



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

NOVEMBER 30, 2025
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

“O Sacrum Convivium”

Olivier Messiaen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept. Please stand when you hear the music for the first hymn.

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah sec.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861).

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People You come to your people and set them free.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires 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.

8 Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, Ky-ri-e e -

16 lei - son. Christ-e e - lei - son, Christ-e e - lei - son, Christ-e e -

23 lei - son, Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e e - lei - son.

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Following the lesson...

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Thanks be to God.

- I was glad when they said to me, *
 "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
 that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the LORD, *
 the assembly of Israel,
 to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
 "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
 and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
 I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
 I will seek to do you good."

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13: 11-14

HYMN

The Hymnal 601

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
 2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
 3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
 5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

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Preceding the Gospel...

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

Following the Gospel...

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

SERMON

The Reverend admoa Wilson

After the sermon a period of silence is kept

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**

*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.*

Intervenor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

**Lord God,
we praise you for sending light into this world.
We confess that we live as though
the light had never defeated darkness.
We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent
to be among us and to live in us.**

**Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus.
Prepare us for His return.
Help us rejoice in the light
so that your grace can illuminate
the darkened places of our hearts.
Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

ANTHEM

“Keep Your Lamps!”

arr. Andre Thomas

All stand to sing

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal 61



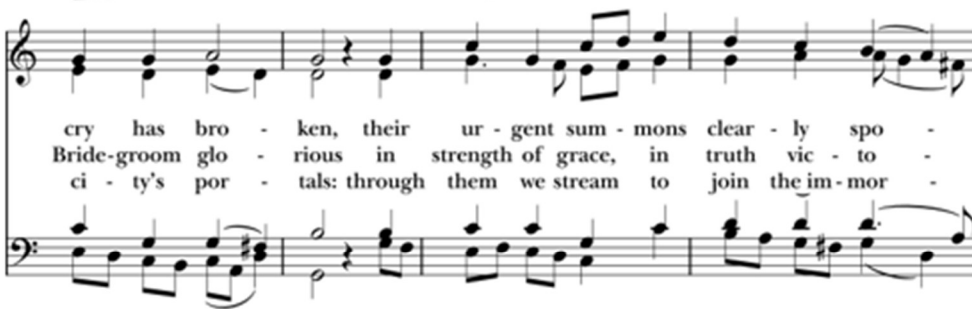
1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let



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 wor - thy 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.

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OFFERING

During the hymn, ushers pass the offering plates. Representatives from the parish bring the people's offerings of bread and wine for the Eucharist, and money for mission and ministry to the Altar. To give online, text the message GiveStMichaels" to the number 73256.

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.

Celebrant praises God for God's creation and love. Then all sing the Sanctus together.

SANCTUS

30



Ho- ly,— ho- ly,— ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

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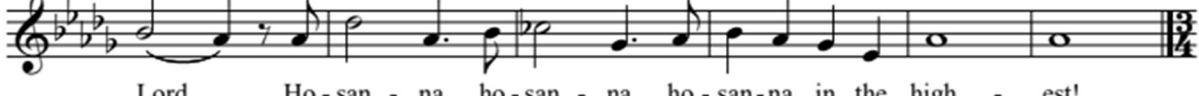
heav-en and earth are full of your glor-y. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the

42



high - est. Bles-sed is he___ who comes___ in the name___ of the

46



Lord.___ Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est!

The Celebrant recalls (and makes present for all) Jesus' life and last supper.

Presider and People

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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

BREAD IS BROKEN

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

52

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

60

Je-sus bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

68

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem-er of the world,

76

do-na no - bis pa - cem, do-na no - bis pa - cem,

84

do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Celebrant: Come all who hunger, come all who thirst, come eat 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. ‘

Following Communion, the congregation stands to say the final prayer:

POSTCOMMUNION 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.

WE ARE SENT AND GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

HYMN

The Hymnal, 59

Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935).

Children are invited to process out with the liturgical party and say the dismissal.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“Allegro”

Johann Christian Kittel

Participants

10:15 The Reverend adwoa Wilson, preacher; **The Reverend Mary Lindquist**, celebrant; **The Reverend Lars Hunter**, Deacon; **Miranda Smith**, lay assistant; **Jenny Karstad** and **Laura Andrews**, readers and element bearers; **Joyce Vining Morgan** intercessor; **Craig Irvine**, **Ricky**

Davidson and *Ron Autenrieth & Kachina Autenrieth-Lee*, ushers; *Sher Wilson*, healing minister; *Jane Sbardella*, Altar Guild; *St. Nicholas Day Fair*, coffee hour hosts.

ADVENT GREENS on the altar are given in memory of George by Laura Lewis and Louise Larsen.



