



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

**July 27, 2025**

**The Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, The First Apostle**

**WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

PRELUDE


"Adagio in Db"

*Franz Liszt*


WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN IN PROCESSION

*LEVAS Hymnal, 31*



1. King of my life I crown thee now, Thine shall the glo - ry be;  
 2. Show me the tomb where thou wast laid, Ten - der - ly mourned and wept;  
 3. Let me, like Ma - ry, through the gloom, Come with a gift to thee;  
 4. May I be will - ing, Lord, to bear Dai - ly my cross for thee;



1. Lest I for - get thy thorn-crowned brow, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.  
 2. An - gels in robes of light ar - rayed Guard - ed thee whilst Thou slept.  
 3. Show to me now the emp - ty tomb, - Lead me to Cal - va - ry.  
 4. E - ven thy cup of grief to share - Thou hast borne all for me.



Lest I for - get Geth - sem - a - ne, Lest I for - get thine ag - o - ny,



Lest I for - get thy love for me, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.

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*Then, the Presider says:*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

## SONG OF PRAISE

*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.**

Let us pray:

Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*(Usually one each from the Hebrew scriptures, the Psalms, and the Epistles.)*

*NOTE: During July and August, the Epistle may be omitted.)*

## THE FIRST READING

*2 Corinthians 5: 14-18*

*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 42:1-7*

1

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

2

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3

My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me,  
"Where now is your God?"

4

I pour out my soul when I think on these things; \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

5

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.

6

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

7

Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

*The Hymnal, 692*

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.

\*The bracketed notes are to be treated as triplet groups.

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*Preceding the Gospel...*

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 20: 11-18*

*Following the Gospel...*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SIGNPOSTS & THE SERMON

*Silence is kept following the sermon.*

*Mr. Ricky Davidson & the Reverend adwoa Wilson*

THE 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**

*A form for the intercessions is announced.*

*The prayers conclude with a form of "General Confession" said by the community, with the Deacon or Presider saying:*  
*Leader:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*After a period of silence, all say together:*

**God of all mercy, we confess that  
we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

#### ABSOLUTION

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you all your sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### 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

*LEVAS Hymnal, 69*

1 I come to the gar-den a-lone, while the dew is still on the  
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their  
 3 I'd stay in the gar-den with him though the night a-round me be

ros-es; and the voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear, the  
 sing-ing, and the mel-o-dy that he gave to me with-  
 fall-ing, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

*Refrain*

Son of God dis-clos-es.  
 in my heart is ring-ing. And he walks with me, and he  
 voice to me is call-ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the

WORDS and MUSIC: C. Austin Miles (1868-1946); para. John 20:1-18

GARDEN  
 8.9.10.7.Ref.

EASTER

joy we share, as we tar-ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.



## OFFERING

*During the hymn ushers pass the offering plates. An offering to God and for the work of the church is taken. 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.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### Eucharistic Prayer II

The people remain standing. The Presider faces them and says,

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Then, the Presider proceeds:*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. .... And so this day we join with the Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

This block contains the first line of musical notation. It features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and" are written below the notes.

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

This block contains the second line of musical notation. It continues the melody from the first line. The lyrics "might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord," are written below the notes.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

This block contains the third line of musical notation. The melody continues with a long note for "might," followed by "hea - ven and earth are". The lyrics are written below the notes.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

This block contains the fourth line of musical notation. The melody continues with a long note for "full," followed by "full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The lyrics are written below the notes.

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

This block contains the fifth line of musical notation, which concludes the hymn. The melody continues with "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na". The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

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*Then the Presider, continuing on behalf of and with the community, recalls God's work in Creation; people's failure to see it; God's love shown in Jesus and the Last Supper; and our calling on the Spirit to be with us:... Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be the honor, glory, and praise for ever and ever. AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*(ICET text ecumenical translation)*

OR:

***Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,***

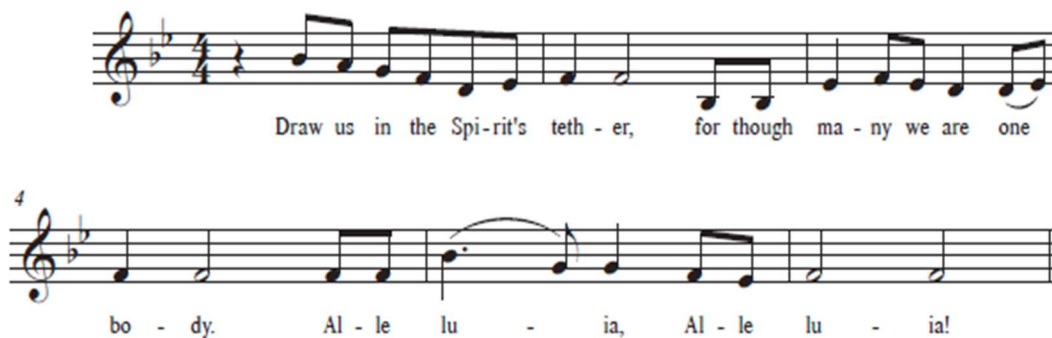
*Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:*

*The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.*

*With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept, then we sing a Fraction Anthem.*



## 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.*

*No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, you are invited to come forward to share in communion or a blessing.*

*After all have received Communion there is a period of silence. Then the Presider says ...*

# 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

SENDING FORTH FOR PRISON MINISTRY

THE BLESSING

HYMN

*The Hymnal, 231*  
*See next page for verse 2 words*



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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*Verse 2 for Saint Mary Magdalene July 22*

