

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

The Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Easter Day

5 April 2026, 10:15 am

Prelude

“We Pray to the Holy Spirit”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Hymn in Procession

The Hymnal, 207

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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After the hymn, the Presider says this opening acclamation responsively three times.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Congregation and the Choir sing

Hymn

The Hymnal, 205

During the hymn the people are sprinkled with water as a remembrance of Baptism.

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - jice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring;
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - jice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Collect of The Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 31: 1-6

After the reading the lector says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-17, 22-24

Remain seated

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

Romans 6: 3-11

After the reading the lector says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn

The Hymnal, 296

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no
more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!

2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!

3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with
life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.
Alleluia!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-18

The people turn to face the Gospel book and remain standing for the reading of the Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Following the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Mary D. Lindquist

After the sermon a period of silence is kept.

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers of the People

Reader: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Congregational response: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

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.

Anthem

“Alleluia”

Randall Thompson

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. St. Michael's is grateful for your generosity!




1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how; though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of power_ and might, heaven_ and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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

Presider:

And seeing that the power of sin is broken, and Christ is all in all,
we praise you and we bless you.

People: **We praise you,
we bless you,
we give thanks to you
and we pray to you,
O Lord our God.**

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,

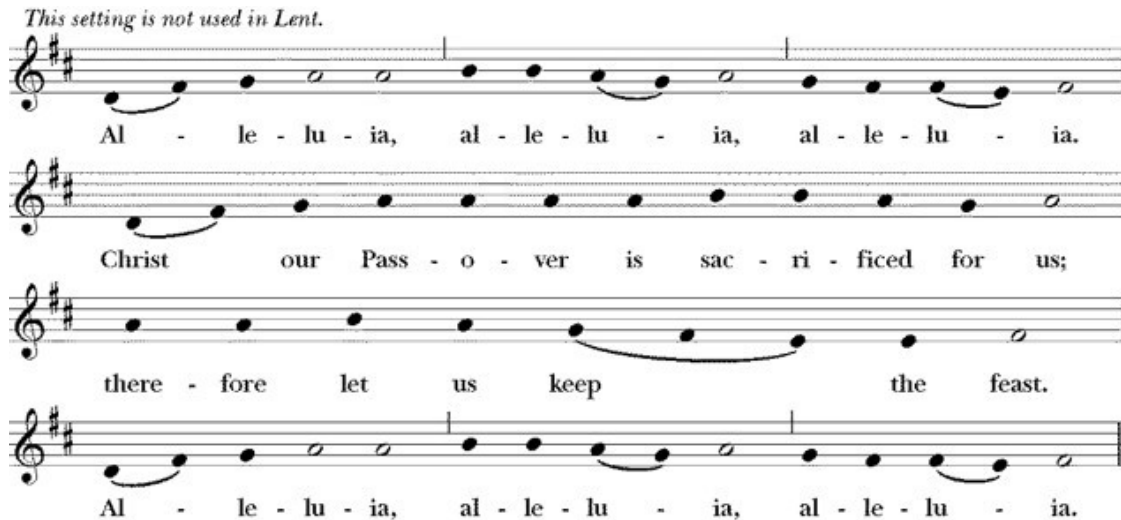
The Lord's Prayer

**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. Then all sing this hymn:

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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. Please indicate that preference to the liturgical minister.*

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

**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

The following blessing is said. The people respond to each petition with a loud "Amen."

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children through the resurrection of Christ our Savior, bestow upon you the riches of blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy

