter in the Common Room. Please come to coffee hour and send Jimmy a postcard on June 16.

PRIDE SUNDAY, JUNE 23: On Sunday, June 23, St. Michael's will be celebrating PRIDE Sunday. During this service we will offer special prayers for our ongoing support and celebration of the LGBTQ + community at St. Michael's and in the world, as well as hear from parishioner Laura Andrews for the sermon.

Laura Andrews lives in Keene NH with her partner, Cary Gaunt. Laura is the University Director of Institutional Advancement for Antioch University where she has worked since 1998. Laura has been attending St. Michael's since Susan Dedell invited her to sing on Palm Sunday back in 2012. She loves the welcoming community of Faith! Laura sings with the Brattleboro Concert Choir and enjoys gardening, pickleball, and woodworking.

SKYBERRY SEEDS ARE GERMINATING! *Skyberry* is Brattleboro's House of Hospitality for Unhoused Children and Families. *Skyberry's* practice of hospitality will continue in July and August as we build relationships with Brattleboro's unhoused children and families by collaborating at the invitation of the Winston Prouty Center's Executive Director, Chloe Leary, to provide one blessed meal per month for the residents of the interim shelter on the Prouty Campus.

Skyberry's friends at St. Michael's are invited to prepare, serve, break bread together and clean after for as many as 50 children and adults ranging from newborns to grandparents. You are heartily welcomed as:

- ***volunteers to prepare meals on Wednesdays July 3 or July 31*** at St. Michael's from 4-6:30 pm,

- *volunteers to transport, serve, and clean after meals on Thursdays July 4 or August 1* at the Prouty campus, or as
- *donors of food and supplies* for *skyberry's* nourishing, home cooked meals.

Sign up on a sheet in the Common Room or at houseskyberry@gmail.com. Please contact us with your interests and questions at houseskyberry@gmail.com. We look forward to getting to know each other and growing the *skyberry* family together.

Faithfully, *skyberry* cohort, Teresa Savel, Maida McKenna, and Susan Heimer

ST. MICHAEL'S SUMMER SESSION CLASSES & KIDS' ACTIVITIES

“EXPLORING THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH” – SUMMER SESSION BEGINS JUNE 18!

TUESDAYS 6 – 7:15 PM IN THE MEETING ROOM: “Exploring the Episcopal Church” is a great class for those who are new to St. Michael's, new to church or not new, but want to brush up on the basics of theology, church history, scripture, prayer and worship in the Anglican tradition. Summer is a great time to study for those who have a lighter work schedule during this season (educators, for example). We will meet in person on Tuesday evenings (June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 23 & 30). If you cannot attend in person, but would like to participate via Zoom, this is also possible. Please let Mary Lindquist know if you would like to participate, mary@stmichaelsvermont.org

SUMMER BOOK STUDY, THURSDAYS 4-5:15 PM BEGINNING ON JUNE 20: The summer, St. Michael's is offering a time of conversation about the book, *Acedia and Me: A Marriage, Monks and a Writer's Life*, by Kathleen Norris. Although this book is not new, its subject matter is very timely. It is available in paperback, Kindle and as an audio book. Please order the book prior to our first gathering on June 20. We plan to meet for five Thursdays through July 25.

*Kathleen Norris had written several much loved books, yet she couldn't drag herself out of bed in the morning, couldn't summon the energy for her daily tasks. Even as she struggled, Norris recognized her familiar battle with acedia, a word she had discovered in early Church text years earlier. Fascinated by this "noonday demon", so familiar to those in the early and medieval Church, Norris knew she must restore this forgotten but important concept to the modern world's vernacular. An examination of acedia in the light of psychology, spirituality, the healing powers of religious practice, and Norris's own experience, *Acedia & Me* is both intimate and historically sweeping, brimming with exasperation and reverence, sometimes funny, often provocative, and always insightful.*

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD! TUESDAYS IN JULY: Summer is a great time to sing, to listen, and to learn and to delight in music. To that end, Keane Southard, St. Michael's Director of Music, will be offering a summer class which include listening to music from different genres and singing together (including instruction on helpful singing skills). All are welcome regardless of singing and/or music background. We expect that classes will be on Tuesdays: July 9, 16, 23, 30 from 6:30 pm-8 pm. Please contact Keane if you have any questions at Keane@stmichaelsvermont.org

SUMMER FUN FOR ST. MICHAEL'S KIDS BEGINS ON JUNE 16: Yay Summer! Once St. Michael's formal Sunday School comes to an end on June 9, we want to keep building community with our children and youth by offering summer activities during the first part of Sunday church.

Summer Fun will take place the Undercroft and depending on the ages of the group and the weather, we will have a story, simple snack, crafts, outside time and/or games. Volunteers will rotate helping out. The kids will join the congregation at the Peace so that they can participate in Holy Communion and the Blessing.

We are still in need of some volunteers to fill out the summer. It will indeed be fun! Please contact Susan at heimer.susan@gmail.com if you are willing to help!