



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

**March 16, 2025**

**The Second Sunday in Lent**

## **WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

PRELUDE

"O Sacrum Convivium"

*Olivier Messiaen*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SILENT PROCESSION

Blessed be the God of our salvation:  
**Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

LENTEN CHANT

Attende Domine



At-ten-de, Do-mi-ne, et mi - se - re - re, qui - a pec - ca - vi - mus Ti - bi.

*The Celebrant reads a short verse scripture.*

LITANY OF PENITENCE

*The Celebrant and People together, kneeling or standing, if able.*

**Most holy and merciful God:**  
**We confess to you and to one another,**  
**and to the whole communion of saints**  
**in heaven and on earth,**  
**that we have sinned by our own fault**  
**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, and mind, and strength.**  
**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.**

*Celebrant:* Have mercy on us, Lord.

**We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.**  
Have mercy on us, Lord.

**We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,**  
We confess to you, Lord.

**Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,**  
We confess to you, Lord.

**Our dissatisfaction with our own lives, and our anger at those whose lives we envy,**  
We confess to you, Lord.

**Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,**  
We confess to you, Lord.

**Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,**  
We confess to you, Lord.

**Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,**  
Accept our repentance, Lord.

**For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,**  
Accept our repentance, Lord.

**For our waste, over-consumption and exploitation of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,**  
Accept our repentance, Lord.

**Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,**  
That we may show forth your glory in the world.

**By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,**  
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

### THE ABSOLUTION

May the God of all mercy forgive you, draw you forth into life and peace, and make real the hope that we, and all creation, be released from bondage and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

*The Hymnal, 487*



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST READING

*Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18*

*Following the Lesson...*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

*Psalm 27*



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1

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

2

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3

Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4

And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.

5

One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6

To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.

7

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.

8

Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.

9

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

11

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12

Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13

You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14

Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the LORD will sustain me.

15

Show me your way, O LORD; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.

17

What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living!

18

O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the LORD.

## THE SECOND READING

*Philippians 3: 17-4:1*

*Following the Lesson...*

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

## THE GRADUAL HYMN

*The Hymnal, 455*

*O Love of God, how strong and true,  
Eternal and yet ever new;  
Uncomprehended and unbought,  
Beyond all knowledge and all thought.*

*O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,  
We read thee in the sky above;  
We read thee in the earth below,  
In seas that swell and streams that flow.*

*We read thee best in him who came  
To bear for us the cross of shame,  
Sent by the Father from on high,  
Our life to live, our death to die.*

*We read thy power to bless and save  
E'en in the darkness of the grave;  
Still more in resurrection light  
We read the fullness of thy might.*

*Preceding the Gospel...*

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

THE GOSPEL

*Luke 13: 31-35*

*Following the Gospel...*

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

THE SERMON

*The Reverend Mary Lindquist*

*After the sermon a period of silence is kept.*

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

## 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 PEACE

The Peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

ANTHEM

"Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs"

*Antonio Lotti*

*All stand to sing*

OFFERTORY HYMN

*The Hymnal, 675*

*Hymn is printed on next page.*

1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave; it guides you to a -  
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

## OFFERING

*During the hymn, ushers pass the offering plates. Representatives from the parish bring the people's offerings of food for the hungry, 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. Please consider making a donation or a pledge.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

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 our thanks and praise.**

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

*The Presider asks the Holy Spirit to consecrate the bread and the wine to be God's holy food.*

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**



## BREAD IS BROKEN

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

*Celebrant:* Come all you who hunger and thirst, come and eat, come and drink.

