ST. MICHAEL’S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE “Gymnopedie No. 1” by Erik Satie

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.

HYMN

1 When in our music God is glorified,
2 How often, making music, we have found
3 So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
4 And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night?
5 Let every instrument be tuned for praise!

1 and adoration leaves no room for pride,
2 a new dimension in the world of sound,
3 in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
4 when utmost evil strove against the Light?
5 Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

1 it is as though the whole creation cried
2 as worship moved us to a more profound
3 borne witness to the truth in every tongue,
4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight,
5 And may God give us faith to sing always

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.


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.
Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Following the lesson...

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

PSALM 111

1 Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
 holy and awesome is his Name.
10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

THE SECOND READING  
Ephesians 5: 15-20

Following the lesson...

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

HYMN  
The Hymnal 488

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach heaven’s joys, bright heaven’s Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, what ever befall,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.


HOLY GOSPEL  
John 6: 51- 58

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 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
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

HYMN PRINTED ON THE NEXT PAGE
Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, come into the daylight’s dross my soul enlighten; Joy, the best that any gladly here obey thee; never to my hurt in-

splendor, there with joy thy praises render
know-eth; Fount, whence all my being floweth; vit-ed, be thy love with love requited;

unto him whose grace unbound-ed hath this at thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me from this banquet let me measure, Lord, how

wondrous banquet found-ed—high o’er all the heavens be a fit par-taker of this blessed food from vast and deep its treasure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth. heaven, for our good, thy glory, given. give me, as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: Schmücke dich, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.
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.

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.

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

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE  “Dialogue sur les grands jeux: Dernier Couplet d’Agnus Dei” by Francois Couperin

Participants Today

The Reverend Lars Hunter, deacon; Allie Ackerman-Hovis, lay assistant; Candice Taylor and Sherry Stimmel, readers and element bearers; Craig Hammond, intercessor; Greg Lesch, healing minister; Ricky Davidson, chalicer; Judith & Alan McBean, ushers; Jane Sbardella and Craig Newbert, Altar Guild; John Linscheid, coffee hour host.
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 BIRTHDAY TO:** Mary Carnahan and Avery Buchanan, Today; Judith McBean, Wednesday; Janet Brocklehurst, Thursday.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** John & Mary Carnahan and Lawrin & Pamela Crispe, Tuesday; Alan & Judith McBean, Thursday; Paul & Susan Dyer, 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.

**THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC IS COMING AUGUST 25! PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 20:** 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 or by signing up in the Common Room.

**SKYBERRY WORK PARTIES HAVE BEGUN!** skyberry is very excited to announce that we have closed on a Brattleboro property within walking distance to town. The physical location for our House of Hospitality is 95 Frost Street! Now begins the task of creating a clean and inviting environment there, as a transition home for unhoused families. Check out more from our 'House Journal and Updates' in the September Guardian, coming soon.
We have organized a series of work parties scheduled for Fridays:

- **This Friday, August 23, 2:30-6:30 pm**, ending with a simple supper. Tasks TBD.
- August 30, **11:00-3:30 pm**, breaking for a simple noon lunch. Tasks TBD.
- September 6, **11:00-3:30 pm**, breaking for a simple noon lunch. Tasks TBD.

If these times don’t work for your schedule, we can accommodate what does! Let us know if you have other skills such as carpentry, power washing, gardening, etc. to share at [www.houseskyberry.com](http://www.houseskyberry.com). All efforts are blessed and we appreciate your generosity!

**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 begin on Sunday morning, September 8 at 8:45 am before the 10:15 am service. Contact Keane ([keane@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:keane@stmichaelsvermont.org)) with any questions.

**JOIN THE PSALM GROUP'S SUMMER STUDY OF RUTH, AUGUST 28:** The Works Cafe Psalm Study continues to invite people to join us once or often! We are now studying the Book of Ruth. 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 again on **August 28, from 8:30am-10:00am**. Along with manuscript, pens, and colored pencils, coffee will be provided! Please bring your own mug.

**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 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.