



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

**April 27, 2025**

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

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

PRELUDE

"Why Should I Then Grieve?"

*Johann Gottfried Walther*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN IN PROCESSION

*The Hymnal, 494*

*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.

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## ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
**The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
 love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Let us pray.

**Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation:  
 Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives  
 what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
 Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST READING

*Acts 5: 27-32*

*Following the Lesson...*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept for a few moments after the reading.*

### THE PSALM

Psalm 150

- 1  
Hallelujah!  
Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2  
Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3  
Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
Praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4  
Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.
- 5  
Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6  
Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord.  
Hallelujah!

### THE SECOND READING

*Revelation 1: 4-8*

*Following the Lesson...*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE GRADUAL HYMN

*The Hymnal, 209*

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our faith is done, in  
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near, and seek where you are found:  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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*Preceding the Gospel...*

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

THE GOSPEL

*John 20: 19-31*

*Following the Gospel...*

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

THE SERMON

*The Reverend Mary D. Lindquist*

*Silence is kept following the sermon.*

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**

*All stand to sing*

OFFERTORY HYMN

*The Hymnal, 324*



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man -  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

## OFFERING

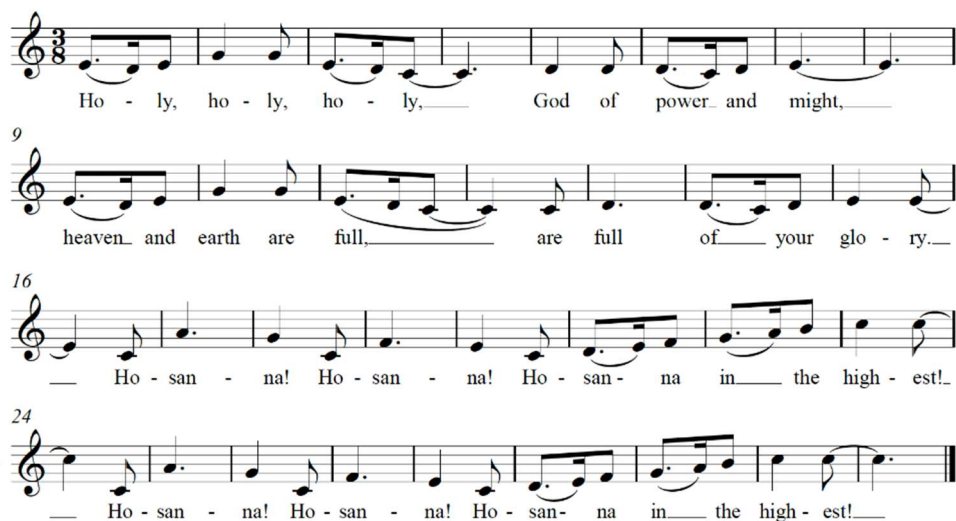
*During the hymn, ushers pass the offering plates. Representatives from the parish bring the people's offerings of food for the hungry, bread and wine for the Eucharist, and money for mission and ministry to the Altar. You may also make a donation online at [www.stmichaelsvermont.org](http://www.stmichaelsvermont.org) 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



*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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 praises God for God's creation and love. Then all sing the Sanctus together:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of power and might,  
9 heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.  
16 Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
24 Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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

We acclaim you, O Christ

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, Come in glory!**

*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 Presider*

**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 and all sing or say the Fraction Anthem.*



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### *Invitation to Receive 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.*

# WE ARE SENT AND GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Let us pray.

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

## THE BLESSING

### HYMN

*The Hymnal, 232*



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,  
2 (Insert the stanza appropriate to the day)  
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor-ship God the Son

your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed.  
and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter-nal Three in One,

You rose, our King vic - tor - ious, that they might wear the crown  
till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne

and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect-ed from your throne.  
a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

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*2: All praise, O Lord, for Thomas  
Whose short-lived doubtings prove  
Your perfect two-fold nature,  
The depth of your true love.*

*To all who live with questions  
A steadfast faith afford;  
And grant us grace to know you,  
Made flesh, yet God and Lord.*

## DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

*Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau*

## PARTICIPANTS TODAY

**10: 15** *The Reverend Mary Lindquist* preacher; *The Reverend adwoa Wilson*, celebrant; *The Reverend Lars Hunter*, Deacon; *Annamarie Pluhar*, lay assistant; *Ann Ely* and *Elise Burrows*, readers and element bearers; *Imogene Drakes*, intercessor; *Alex O'Pray*, chalice; *Alan and Judith McBean*, , ushers; *Carolyn Taylor-Olson*, healing minister; *Rebecca Olmstead*, and *Susan Marshall*, Altar Guild; *Susan Heimer* and *Maida McKenna*, coffee hour hosts.