## BREAD AND WINE ARE SHARED

### *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. If you would like either, please indicate that preference to the liturgical minister.*

*Receive the Bread in your open palm followed by the Common Cup, taking the cup by its base and guiding it to your lips. You may also receive the Bread only, with arms folded over your chest afterwards. Or if you wish to come to the Altar for a blessing only, please fold your arms over your chest.*

### ***Invitation to Receive Healing Prayer***

*A healing minister will be available in the Chapel following the 8 AM service, and during Communion during the 10:15 service. A healing minister will offer prayers, the laying on of hands, and anointing with consecrated oil. You can come for yourself, for another person, for a need, or for a thanksgiving; all prayers are confidential. Please ask ushers for assistance if you have questions.*

#### **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
in these holy mysteries,  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us that we are very members  
incorporate in the mystical body of Christ,  
and are heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.  
Assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,  
and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the  
Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **WE ARE SENT AND GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD**

#### **LENTEN PRAYER**

#### **HYMN**

*The Hymnal, 590*

*Hymn is printed on next page.*

1 O Je - sus Christ, may grate - ful hymns be ris - ing, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Grant us new cour - age, sac - ri - fi - cial, hum - ble, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 Show us your Spi - rit, brood - ing o'er each ci - ty, \_\_\_\_\_

in ev - ery ci - ty for your love and care; \_\_\_\_\_  
 strong in your strength to ven - ture and to dare; \_\_\_\_\_  
 as you once wept a - bove Je - ru - sa - lem, \_\_\_\_\_

in - spire our wor - ship, grant the glad sur - pris - ing \_\_\_\_\_  
 to lift the fall - en, guide the feet that stum - ble, \_\_\_\_\_  
 seek - ing to gath - er all in love and pi - ty, \_\_\_\_\_

that your blest Spi - rit rous - es ev - ery - where.  
 seek out the lone - ly and God's mer - cy share.  
 and heal - ing those who touch your gar - ment's hem.

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## DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"Fugue"

*William Selby*

## PARTICIPANTS TODAY

*10: 15 The Rev. Mary Lindquist*, preacher & celebrant; *Ricky Davidson*, lay assistant; *Joyce Vining-Morgan* and *Paul Gallagher*, readers and element bearers; *Jenny Karstad*, intercessor; *Miranda Smith*, chalice; *Andy and Elise Burrows*, ushers; *Anne Black*, healing minister; *Dan LaPenta* and *Janice Paran*, coffee hour host; *Craig Newbert* and *Jane Sbardella*, Altar Guild.

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**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.
- **TO RECEIVE THE RITE OF HEALING:** Trained lay healing ministers are available in the chapel to pray with you individually before or after you receive communion. A healing minister will say prayers, lay her or his hands upon you, and anoint you with consecrated oil.

You can come for yourself, for another person, for a need or for a thanksgiving. Please ask ushers for assistance if you have questions.

- **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.

### ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday, on Zoom, Tuesday-Thursday in-person the Chapel  
Bible Study, 8:30-10 am, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at The Works, Main St, Brattleboro  
Centering Prayer, 11:30-11:55 am, Wednesday in the Chapel  
Centering Prayer, 4-5 pm, 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 *Chris Chapman* today; *Gabriel Sistare*, Monday; *Erin Pesut*, Tuesday; *Karen Guthrie*, Wednesday; *Bob Walker*, Thursday; *Bruce Lawrence*, Saturday.

**ADULT FORUM TODAY:** The Forum meets on Sunday morning from 9-10 in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to join in the learning opportunity. **THROUGHOUT LENT:** This Lent, we will focus on the Lord's Prayer, the most universally prayed of all the Christian prayers. Each Sunday we will explore one line of the prayer. Five different discussion leaders will bring their own perspectives and offer time for reflection and discussion.

- **Today, March 16**, Lent 2: Thy kingdom come thy will be done - Mary Lindquist
- **March 23**, Lent 3: Give us this day our daily bread - Craig Irvine
- **March 30**, Lent 4: Forgive us our sins - Phillip Wilson
- **April 5**, Lent 5: Deliver us from evil - adwoa Wilson

### HOLY WEEK PICK-UP CHOIR

For Holy Week, we sing special chants and hymns for the triduum services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil). We hope many of you will help learn the chants & hymns so that we can have strong singing at the Holy Week services. Rehearsals will take place on **Sunday, March 30 and April 6 at 12pm** with Keane Southard in the Choir Room. All are welcome!

