



ST. MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

MAY 17, 2026

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:15)

After the announcements, a period of silence is kept.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

The Hymnal, 450

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
 * 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
 * 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

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.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1: 6-14

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 68: 1-10, 33-36

BCP, p. 676

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.**
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.**
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!**
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,**
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.**
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.**
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11

THE GRADUAL HYMN

The Hymnal, 483



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,



1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855). Music: *St. Magnus*, melody from *Divine Companion*, 1707; harm, William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after John Pyke Hullah (19th cent.).

Preceding the Gospel...

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17: 1-11

Following the Gospel...

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Nicholas Porter

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.

Prayer Response: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

**WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION
TOGETHER**

ANTHEM

All stand to sing

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal, 484

1 Praise the Lord through ev - ery na - tion; his ho - ly
2 Je - sus, Lord, our Cap - tain glo - rious, o'er sin, and

arm hath wrought sal - va - tion; ex - alt him on his
death, and hell vic - to - rious, wis - dom and might to

Fa - ther's throne. Praise your King, ye Chris - tian le -
thee be - long; we con - fess, pro - claim, a - dore

gions, who now pre - pares in heaven - ly re -
thee; we bow the knee, we fall be - fore

gions un - fail - ing man - sions for his own: with
thee; thy love hence - forth shall be our song. The

voice and min - strel - sy ex - tol his ma - jes -
 cross mean-while we bear, the crown ere-long to

ty: Al - le - lu - ia! His praise shall sound all
 wear: Al - le - lu - ia! Thy reign ex - tend world

na - ture round, and hymns on ev - ery tongue a - bound.
 with - out end; let praise from all to thee a - scend.

Words: Rhijnvis Feith (1753-1824); para. James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. 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. 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 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.

The Presider praises God for God's creation and love. Then all sing or say the Sanctus together



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might,
Heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry 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.

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

We acclaim you, O Christ

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, Come in glory!

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

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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DISMISSAL

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

10:15: *The Reverend Canon Nicholas Porter*, preacher and celebrant; *The Reverend Lars Hunter*, Deacon; *Ricky Davidson*, lay assistant; *David Treadwell* and *Craig Hammond*, readers and element bearers; *Laura Frey*, intercessor; *William Stearns* and *Betsy Bates*, ushers; *Annamarie Pluhar* and *Ann Ely*, chalice; *Megan Buchanan*, healing minister; *Craig Newbert* and *Jane Sbardella*, Altar Guild; *The Altar Guild*, 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
 The Co-op Bible Study, 8:30 – 10 am, *The Brattleboro Food Co-op*, 2 Main St.
 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 *Susan Dyer*, Tuesday.



UPCOMING ST. MICHAEL'S EVENTS:

- **May 24:** The Feast of Pentecost
- **May 25, 9:30 AM:** Memorial Day program at Christ Church Guilford
- **May 31, 8 AM:** Baptism of Alden Webb
- **June 7, 10:15:** Celebration of our graduating seniors
- **June 11, 7:30 PM:** Compline Service

ADULT FORUM: Forums meet from 9 to 10 in the Meeting Room each week.

- **Today: Elders Ministry:** In this Forum in the series 'Navigating the Journey to the End,' we will review the topics and discuss our learnings and unanswered questions about The 3rd Gate: The Crises. We will also hear from Rob Szpila, founder of 'The Passing On' consultancy, on how he assists others in facing a variety of elders' crises, not just medical ones. This Forum will serve as the Elders Ministry's wrap-up session before the Summer break and their return in the Fall.
- **May 24: Holy Spirit Forum!** In honor of the Feast of Pentecost, we will talk about the Holy Spirit, the "third person of the Trinity" and explore ways in which the Holy Spirit moves in our lives. We invite you to bring your Holy Spirit stories! Led by Mary Lindquist

GUEST PREACHER AND CELEBRANT TODAY

We are very pleased to welcome the Reverend Canon Nicholas Porter, who will be preaching and celebrating at both services at St. Michael's while Mary and her family attend their son Jonah's graduation from UVM. Canon Porter is a Brattleboro resident and the co-founder of Jerusalem Peacebuilders, an interfaith ministry that provides emerging Israeli and Palestinian leaders with the skills,

relationships, and confidence they need to be effective agents of change. In 2025 alone, Jerusalem Peacebuilders' programs involved over 14,000 adults and youth.

This former International Chaplain to the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem was knighted in the Order of St. John by the British Crown for his work supporting healthcare access in Jerusalem. In 2016, Dwight Hall at Yale University awarded Nicholas and Dorothy the Curran Prize for distinguished public service. Dorothy and Nicholas have been parishioners at St. Michael's since 1994.

JOHANNES BRAHMS' *EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM*

All are invited to a beautiful performance of this beloved piece by the Brattleboro Concert Choir and soloists, directed by Dr. Jonathan Harvey. (Persons Auditorium, Marlboro, May 17, at 4:00 pm.) Tickets are available at the door.

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST WILL BE CELEBRATED NEXT SUNDAY, May 24

The Feast of Pentecost, which marks the end of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on Sunday, May 24 at the 8 am and 10:15 am services. This is the occasion when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the Church and the sending of the apostles into the world to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ. *We are looking for people who can speak in different languages to enact the Pentecost story.* If you would like to volunteer, please let St. Michael's Parish Administrator, Susie, know at parishadmin@stmichaelsvermont.org For this special feast:

- We invite you to WEAR RED in honor of the Holy Spirit.
- Children and youth are invited to gather at 10 am outside the church to be part of the Pentecost procession with red streamers.

Incense will be part of our celebration at 10:15 am.

THE GUARDIAN, COMING SOON! VOLUNTEER TO HELP FOLD & MAIL IT!

The June/July/August issue of The Guardian is in the works, and will be printed and ready to be folded this Friday, May 22. A small crew of dedicated folders will be in the Common Room **on May 22 beginning at 9:30 AM**, and they would love you to join them! This is very much a many-hands-light-work situation.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM, MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026, 9:30 AM, CHRIST CHURCH GUILFORD

As we approach the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the Christ Church Guilford Society invites the public to honor our veterans and their families at an outdoor Memorial Day ceremony. The short program will feature remembrances and readings and will be followed by volunteer attendees placing American flags on veterans' graves in Christ Church Cemetery. Christ Church Guilford is located at Melendy Hill Road and Route 5 in Algiers Village, Guilford. Participants are welcome to bring chairs or blankets to the ceremony.

PRAYING THE ROSARY IN COMMUNITY

Some St. Michael's parishioners have begun exploring the rosary together. They meet twice weekly: Tuesdays at 12:30 PM, and Thursdays at 8:30 AM in the Chapel, for about half an hour. Newcomers are always welcome!

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! 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" photo to Susie, who will add your name and put it on the board!

CELEBRATING GRADUATING SENIORS JUNE 7

Jonas Ackermann-Hovis, Cara Fisher, Bibi Johnson, Asa Taggert and Avi Wiltermuth will be graduating from high school this year. In addition, Jonah Johnson (UVM), Andachew Mousin (UNH), Eden Summerlin (UVM) and Vivian Summerlin (UVM) are also graduating from college! Jonas will be attending Dickinson College in Pennsylvania to study biology in the Pre-Health program, Cara will be attending Landmark College in Putney to study Math and Science, Bibi will be attending the Pratt Institute in New York to study Illustration, Asa will be attending Clark University in Massachusetts to study physics and Avi will be attending University of Minnesota in Duluth to study Technical Theater. We will say special prayers over those who are able to join us during the 10:15am service as well as come together for a celebratory Coffee Hour.