and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

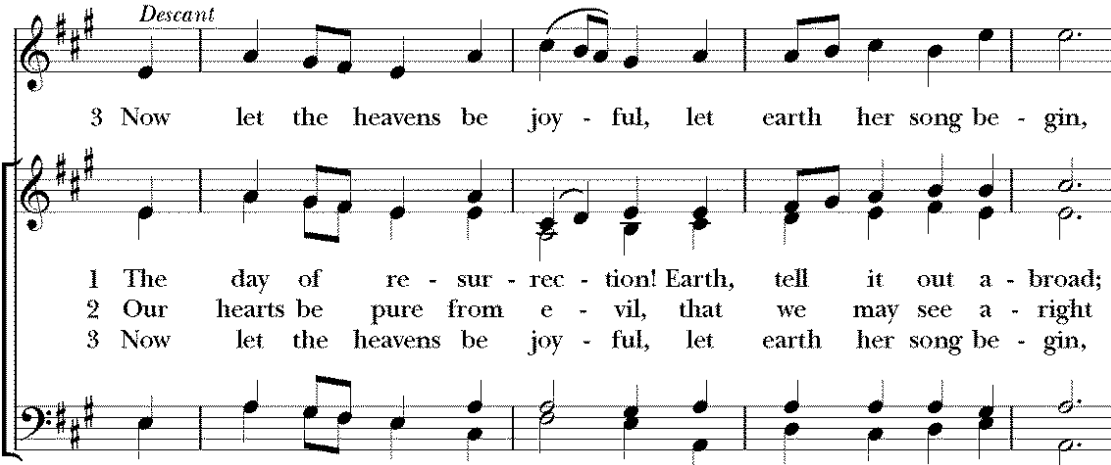
And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

