



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

JANUARY 18, 2026
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

“Adoration”

Florence Price

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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ACCLAMATION

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.
 And blessed be **God's kingdom**, now and forever.

SONG OF PRAISE

The image shows a musical score for a song titled 'SONG OF PRAISE'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics: 'Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry be to God on high!' and '¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tur - as a Dios!'. The second system has the lyrics: 'And on earth be peace to the peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.' and 'Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-que-llos ... que a - ma el Se - ñor.'.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 3: 7-12

Following the lesson...

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

Thanks be to God

PSALM 77: 11-20

11

I will remember the works of the LORD, *
and call to mind your wonders of old time.

12

I will meditate on all your acts *
and ponder your mighty deeds.

13

Your way, O God, is holy; *
who is so great a god as our God?

14

You are the God who works wonders *
and have declared your power among the peoples.

15

By your strength you have redeemed your people, *
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16

The waters saw you, O God;
the waters saw you and trembled; *
the very depths were shaken.

17

The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered; *
your arrows flashed to and fro;

18

The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; *
the earth trembled and shook.

19

Your way was in the sea,
and your paths in the great waters, *
yet your footsteps were not seen.

20

You led your people like a flock *
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 6: 10-20

HYMN

LEVAS, 106

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
 3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

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Preceding the Gospel...

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6: 27-36

Following the Gospel...

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Charles Wynder, Jr.

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.

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.
People: Hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
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;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. 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

THE ANTHEM

“The Beatitudes”

Peter Amidon

All stand to sing

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal, 593

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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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

The people remain standing. The Presider says

The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

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

SANCTUS

LEVAS, 255

Holy, holy, holy, holy,

Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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.

Antiphon
Cantor, then all



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing -

— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

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Celebrant: The Body of Christ given for the life of the world.

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. ‘

WE ARE SENT AND GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

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

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
Of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
And you have fed us with spiritual food
In the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
And grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
With gladness and singleness of heart;
Through Christ our Lord. Amen**

BLESSING

HYMN

LEVAS, 1

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems. The first two systems are instrumental, featuring a piano introduction in 8/8 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The third system contains the vocal melody with three verses of lyrics. The fourth system is instrumental, continuing the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en; 2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning; 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent.

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning—
 2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y—
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the—

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.____
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?____
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path,___ we pray.____

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -



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

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“Postlude”

Flor Peeters

Participants

10:15: *The Reverend Charles Wynder, Jr.*, preacher; *The Reverend Mary Lindquist*, celebrant; *The Reverend Lars Hunter*, Deacon; *Miranda Smith*, lay assistant; *David Treadwell* and *Brian Morgan*, readers and element bearers; *Elise Burrows*, intercessor; *Susan Daigneault* and *Craig Hammond*, ushers; *Annie Landenberger* and *Ricky Davidson*, chalice servers; *Megan Buchanan*, healing minister; *Susan Marshall* and *Jane Sbardella*, Altar Guild; *Cliff & Wylene Wood* and *Janice Paran & Dan LaPenta*, coffee hour hosts.



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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 *Pam Carr*, Monday; *Miranda Smith*, Tuesday; *Linda Neilson*, *Lily DeLeon*, *John Spooner*, and *Ralph Meima*, Wednesday; *Julie Cogliano*, Friday; *Melia Allen*, Saturday..



UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

- **This morning, both services:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday at St. Michael's
- **Today, noon:** Budget Review Meeting
- **January 25, 8 AM:** Baptism of Alden Webb
- **January 25:** St. Michael's Annual Meeting after 10:15 service
- **February 17:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- **February 18:** Ash Wednesday. Lent begins.
- **February 28, 9-3:** Women's Retreat at Hallelujah Farm (see eNews for more information)

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

- **Today: Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?** The adult forum is an interactive discussion of the implications of Becoming Beloved Community in 2026. Informed by the title of the Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s 1967 monumental text, *Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?*, the adult forum invites attendees to reflect on fundamental questions of King's social Gospel. Who is my neighbor? How am I to relate to the stranger? Is there an obligation to align the social contract to the Gospel of Jesus? Led by Reverend Charles Wynder, Jr.
- **January 25: Beyond the Politics of Contempt:** "While America seems more divided than ever, here is an uplifting story about people actually coming together. Our new book, *Beyond the Politics of Contempt: Practical Steps to Build Positive Relationships in Divided Times* offers a hopeful roadmap for Americans trying to make sense of this dark moment and striving to find a better way." Led by Douglass Teschner.

ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER

We are honored to welcome the Reverend Charles Wynder, Jr. (a friend of Cliff and Wylene Wood!) to be St. Michael's MLK preacher this year. Reverend Wynder is the Dean of Chapel & Spiritual Life and The Charles Dickey Faculty Chair for Religion and Ethics at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire. Prior to his position at St. Paul's School, he served on the Presiding Bishop's Staff of The Episcopal Church, where he worked to enhance the Episcopal Church's capacity for advocacy, witness, and engagement to advance social and racial justice. Reverend Wynder earned his Master of Divinity Degree from the Episcopal Divinity School.

Rev. Wynder offers this thought from *MLK's last Sunday Sermon is As Relevant Today As It Was in 1968* by the Very Reverend Randy Hollerith, Dean of the Washington National Cathedral.

"When King preached at Washington National Cathedral on March 31, 1968, nobody knew it would be the last Sunday sermon he would ever give. His "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution" sermon has taken on even more significance because of that. In fact, his words delivered that

Sunday morning are as alive and relevant today as they were a half-century ago. And they have helped shape this cathedral's work on social justice and racial reconciliation ever since.

The Rev. John Walker, dean of the Washington National Cathedral and the first black Episcopal Bishop of Washington, invited King as "the apostle of non-violence," but he knew that his white colleagues were a little uneasy. Indeed, one woman wrote to the cathedral warning that the King invitation would "stir up more racial tension and anxiety, which can only lead to disaster." That Sunday, the cathedral attracted its largest-ever crowd, with thousands more spilling out the doors to listen on loudspeakers. King knew his audience, and he didn't mince any words. Confronting those who said racial healing would come if we just gave it time, King said: "Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and the persistent work of dedicated individuals who are willing to be co-workers with God." There was no more time, he said, for "the appalling silence and indifference of the good people who sit around and say, 'Wait on time.'" King's sermon was delivered on March 31, 1968. He was assassinated four days later on April 4, 1968."

BUDGET REVIEW MEETING, January 18, 12pm

St. Michael's draft budget for 2026 will be available soon for your review. This will be an opportunity to meet with our treasurer Gwen Mousin, hear an overview, and ask questions prior to the Annual Meeting.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, January 25

It is January, and it's time for us to give thanks for our ministries in 2025 and look with hope and vision to our ministries in 2026 at our Annual Meeting! Last year, we got snowed out and had the Meeting on Zoom. This year we hope to meet in person after the 10:15am service with a light lunch in the Undercroft, followed by our meeting. (We will also provide a Zoom link for the meeting for anyone who would like to participate from home.) During this meeting, we will view our annual slide show, hear reports, and elect four new members of the Vestry. You can learn more about our candidates, Ricky Davidson, Michael Hightower, Annamarie Pluhar, and Rosie Wojcik in this week's eNews. We'll also elect delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Childcare will be available. The Annual Meeting is an important overview of the past and future of our ministry together. Please make every effort to attend!

THE GUARDIAN IS COMING!

The next issue of The Guardian will be printed and (e- and snail) mailed next week. We'll have a cheery little work bee for folding and labeling on **Thursday, January 22 at 9:30 AM**, and extra volunteers are always very welcome to join the fun.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – WILL IT HAPPEN?

St. Michael's has enjoyed many Shrove Tuesday Pancake Suppers in the past. Who doesn't love breakfast for dinner, Mardi Gras beads and masks and time to get to know one another? The supper didn't happen last year because we did not have volunteers to organize it. This year, the CIA Team has figured out what is necessary to pull it off, but we need volunteers to help with cooking, set-up, clean-up and food donation. This year, Shrove Tuesday falls on February 17. If we don't get sufficient volunteers by Sunday, February 1, we won't be able to do it. If you are willing to help, please sign up in the Common Room or let Susie know at the church office, parishadmin@stmichaelsvermont.org Thanks!

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR IN 2026!

We have many open slots in coming weeks for Coffee Hour hosts. 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.