



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

## THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE “Consolation” and “Confidence” from “Songs without Words”  
by Felix Mendelssohn

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## HYMN

*The Hymnal 525*

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1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

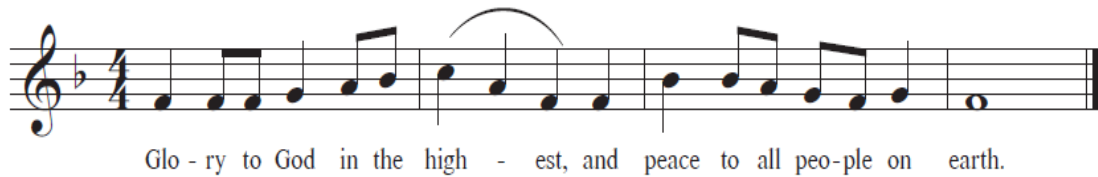
1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

## ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*Congregation* Glory to God for ever and ever.

## SONG OF PRAISE



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

*2 Samuel 11: 26-12:13a*

*Following the lesson...*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 51:1-13

**1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

**2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.**

**4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.**

**5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.**

**6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

**7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

**8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

**9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

**10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

**11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

**13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**THE SECOND READING**

*Ephesians 4:*

*1 - 16*

*Following the lesson...*

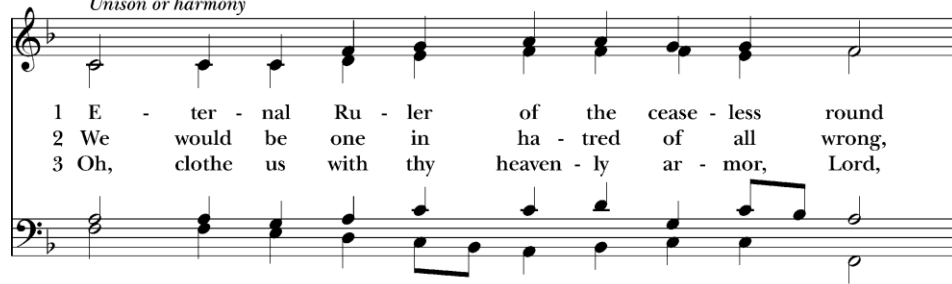
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people  
**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*The Hymnal 617*

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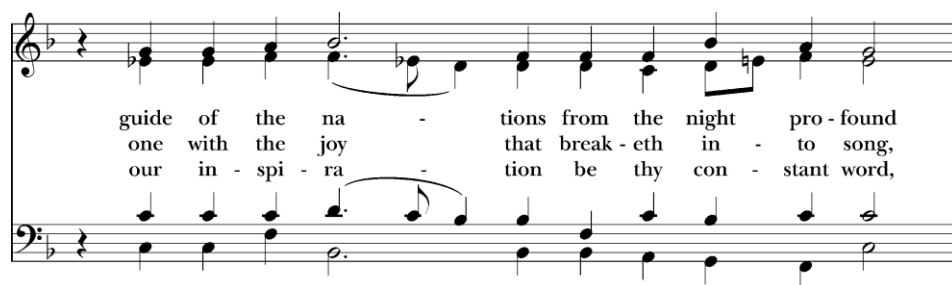
Unison or harmony



1 E - ter - nal Ru - ler of the cease - less round  
2 We would be one in ha - tred of all wrong,  
3 Oh, clothe us with thy heaven - ly ar - mor, Lord,



of cir - cling plan - ets sing - ing on their way,  
one in the love of all things sweet and fair,  
thy trust - y shield, thy word of love di - vine;



guide of the na - tions from the night pro - found  
one with the joy that break - eth in - to song,  
our in - spi - ra - tion be thy con - stant word,



in - to the glo - ry of the per - fect day;  
one with the grief that trem - bleth in - to prayer;  
we ask no vic - to - ries that are not thine;



rule in our hearts, that we may ev - er be  
one in the power that makes thy chil - dren free  
give or with - hold, let pain or plea - sure be;



guid - ed and strength - ened and up - held by thee.  
to fol - low truth, and thus to fol - low thee.  
e - nough to know that we are serv - ing thee.

Words: John White Chadwick (1840-1904), alt. Music: *Song 1*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), rev.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 6: 24 – 35*

*Preceding the Gospel...*

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

*Following the Gospel...*

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

## SERMON

*The Reverend admoa Wilson*

*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**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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.**

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**

*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

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*The Hymnal 693, vs 1-4*



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
\* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above:  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).

### 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!*

# 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:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

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



So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and the fruit of human labor,

**In these, Jesus has promised to be present;  
through these, Christ can make us whole.**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.*

Truth shall spring - up from the - earth and right - eous-ness shall look down from hea - ven

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Bles - sed are those who are called to the sup - per of the lamb. Al - le - lu - ia

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*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.*

## 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 527*

1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward  
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his  
 3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of  
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the  
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.  
 gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:  
 one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and  
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the  
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we  
 faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest  
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.  
 look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
 might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE    “Short Organ Piece No. 19” by Jan Bender

Participants Today

*Annie Landenberger*, lay assistant; *Laura Frey* and *Sherry Stimmel*, readers and element bearers; *Joyce Vining Morgan*, intercessor; *Miranda Smith*, chalice; *Andy & Elise Burrows*, ushers; *John Byrnes*, *Kiersten McKenney* and *Sue Dyer*, 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.**

- **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, every other Wednesday 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 ANNIVERSARY TO:** *Duncan Hilton & Bethany Hobbs*, Thursday and *Andy & Elise Burrows*, Saturday.