After the blessing, all stand to sing the

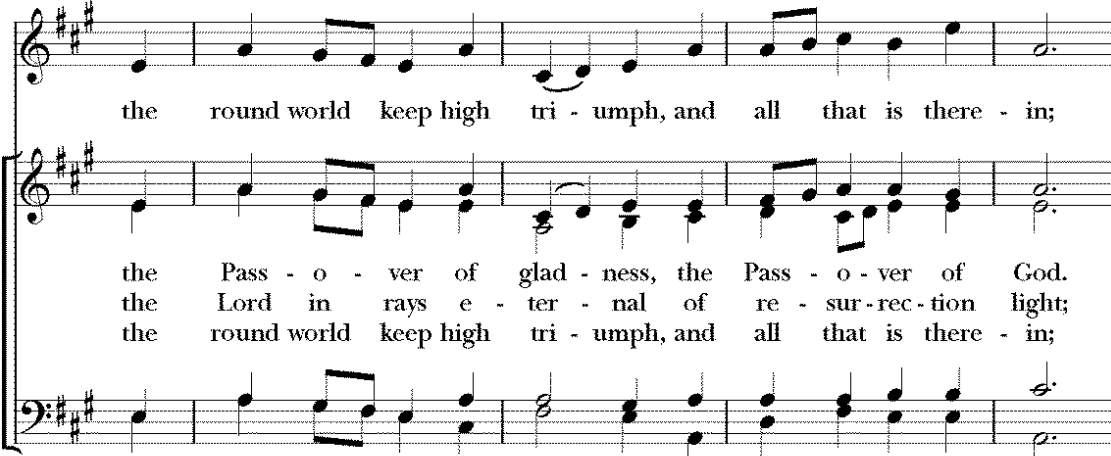
Hymn in Procession

The Hymnal, 210

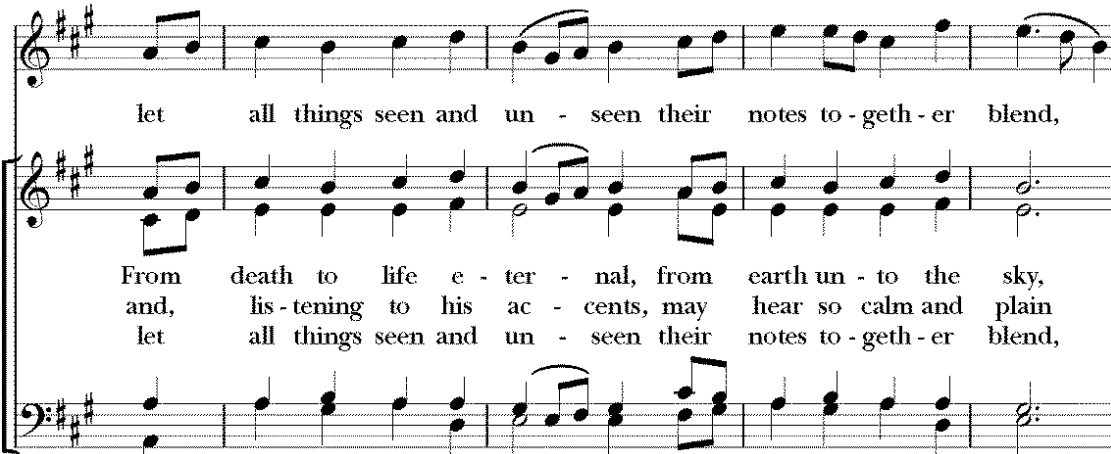
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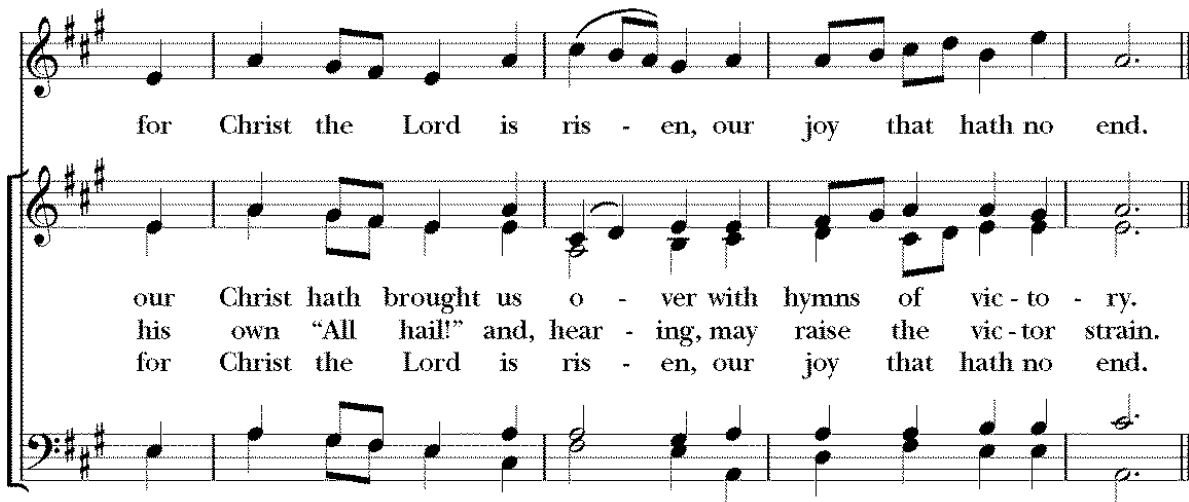
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,
1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,



for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

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At the back of the nave, the Officiant and People say this

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
People Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

"Postlude on 'Jesus Christ is Risen Today'"

Noel Ramsthorpe

*Please join us on the Rectory yard outside for the Easter Egg Hunt
and/or downstairs in the Undercroft for Coffee Hour!*

Participants Today

The Reverend Mary Lindquist, preacher and celebrant; *The Reverend Lars Hunter*, Deacon; *Abbie Haineswood* and *Leo Storm*, acolytes; *Craig Irvine*, lay assistant; *Gabriel Sistare*, thurifer; *Maida McKenna* and *Laura Andrews*, readers and element bearers; *Dyana Lee*, intercessor; *Annie Landenberger* and *Annamarie Pluhar*, chalicers; *Brian Morgan*, *Betsy Bates*, and *William Stearns*, ushers; *MJ Woodburn*, healing minister; *John Byrnes* and *Kiersten McKenney*, Altar Guild; *Marie Lawrence* and *Vangie Holvino*, Easter flowers; *Maida McKenna*, *Rosie Wojcik*, and *Chris Chapman*, 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.

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, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays at The Works, Main St, Brattleboro
 Centering Prayer, 11:30-11:55 am, Wednesday in the Chapel
 Centering Prayer, 4-5 pm, 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 *Neil Montgomery*, Tuesday; *Kelli Allen*, Wednesday; *Sherry Stimmel*, Friday; *Peter Johnson* and *Kurt Johnson*, Saturday.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OR NEAR ST MICHAEL'S

- **April 9, 7:30 PM:** Compline Service
- **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

EASTER SUNDAY is the most important day of celebration in the Christian Year. On this day we celebrate how Christ overcame death to rise to new life, offering his redemption and love to all.

