



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

APRIL 12, 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

“Prelude Modal”

Jean Langlais

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:15)

After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

The Hymnal, 492



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
 Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

ACCLAMATION

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

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.

SONG OF PRAISE



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!
hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!
hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

The Presider offers a prayer appointed for the day.

**WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND
TO THE WORD OF GOD**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

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.

PSALM 16

BCP, p. 599

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 1: 3-9

THE GRADUAL HYMN

The Hymnal, 195

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er,
 2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to
 3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his
 4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the

death, ap - pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know
 Je - sus liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide,
 love shall sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell
 world is giv - en: may we go where he has gone,

thou, O grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!
 glo - ry to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 tear us from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 rest and reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

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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: 19-31

Following the Gospel...

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend John Michael Longworth

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, THE WORLD, AND FOR THE CHURCH

The Leader bids us to pray for the sick and suffering, for those who have asked for our prayers, for those who rejoice in life events and for those who have died.

Lord, in your mercy,
Prayer Response: 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

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal, 212

1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let
2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the
3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in
4 His en - e - mies had scaled the stone as
5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - jice in Christ, a -
2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their
3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to
4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less
5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -

1 gain re - jice and on his prais - es dwell.
2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,
3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.
4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.
5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), alt. Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1816); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

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.

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 the Fraction Anthem (to the tune of "For All the Saints").

God's paschal lamb is sacrificed for us,
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
Forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
Death has no more dominion over him;
Through him we die to sin and live to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

THE CLOSING HYMN

The Hymnal, 232 (w/ St. Thomas verse ~below)



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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*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

“Allegro”

Johann Christian Kittel

PARTICIPANTS

10:15: *The Reverend John Michael Longworth*, preacher; *The Reverend Mary Lindquist*, celebrant; *Ricky Davidson*, lay assistant; *Craig Irvine* and *Chris Chapman*, readers and element bearers; *Margery McCrum*, intercessor; *Craig Hammond* and *Liz Vick*, ushers; *Annamarie Pluhar* and *Alex O’Pray*, chalicers; *Anne Black*, healing minister; *Judy Walker*, *Carol Hesselbach*, and *Lindsey Boss*, Altar Guild; *Cary Storm*, *Ann Ely*, and *Xanthe Veltkamp*, coffee hour hosts.



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.

- **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, Mon-Fri, on Zoom and in-person Tues-Thurs in the Chapel

Breakfast with The Bible, 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 *J. Michael Wilmott*, *Devin Starlanyl*, *Cary Storm*, today; *Diane Clouett*, *Ron Bell*, and *Lyndsay Hesselbach*, Monday; *Ian McBean* and *Ian Harrison*, Wednesday; *Katie-Beth Ryan* and *Alex O’Pray*, Thursday; *Douglas Switzer*, Saturday.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT OR NEAR ST MICHAEL'S

- **April 12, 9 AM:** Buildings & Grounds regrouping meeting (Undercroft)
- **April 25, 11 AM:** Funeral Service for Richard Levesque
- **April 25, 3:30 - 5 PM:** Poetry & Pie in the Undercroft
- **May 10, 11 AM:** Bishop Shannon's visitation / Confirmation Sunday (*note the time!!*)

ADULT FORUM: There is no Adult Forum today, but Forums begin again next Sunday, April 12.

- **Today: Elders Ministry Forum 5 – Crises Continued: Caregiving** We will continue to explore The Crises: Gate 3 in Navigating our Journey to the End. This session will focus on a most important assistance and relationship at this stage: Caregiving or Care-partnering. We will hear from a professional caregiver guest, who will provide an overview of her role and services. We will have an opportunity to ask and dialogue about “everything you wanted to know about Caregiving but were afraid to ask.”
- **April 19: Beyond the Politics of Contempt led by Doug Teschner.** While America seems more divided than ever, this Forum is an opportunity to hear an uplifting story about people actually coming together. Our presenter's 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.

THE MINISTRY OF CARING FOR OUR CHURCH AND GROUNDS: TODAY at 9 AM Have you ever thought about how many of our essential ministries wouldn't be viable if we didn't have this beautiful building and these gracious, welcoming grounds? The **Buildings & Grounds Committee**, the folks who pay close attention to our gardens, lawn, and building, are regrouping, starting this morning with a meeting in the **Undercroft at 9 AM!** Come learn about our work, and share your ideas for ways we can enhance what we have, for the good of our congregation and the wider community.