All praise for Mary Magdalene,  
whose wholeness was restored  
by you, her faithful Master,  
her Savior and her Lord.  
On Easter morning early,  
a word from you sufficed:  
her faith was first to see you,  
her Lord, the risen Christ.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Gigue"

*Gordon Young*

**PARTICIPANTS**

**10:15** *The Reverend adwoa Wilson*, preacher; *The Reverend Thad Bennett*, celebrant; *The Reverend Lars Hunter*, Deacon; *Leo Storm* and *Abbie Haineswood*, acolytes; *Gabriel Sistare*, thurifer; *Allie Ackerman-Hovis*, lay assistant; *Carol Hesselbach* and *Michael Hightower*, readers and element bearers; *Cary Gaunt*, intercessor; *Ricky Davidson* and *Alex O'Pray*, chalice bearers; *Elizabeth Freese* and *William Stearns*, ushers; *Sher Wilson*, healing minister; *Jane Sbardella*, *Susan Marshall*, and *Sherry Stimmel*, Altar Guild; *Rosie Wojcik* and *Susan Heimer*, 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  
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 *Kerry Capponcelli*, today; *Caleb Fritz* and *Laura Frey*, Saturday



### **WHY ARE WE CELEBRATING MARY MAGDALENE TODAY?**

Our chapel is named in honor of Mary Magdalene, and was donated to the congregation by Helen Daly. Though it may not be the first space you think of when you say the word “church,” in reality, this chapel space is used more frequently than the sanctuary for worship and healing ministries. It is right and good that we should honor our patroness at the time of her feast day!

### **SIGNPOSTS: SHARING OUR EXPERIENCE OF THE SPIRIT**

This Sunday, Karren Meyer at 8am and Ricky Davidson at 10:15am will be our final people to share their SignPost stories. As with the last two Sundays, people are speaking briefly at the start of the “sermon time” about an experience of the Spirit in their lives. The preacher will then give a sermon, trying to incorporate the SignPost story in some way – guided by the Spirit?.

The church website will also have a SignPost link where each Sunday’s clip of the person’s SignPost will be online. As well, there will be some other written SignPost stories; audio SignPost stories, etc.

**WHY?** Christian community is rooted in the story of Jesus – the big God Story. But God’s interaction with humans did not stop with Jesus. God’s promise is to be with us. If we pay attention, usually in retrospect, we often find that the Spirit was at work. Now, it is our chance to tell a “God Story.”

### **RESPONDING IN FAITH**

The Responding in Faith group will meet after coffee hour this Sunday in the Meeting Room. This group meets to consider the state of the world in the face of rising Christian Nationalism, and learns and practices ways of responding from a grounding in our faith. To learn more, be in touch with Jeff Lewis and/or come to the meeting!

### **THE GUARDIAN REIMAGINED: AN UPDATE**

The eNews has a detailed update on the plans for pilot-testing a new approach to The Guardian, our church “magazine.” The shorter story is this: We have imagined and will create a parish communications vehicle that is less about news that we already read in the eNews and Sunday bulletins, and more about opportunities to reflect on where we see God in our lives, to name how we’re growing in Spirit, and to get

to know members of the community more deeply. Thanks to Annie Landenberger, Megan Buchanan, Kim Peavey, and Erin Pesut for all their work in thinking through this six-month pilot. *(Note: you may not know that Susie sends an abbreviated version of the eNews announcements in hard copy each week to a handful of congregants without access to email. If that describes you and you want to know more, please call Susie: 802-254-6048.)*

### **PRAYERS LIST FOR SUNDAYS**

Each Sunday, we read the names of people who have asked for the community's prayers. Prayers for specific people or concerns will remain on the list for 4 Sundays unless you indicate that the need is ongoing beyond that. Prayer needs can be communicated directly to Thad via phone, email, or in person, or by contacting Susie in the office; she will pass your messages to Thad.

### **JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR**

In the summertime it's an especially good time to gather after the 10:15 service for refreshments and easy-going fellowship time. Come to the Undercroft (accessible by stairs or the elevator when you exit the sanctuary door nearest the altar) and get to know one another! (If you're interested in **hosting** one Sunday, sign up in the Common Room or ask Rosie Wojcik if you have questions: [rosie@wojnet.org](mailto:rosie@wojnet.org).)

### **SUMMER TIME, AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY**

In the height of summer, the church calendar is always a little lighter. People are on vacation, tending their gardens, and taking a breather when the hot weather makes us all feel like we have less get-up-and-go. Many regularly-scheduling groups go on a brief hiatus ~ something of a jubilee season! So though there aren't a lot of new announcements for this week in specific, here are some upcoming important dates and possibilities.

#### **Mark these dates on your calendars!**

Aug. 3: Rev. Thad's last worship service during his time with us as sabbatical priest

Aug. 10: Rev. Mary's first Sunday back in the pulpit

Aug. 23: Service of Thanksgiving for John Carnahan (11 AM)

Aug. 24: Annual Parish Picnic at the home of Perry Moorhead Lins and Jerry Lins (12-4)

Sept. 1- Oct. 4: The liturgical Season of Creation

Sept. 6: Service of Thanksgiving for Ed McCatty (11 AM)

Sept. 13: Choir Retreat (at St Michael's) and Healing Team Retreat (at Hallelujah Farm)

Oct. 18: Vermont Interfaith Power & Light symposium hosted at St. Michael's all day





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