TODAY IS SAINT MICHAEL'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT The Easter Egg Hunt takes place outside after the 10:15 service. Kids of all ages are urged to participate!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: The office will be open as usual on Tuesday, April 7, but will be closed Wednesday – Friday. Thank you for your understanding!

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

- **APRIL 12: 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.”

NEXT COMPLINE SERVICE: APRIL 9 @ 7:30 PM

In a world where we all live with such thin margins of time and availability, where many of us move through life at a harried pace, it can feel deeply restorative to pause, receive sacred beauty, and take a few deep breaths. Our music director Keane Southard and singers from our choir once again bring a peace-

filled evening service to offer an oasis before sleep. The service, which last less than half an hour, is candle-lit and quiet. Do come!

THE MINISTRY OF CARING FOR OUR CHURCH AND GROUNDS: APRIL 12 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 with a meeting in the **Undercroft at 9 AM on April 12!** 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. Newcomers are invited!

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.

To make this Tag Sale as tremendous as it always is, we are still accepting donations! The housewares, linens and clothing closets are open until Saturday, April 25. Please bring any of the following donations to the Church as soon as possible: clothing and shoes, linens, housewares, books (NO TEXTBOOKS!), puzzles and jewelry. All items should be clean and in good condition. Please be sure to read our donation guidelines which are posted on the donation closet doors.

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. **As of now:** The Tag Sale team is **accepting furniture!** Please note our furniture policy: ***ALL furniture will need to be reviewed by Linda Rice*** (either photo or in person) before being accepted. It must be in good-to-excellent condition or we cannot accept it. Contact Linda at lindariceaprn@gmail.com before bringing furniture. Please, no furniture made from particle board (fiber board). Also, while we will be doing some pick-ups in April, we will not be able to move heavy items either up or down a flight of stairs. *As my husband's Irish grandmother would say, "Many hands make light work!" Thank you all for your support. All proceeds go to Loaves and Fishes.*

Contact the Pam Gallagher at 203-767-1818 or the Church office at 802-254-6048. Thank You!

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. All members of our church community are welcome to read, with a time limit of 5 minutes each, so please practice and time yourself! 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.

EASTER FLOWERS

The following gifts have been made for the flowers in the sanctuary this Easter season.

To the glory of God:

Given by Jenny Karstad

Given by Christine Hart

Given by Judy Walker

In Thanksgiving For:

Family and friends, *given by Evangelina Holvino*

Magnificent music by Keane and the choir, *given by William Stearns*

Rosie Wojcik for her exemplary service to St. Michael's, *given by Cliff & Wylene Wood*

This active, caring, faithful congregation, *given by Susie Webster-Toleno*

In Loving Memory of:

Daniel Dobson, *given by Susan Gantt Kubert*

Judy Wagenbach, *given by Karen Davis*

Bruce Hesselbach and Jennifer Hocursak, *given by Carol Hesselbach*

Timothy Gallagher, Nancy and Halsey Hicks, *given by Pam & Paul Gallagher*

Family, *given by Judy McGee*

Thomas C. Ely and Barbara Ely Alley, *given by Ann Ely*

Edgar and Elizabeth Buttenheim, Marsha Maxwell Herrling, *given by Gay & Jim Maxwell*

Peter Davidson, *given by Jack and Judy Davidson*

Phil Stimmel, *given by Sherry Stimmel*

Phyllis Lindquist, *given by Mary Lindquist*

Rich Blazej, Doris W and August Spahr, Jr, Doris E Spahr, Kiersten MacGregor, and Preston W

Brown, *given by Lucy Spahr-Blazej*

Vincent Ashley, Matthew Snyder, Bob Cummings, Joan Shuffleburg, and Filomina Torres, *given by Tim Shuffleburg*

Jack Hunter, *given by Lars Hunter*

Jonquil Clouet Boyle, Cayo Murchison, and Jonas Fricke, *given by Dianne Clouette*

Al Cramer, *given by Janet Cramer*

Richard Levesque, *given by Dorrie DeGutis*

Debbie Kirsh, *given by Christopher Wesolowski*