**SUMMER FUN FOR ST. MICHAEL'S KIDS EACH SUNDAY MORNING, 10:15 IN THE UNDERCROFT:** During the summer, we keep building community with our children and youth by offering activities during the first part of Sunday church. Summer Fun is taking place in the Undercroft at 10:15 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.

**TREE DEDICATION IN HONOR OF JEAN SMITH'S MINISTRY AT ST. MICHAEL'S, NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 9AM:** When Priest Associate Jean Smith and her husband, Peter, moved to Connecticut last winter, we promised to plant a flowering cherry tree in honor of Jean's very fruitful ministry with St. Michael's. Now, thanks to the work of Judy Davidson, the tree is planted! We invited Jean to come back to St. Michael's on Sunday, August 11 so that we can offer prayers of dedication for the tree in thanksgiving for her ministry. We will gather outside with the tree following the 8 am service (approximately 9am), then share some food and fellowship in the Undercroft prior to the 10:15am service. Please join us for this special occasion!

**JOIN THE PSALM GROUP'S SUMMER STUDY OF RUTH, AUGUST 15:** The Works Cafe Psalm Study continues to invite people to join us once or often! After a wonderful study of Jonah, we have just begun to study the book of Ruth, which will occupy us for most of the summer. This book of family loyalty is set during the time of earthly harvest and shares something about how the *hesed* (of God) can be experienced through our commitments to one another. It also sends echoes out in surprising directions both in the Old Testament and the New Testament. The "Ruth-Psalms"

Study will meet **August 15 and 28, from 8:30am-10:00am**. Along with manuscript, pens, and colored pencils, coffee will be provided! *Please bring your own mug.*

**THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC IS COMING AUGUST 25!** On Sunday August 25, we will celebrate summer with our Annual Parish Picnic. Please join us for this celebration at Kate & Dana McGinn's beautiful home on Lake Spofford from 12 – 4 pm. The Vestry will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert and your bathing suit for swimming and outdoor activities. There are also plenty of chairs for porch-sitting. Directions to the McGinn's house will be available at the church. **Please RSVP by August 20** by emailing Kate at [kjmcginn17@gmail.com](mailto:kjmcginn17@gmail.com) or by signing up in the Common Room.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHOIR?** It's August, which means it won't be long until the St. Michael's choir resumes again after Labor Day when our summer break ends. My first year leading the choir was filled with learning how things have been done here at St. Michael's, as well as the choir adjusting to some of the ways I operate that are different from they were used to. But it was a joy making music together, singing familiar anthems (some in a different way than the choir was used to) as well as learning some new ones, including a couple of my own compositions.

We are always looking for new choir members, and we particularly need more sopranos (highest voices) and tenors (typically high male voices, or very low female voices). You need not be a polished or trained singer, although having some experience singing in a choir and/or some familiarity with reading music is of course helpful.

If you are interested in trying out the choir, you can certainly come and sit in on rehearsals until you feel comfortable committing to singing with the choir during the services. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 8:45 am before the 10:15 am services. Contact Keane ([keane@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:keane@stmichaelsvermont.org)) with any questions.

**NEW FOYER GROUPS FOR THE FALL!** We are happy to announce that, beginning in September, we will be forming new St. Michael's foyer groups. As you may know, during the past year, five St. Michael's foyer groups have been actively meeting, sharing meals, and forming new friendships. The participants all report that these foyers have been a rich and wonderful way to get to know each other outside of regular Sunday activities.

As a bit of background, church foyer dinner groups first arose in England in 1940, in the aftermath of the destruction during the German bombings. They began as groups of parishioners who believed that understanding between peoples can best come when they know each other better. Since then, foyers have been used in many parishes to encourage community and deepen fellowship within the parish family.

Here's how St. Michael's foyer groups will be formed. Those interested let us know a bit about who you are and what you are interested in. We will then organize groups of 6-10 individuals and designate a facilitator to help organize the group meetings via email. Over a period of 6-8 months, each group will arrange potluck meals at participants' homes or at an

agreed-upon location such as a park or in the undercroft. Meals can be simple as a casserole or pizza and a salad.

**So if you'd like to join a group, please email John Spooner at [jspooner52@gmail.com](mailto:jspooner52@gmail.com) by September 10. Please include the following information:**

- *Your name, email, phone*
- *Names of any additional family members who wish to participate*
- *Additionally, you may if you choose indicate any particular interests you have or things you care most about. These might include things such as families with kids, couples, singles, LGBTQ+ issues, travel, or gardening*