TREMENDOUS TAG SALE NEWS The members of the St. Michael's Tag Sale Ministry are once again planning our annual Terrific (Tremendous!) Tag Sale, slated for **Sat., May 2**. We are looking forward to another great sale with lots of excellent items to offer “for sale” (mostly by monetary donation). We are very pleased that the proceeds will go to **Loaves and Fishes** this year.

Please see the eNews or postings on the Tag Sale doors for info about how and what to donate. Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the Common Room for putting up tents, setting up the sale and working day of the sale. Truck drivers, trucks and furniture movers are also needed to collect and move furniture. Contact the Pam Gallagher at 203-767-1818 with questions. Thank You!

VESTRY LISTENING HAPPENING TODAY! Once a month, two members of the Vestry (St. Michael's leadership board) are available at Coffee Hour following the 10:15am service. Today's the day! Look for their sign, and don't be shy - ask questions, offer suggestions, give feedback. The Vestry members are meant to be a point of connection between parishioners and leadership.

UPDATING OUR PHOTO WALL If you are a part of our church family, we would love to have your photo on our Wall of Fame in the Common Room! It's an act of hospitality especially for newcomers, who will be very glad to be able to put names with faces. If you don't have a photo there currently, or if the one that's there no longer reflects your family, please consider bringing a 3.5x5” (or 5x3.5”) photo to Susie, who will add your name and put it on the board! (Our church printer is not good for photos, sadly, but if you can't print your own, let Susie know and she'll help facilitate getting it done.)

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR RICHARD LEVESQUE, APRIL 25, 11 AM We will gather in the sanctuary at St Michael's to remember and celebrate the life of Richard Levesque on April 25. The service will begin at 11 AM, and will be followed by a reception in the Undercroft.

POETRY & PIE: APRIL 25, 3:30-5 PM Attention St. Michael's poets & poetry lovers: In honor of National Poetry Month, all are welcome to join St. Michael's community for "Poetry & Pie" on **Saturday, April 25** in the Undercroft beginning at 3:30. Sign up in the Common room to share your own original poems or read a favorite by another poet. Coffee and tea will be provided. Bring a pie to share or just bring yourself! This event is hosted by Erin Pesut and Megan Buchanan. Email mbuchanan@hotmail.com with questions.

BISHOP SHANNON'S UPCOMING VISIT: MAY 10, 11 AM

St. Michael's looks forward to welcoming Bishop Shannon, who will be with us in worship at an 11 AM service (note the time change!) for the first time since 2023! We have many adults and youth who will be confirmed at this service. Confirmation is a sacramental rite in the Episcopal Church only performed by bishops; it is also an adult affirmation of one's baptismal vows and an official way of joining the Episcopal Church. This celebration is very important for St. Michael's! (The 8 AM service will happen as usual ~ without the Bishop ~ and the special 11 AM service will be followed by a reception honoring both Bishop Shannon and the Confirmands.)

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

Dear Team Holy Week,

Thank you, St. Michael's, for the love, attention and spirit of service you brought to St. Michael's Holy Week services! It was such a beautiful, potent and meaningful week and we are dependent on everyone's participation and help. Every year, I am amazed at the depth and power of living through this week together.

A special thank you to:

- **St. Michael's Altar Guild**, led by Jane Sbardella and Craig Newbert;
- **Team Holy Week** – the readers, musicians, the lay assistants, the ushers, the liturgy planners, the reception planners, the bakers, the thurifers, the acolytes, the pray-ers, the foot-washers, fire-makers and cross bearers....;
- The Tenebrae Team and the **Holy Saturday planners**;
- The **Catechumens** who were baptized & their sponsors!;
- **St. Michael's amazing staff**: Lars Hunter, Keane Southard, Susie Webster-Toleno, John Laamanan and adwoa Wilson;
- **The Church in the Cloud** and the **Livestreaming crew**, with special help from tech wizards Julian McBrowne & Michael Hanish;
- **All** who attended and participated.

I hope you all get some rest and enjoy the miracle and joy of Jesus' resurrection.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Many Easter Blessings,

Mary