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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 *Susan Heimer and John Daly*, today; *Rich Cogliano*, Monday; *Marta McBean*, *Annie Landenberger*, and *Bee Hesselbach*, Tuesday; *Lawrin Crispe*, Wednesday; *Francine Vallario*, Friday.

## **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.

- **TODAY: “WHAT ABOUT AN ELDERS MINISTRY AT ST MICHAEL’S?”** In this Forum, we will introduce the idea of an Elders Ministry at St Michael’s to build stronger support networks, share our experience and knowledge of community resources, and help us be better prepared for the various challenges of old age. Our purpose is to help each other attend to our aging, trying to make this stage of our lives more intentional and proactive. We will briefly point to prior and current initiatives at St Michael’s, which prompt our interest and canvass attendees on their interests and concerns. Conveners are Evangelina Holvino, Jeffrey Lewis, Jane Sbardella, and MJ Woodburn.

In May, we'll have a series of three fora led by Saint Michael’s Path for Creation Justice Team, beginning with:

- **MAY 4: “EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT.”** What, exactly, happens to the plastic, paper, aluminum and other materials we faithfully place in our recycling bins, week after week, after they are carted away by the county? What about the food waste that we throw into our composting bins? What are the best practices regarding how and what we, as organizations and individual households, collect to send to our waste management facilities? On May 4th, Bob Spencer, Executive Director of the Windham Solid Waste Management District, will join us to answer all these questions and more.

## **RESPONDING IN FAITH**

Responding in Faith will meet today at noon in the Meeting Room. We’ll cover developments in the Welcoming Channel, more on Christian Nationalism, a review of public expressions, and consider how our faith lives in this hostile environment. Newcomers are always welcome.

**THE WORKS "PSALMS" Group** - Continues to make its way through Acts. In order to simplify schedules, we now meet every **2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesday** of the month at the Works, still from 8:30-10:00. All are welcome to join us once or always.

**SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES EVENT** Swords to Plowshares Vermont will hold a special public educational and demonstration event on Sunday **May 4, 2025**, from 12-3 PM, on the grounds of Saint Michael’s Episcopal Church.

Swords to Plowshares, Vermont is a Windham County-based nonprofit organization dedicated to gun safety and gun violence education. Working closely with the Windham County Sheriff’s Office and the Brattleboro Police Department, Swords to Plowshares, Vermont offers a way for individuals to safely dispose of unwanted firearms which are then transformed into garden tools, jewelry, and artwork by blacksmith artists, among them students from the Putney School.

The May 4 th event will feature a live demonstration of the process for transforming unwanted firearms into garden tools. Attendees will also have a chance to take part in the transformational process themselves, wielding a blacksmith’s hammer. Free gun safety locks, courtesy of the Windham County Sheriff’s Department, will also be available, along with literature about safe gun storage.

Tom Ely, Ann Ely, and Cliff Wood from Saint Michael's all serve on the Swords to Plowshares, Vermont Board, and welcome you to this free public event. Rain or Shine!

### **TAG SALE NEWS**

THE TAG SALE DATE, SAT. MAY 3 RD , IS ALMOST HERE!! Donations of clothing, linens and housewares is over for this year. **FURNITURE DONATIONS** are happening now! All furniture donations must be approved in advance. You can bring your approved item/s to our storage in Brattleboro, or we can arrange for a pickup if needed. [Note: when picking up, we are not able to carry large or heavy furniture either up or down a flight of stairs.] Furniture pickups by our crews will end on April 25. You may deliver your APPROVED furniture donation right up until the day before the sale. *Please call Linda Rice at 802-275-2268 to discuss approval for your donation items.*

**SIGN UP TO HELP** at the Tag Sale!! We need many volunteers during the week of Sun., April 27 - Sat., May 3 to help make the Terrific Tag Sale a success!! Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the Common Room. This is a fun and rewarding way to get to know other parishioners better!!

**PUT UP TAG SALE POSTERS** in your town wherever you can! Extra posters are available in the back of the Church.

Questions? Call Liz Vick: 802-579-5536

Thank you for your enthusiasm!!

### **PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR!**

We have many open slots for Coffee Hour hosts beginning with **next week**. The sign-up sheet is in the Common Room. If you've never done it before, we can help orient you or find someone to assist you. Please contact Rosie with any questions at [rosie@wojnet.org](mailto:rosie@wojnet.org)