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- **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.
- **CARE IS AVAILABLE** for 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 and in-person Tues-Thursday in the Chapel

Breakfast with the Psalms, 8:30 – 10 am, 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 *Maida McKenna*, today; *Liz Vick*, Monday; *Alexander Meima*, Wednesday; *Mark Horton*, Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

- **Today:** Advent begins; **St. Nicholas Day Fair** during coffee hour! (Also, sign up to be in the Christmas Pageant!)
- **December 6, 9am:** Greening of the Church
- **December 7, 4pm:** Advent Lessons & Carols
- **December 12:** deadline for donations for advent greens and Christmas poinsettias
- **December 7, 14 & 21, 9-10 AM:** Pageant Rehearsals
- **December 23, 4 PM:** Pageant Dress Rehearsal
- **December 24 & 25 services:** See details below!

ADULT FORUM Weekly from 9-10 AM in the Meeting Room.

- **This morning: Mary and the Magnificat** – We might think that Mary is “meek and mild” but there is nothing meek and mild in the ecstatic song she proclaimed while pregnant with Jesus. We will look at this song in depth and reflect on what it means in the context of our awaiting Jesus’ birth. Led by Mary Lindquist

- **Next Sunday, Dec. 7: Shiphrah and Puah**, Midwives to the Hebrew people; led by Craig Irvine.

MAGNIFY: MARY'S SONG AND THE MAGNIFICENT WOMEN OF ADVENT:

The take-home devotional that will accompany and inform our Adult Forum can be found in the Sanctuary & Common Room. Help yourself, or print your own from the eNews link!

ST. NICHOLAS DAY FAIR, TODAY! Please come and celebrate the beginning of Advent with St. Michael's St. Nicholas Day Fair! In addition, we will have craft tables to make ornaments, meet St. Nicholas and share in goodies from the kitchen. We will gather in the Undercroft immediately following the 10:15am service.

CALLING ALL KIDS AND TEENS FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT! SIGN UP

NOVEMBER 30. Calling toddlers, children, and teens! Join St. Michael's Christmas Eve pageant and help bring the Nativity to life for our parish! We've been doing our own Vermont Nativity for many years now and will continue to do so, this year with some new twists! Sign up in the Undercroft during the Fair! For more info, see the latest eNews. Bring on the joy! {Annie Landenberger, verbatimvt@gmail.com, 802-451-6283 (mobile) or 802-348-7156 (land)}

ADVENT GREENS & CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA CONTRIBUTIONS: If you would like to contribute to the Advent Greens and Christmas Poinsettias at St. Michael's, please fill out a form in the sanctuary or the Common Room, email parishadmin@stmichaelsvermont.org or send a check to the office with a note, or call (802-254-6048, ext 104).

THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH, SATURDAY DECEMBER 6, 9 – 10 AM: All are invited to the greening of the church on Saturday morning, December 6 at 9 am. This is a festive time when parishioners of all ages are invited to adorn the church with greens and decorate the Christmas tree. Please join us for this festive gathering!

LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE, DEC 7, 4PM.

This year's Advent Lessons and Carols service is coming up on Sunday Dec. 7 at 4pm. In addition to the singing of Advent carols with the congregation, the St. Michael's choir will be singing a diverse set of old and new Advent anthems by Rutter, Sirett, Jakobs, Gorecki (in Polish!), and premiering a brand new Advent anthem composed by music director Keane Southard with words by the Reverend adwoa Wilson. Come join in this yearly tradition of scripture and music as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ.

At the service, there will be an offering for the Beloved Winter Shelter. If you wish to make an offering, please bring cash or checks made out to "Skyberry Collaborative" with "Beloved Shelter" in the memo line.

PLEASE BRING FOOD FOR THE ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS RECEPTION,

DEC. 7: The reception after the Lessons and Carols Service on December 7 is a St. Michael's tradition and is a wonderful way to thank our choir and to provide hospitality to visitors to our church. We are asking the congregation to help by bringing food. Please bring snacks such as sweet finger foods, fruit, cheese and crackers, and gluten free options. Food may be dropped off at Coffee Hour on December 7 or before the Lessons and Carols service later that day. Thank you ahead of time for your help!

ADVENT FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE: As we prepare for the coming of Christ, we remember all in need in our community. To that end, we are asking you to bring food and clothing during the four Sunday of Advent which will be distributed to our neighbors.

- Advent I (Nov. 30) Dried, canned beans, rice, Tuna, Chicken, oats
- Advent II (Dec. 7) Warm socks, hats gloves- new or in good repair
- Advent III (Dec. 14) Pasta, sauces, cereal PB and Jelly, pre-made meals

- Advent IV (Dec. 21) Tylenol, cold meds, women's sanitary products, toothpaste and brushes, wipes, and diapers

ST. MICHAEL'S ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

(Available In-Person & by Livestream or Zoom; Links on website and eNews)

- **Christmas Eve Pageant and Holy Communion**, Tuesday December 24, 4 pm
- **Festival Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion**, Tuesday December 24, 8 pm
- **Christmas Day Morning Prayer**, Wednesday December 25, 9 am
- **Christmas Lessons & Carols**, Sunday December 29, 10:15 am

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY UPDATE: CHANGES ARE IN THE WORKS! Actually, not at The Works. Our community-based Bible study will be moving to the Brattleboro Co-op beginning the second week of December, with a new focus on Genesis. We continue to meet every 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays, 8:30-10am. For more information, please email adwoa@stmichaelsvermont.org