



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

**August 10, 2025**

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

PRELUDE

"Claire de lune" from *Suite Bergamasque*

*Claude Debussy*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN IN PROCESSION

*The Hymnal, 596*

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and  
 2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that  
 3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment  
 brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or  
 with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its  
 cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads  
 with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.  
 and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.  
 of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt. Music: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottlichkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693.

*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:

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

*Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20*

*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

*Psalms 50: 1-8, 23-24*

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

THE EPISTLE

*Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16*

THE GRADUAL HYMN

*The Hymnal, 510*

1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;  
 2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;  
 3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise;  
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;  
 kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.  
 our souls, how heav - i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.  
 ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.  
 come, shed a - broad a Sa - vior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Saint Agnes*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

*Preceding the Gospel...*

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 12: 32-40*

*Following the Gospel...*

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

THE SERMON

*The Reverend Mary Lindquist*

*Silence is kept following the sermon.*

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

*The Hymnal, 61*

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her  
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us; "A -  
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she  
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their  
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her  
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -  
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -  
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!  
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.





Rise up, and give us light; the Bride-groom is in  
Now come, most worthy Lord, God's Son, In-car-nate  
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de-

sight. Al-le-lu-ia! Your lamps pre-pare and  
Word, Al-le-lu-ia! We fol-low all and  
light: Al-le-lu-ia! There-fore we sing to

has-ten there, that you the wed-ding feast may share."  
heed your call to come in-to the ban-quet hall.  
greet our King; for ev-er let our prais-es ring.

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944). Copyright © 1982, by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

## 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	<b>And also with you.</b>
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	<b>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</b>

*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

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.

*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,***

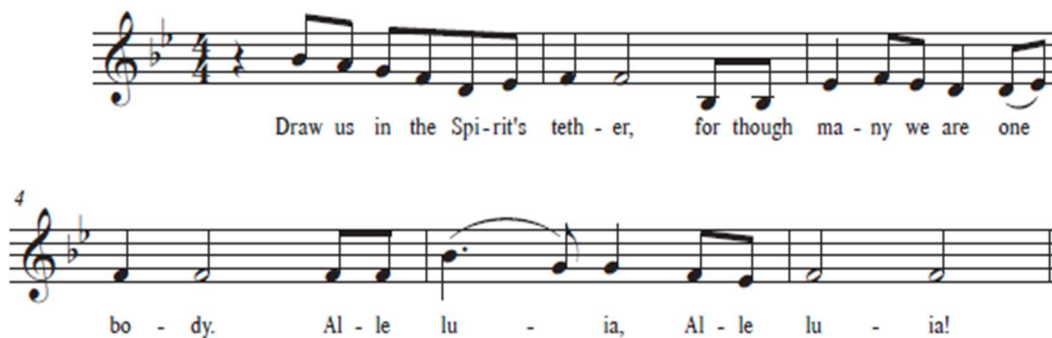
*Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:*

*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

THE BLESSING

HYMN

*The Hymnal, 68*

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eghwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

"Finlandia"

*Jean Sibelius*

## PARTICIPANTS

**10:15 The Reverend Mary Lindquist**, preacher & celebrant; **Craig Irvine**, lay assistant; **Ann Ely** and **Annie Landenberger**, readers and element bearers; **Elise Burrows**, intercessor; **Miranda Smith** and **Annie**

*Landenberger*, chalicers; *Andy & Elise Burrows* ushers; *Sher Wilson*, healing minister; *Judy Walker, Carol Hesselbach*, and *Lindsey Boss*, Altar Guild; *TBA*, coffee hour host.

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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 *Christine Triebert*, Monday; *Erin LeBlanc*, Saturday



### **BACK FROM SABBATICAL**

Dear St. Michael's,

The rumors are true – I have returned! I'm hoping this first week back will be a kind of "soft opening," like waking up from a dream, re-orienting myself and getting my bearings. While on sabbatical, I did not set an alarm for waking AND I lost track of what day/date it was. What a luxury!

I am so thankful for Thad's ministry as St. Michael's Sabbatical Priest, for Susie who was a constant, daily presence at St. Michael's, for St. Michael's excellent staff (adwoa, Lars, Keane, Phillip, John and Casey), for St. Michael's dedicated wardens (Susan and John) and St. Michael's gifted Vestry (including Gwen, our

Treasurer and Carol, our Clerk) and for ***all of you*** who made it possible for me to have a long sabbath of rest and renewal. It was a true gift that I will treasure for many years to come.

I am also thankful to be returning to such a loving, faithful and vital parish. I have missed you all! I am excited to reconnect with you as we continue to serve together as the Body of Christ called St. Michael's.

See you soon!

Mary



**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).)

### **FOLDING THE GUARDIAN: LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

The new Guardian has been written, edited, and produced, and will be folded for mailing on Friday, August 15 at 9:30 AM. In the spirit of "many hands make light work," we'd love to have a few more volunteers join us! The "old pros" will gladly teach newbies how it's done, and it's almost guaranteed that you'll have fun if you join us!

### **SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR JOHN CARNAHAN**

We will gather to remember and celebrate the life of John Carnahan on Saturday, August 23 at 11 AM, with a reception in the Undercroft following the service.

### **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: AUGUST 24**

Please plan to join us after worship on the 24th at the West Chesterfield home of Parry Moorhead-Lins and Jerry Lins. Basic picnic food will be provided; guests are invited to bring a chair or blanket, a side-dish or dessert if possible, and KITES. More information including the address of the event is in the eNews; ask Susie in the office if you need help finding that information.

### **INVITATION TO (RE)CREATE A MEN'S GROUP AT ST. MICHAEL'S**

Four of us have been meeting for the last five years as a small Men's Group here at St Michael's. We are feeling the need to include others in our fellowship of sharing, prayer and connectedness. We'd like to start with a fresh slate bringing only our interest to a gathering. Perhaps we could meet together for breakfast, or an early evening at St Michael's to explore what we share and what we can learn from each other. Come, let's make a new thing together. Contact any one of us: Christopher Wesolowski [cmwvt65@gmail.com](mailto:cmwvt65@gmail.com), David Carr [dpcarrs@gmail.com](mailto:dpcarrs@gmail.com), Steve Guerriero [guerrierosp@gmail.com](mailto:guerrierosp@gmail.com) or Jeff Lewis [jeffrey.m.lewis@comcast.net](mailto:jeffrey.m.lewis@comcast.net).

### **NEW AGING DISCUSSION GROUP**

For the last year and a half there have been three groups meeting regularly to discuss our aging. We have focused on how we feel as we age, our life experiences, and making sense of it all. We've used some books as the launching point. This is an invitation to create another group or two this fall. We'll be starting



with [Aging with Wisdom and Grace](#) by Wilkie and Noreen Au, then move to [Literature and Aging](#), a collection of writings about aging we've found very useful. If you are interested please contact Jeff Lewis, [jeffrey.m.lewis@comcast.net](mailto:jeffrey.m.lewis@comcast.net), or 802-579-3877 (text or voice).

### **SIGNPOSTS ON OUR WEBSITE**

Thanks to the offerings of many St. Michael's members and the tech know-how of Rosie, you can now go to our website to watch or read the SignPost offerings that were shared this summer. Here's where you'll find them: <https://www.stmichaels-vt.org/signposts/> .Read and be inspired!

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

Sept. 7- Oct. 4: The liturgical Season of Creation

Sept. 7: Sunday School Kick-Off celebration 9-10am

Celebratory Coffee hour & fond farewell to honor the ministries of Phillip and Susan Wilson;

4 PM: Words & Music to Save the Earth (service in the sanctuary)

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