**A LENTEN RESOURCE** is available again this year through adwoa's emerging ministry: The Communities for Spiritual Vitality. This year's devotional is on the prophet Isaiah and includes reflections from people in every New England state, including from St. Michael's. You can view and download the devotional, as well as learn more about this ministry on its new website: [www.communitiesforspiritualvitality.org](http://www.communitiesforspiritualvitality.org)

### ST. MICHAEL'S LITURGY TRAINING, SATURDAYS IN MARCH

A note from Mary: One of my key take-aways from my retreat in New Mexico is the importance of mindfulness, attention and precision in our celebration of liturgy. I would like to invite readers, intercessors, acolytes and ushers to some special sessions of liturgy practice in March. The training

for Lay Assistants has already taken place. The remaining trainings will be for new people and experienced people alike and they will take place on Saturdays and take less than an hour.

- March 22, 9:30am — Readers and Intercessors
- March 22, 1:30pm — Acolytes (age 9 and up)
- March 29, 9:30am — Ushers

### **TEAM HOLY WEEK: TODAY at 12 PM**

The holiest, most important time in the Christian year is Holy Week, from Palm Sunday (April 13) to Easter Day (April 20). At St. Michael's, we especially focus on the Triduum (Maundy Thursday–Easter, April 17–20). Last Lent we started a new tradition at St. Michael's — Team Holy Week. The idea is that liturgy is about participation, so instead of doling out parts for folks to do, we call together a team of people who are willing to participate fully — a whole team effort. Because of the commitment, dedication and creativity of Team Holy Week the last two years, Holy Week was a deeply transformative experience for many. All are welcome to participate, even if this is your first time observing this holy time.

- We will need readers, prayer leaders, cooks, altar help, kitchen help, musicians, singers & more.
- Come to a planning meeting at 12 pm (after church and some refreshments) on Sunday, March 16 to understand the story arc of the triduum and decide how you would like to participate.
- Please contact me at [mary@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:mary@stmichaelsvermont.org) If you are interested in participating, but can't attend the meeting.

### **TAG SALE NEWS**

We have been receiving very nice donations for this year's Tag Sale (set for Sat., May 3). Please bring any of the following donations to the Church as soon as possible: clothing and shoes, linens, housewares, books (NO TEXTBOOKS!), puzzles and jewelry. All items should be clean and in good condition. Please be sure to read our donation guidelines which were in the March "Guardian," the weekly eNews and are also posted on the donation closet doors.

For questions, please contact the Liz Vick at 802-579-5536 or the Church office at 802-254-6048. Thank You!

***SKYBERRY House of Hospitality for unhoused children and families.*** Fridays, 12-1:30 in March.

We welcome you at the house to learn more about *skyberry*. Together we'll engage our hearts and minds as we look to the following themes. A simple lunch will be provided. RSVP [houseskyberry@gmail.com](mailto:houseskyberry@gmail.com) by the Thursday before the Friday you are interested in joining us for Food and Thought.

#### **FOOD & THOUGHT THEMES:**

**March 14th- Prayer, Fasting, Alms Builds Resilience, Hope and Community-** w/ Elizabeth Moriarty. Her adult faith has been deeply shaped by the Catholic Worker Movement.

**March 21: SEE: Social and Emotional Learning with Sandy Crawford**

Sandy Crawford is a veteran teacher and school administrator and is on the board of Jhamtse Gatsal, a school for orphans in the Indian Himalayas, which aspires to be a garden of love and compassion for our children and the world. Sandy is a longtime Buddhist practitioner.

**March 28: Experiencing Life and Existence with All of our Senses, Earthly and Divine**