



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

## THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE “Aria” from *Suite Antiga* by Alberto Nepomuceno

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.*

HYMN

*The Hymnal 455*

1. O Love of God, how strong and true,  
eternal and yet ever new;  
uncomprehended and unbought,  
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2. O wide embracing, wondrous Love,  
we read thee in the sky above;  
we read thee in the earth below,  
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

3. We read thee best in him who came  
to bear for us the cross of shame,  
sent by the Father from on high,  
our life to live, our death to die.

4. We read thy power to bless and save  
e'en in the darkness of the grave;  
still more in resurrection light  
we read the fullness of thy might.

ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*Congregation* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

SONG OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*2 Samuel 11: 1-15*

*Following the lesson...*

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

## PSALM 14

**1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.**

**2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.**

**3 Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*  
there is none who does good; no, not one.**

**4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?**

**5 See how they tremble with fear, \*  
because God is in the company of the righteous.**

**6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
but the Lord is their refuge.**

**7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

## THE SECOND READING

*Ephesians 3: 14-21*

*Following the lesson...*

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

## HYMN

*The Hymnal 669, vs. 1-3*

1 Com - mit thou all that grieves thee and fills thy heart with  
 2 O trust the Lord then whol - ly, if thou wouldst be se -  
 3 Thy last - ing truth and mer - cy, O Fa - ther, see a -  
 4 Hope on, then, bro - ken spi - rit; hope on, be not a -

care to him whose faith - ful mer - cy the  
 cure; his work must thou con - sid - er for  
 right the needs of all thy chil - dren, their  
 afraid: fear not the griefs that plague thee and

skies a - bove de - clare, who gives the winds their  
 thy work to en - dure. What prof - it doth it  
 an - guish or de - light: what lov - ing wis - dom  
 keep thy heart dis - mayed: thy God, in his great

cours - es, who points the clouds their way; 'tis  
 bring thee to pine in grief and care? God  
 choos - eth, re - deem - ing might will do, and  
 mer - cy, will save thee, hold thee fast, and

he will guide thy foot - steps and be thy staff and stay.  
 ev - er sends his bless - ing in an - swer to thy prayer.  
 bring to sure ful - fill - ment thy coun - sel good and true.  
 in his own time grant thee the sun of joy at last.

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## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 6: 1 - 21*

*Preceding the Gospel...*

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

*Following the Gospel...*

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

## SERMON

*The Reverend Mary Lindquist*

*After the sermon a period of silence is kept*

## **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**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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 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

OFFERTORY HYMN

*The Hymnal 304*

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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### OFFERING

*During the hymn, ushers pass the offering plates. Representatives from the parish bring the people's offerings of food bread and wine for the Eucharist, and money for mission and ministry to the Altar. You may also make a donation online at [www.stmichaelsvermont.org](http://www.stmichaelsvermont.org) under "Give" & "Give Online." Our ministry at St. Michael's depends on your generosity. Thank you!*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts,  
*People*            **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 Celebrant praises God for God's creation and love. Then all sing the Sanctus together:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and the fruit of human

labor,

**In these, Jesus has promised to be present;  
through these, Christ can make us whole.**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Truth shall spring - up from the - earth and right - eous - ness shall look down from hea - ven

7 Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Bles - sed are those who are called to the sup - per of the lamb. Al - le - lu - ia

13 Al - le - lu - ia Bles - sed are those who are called to the sup - per of the lamb.

*Celebrant:* Come all you who hunger and thirst, come and eat, come and drink.

*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.*

## POST COMMUNION 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.

## BLESSING

## HYMN

LEVAS 120

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I  
know that it's the Spirit of the Lord, There are  
sweet expressions on each face, And I  
know they feel the presence of the Lord.

REFRAIN: *Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in  
praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have  
been revived when we shall leave this place.*

2. There are blessings you cannot receive Till you  
know Him in His fullness and believe. You're the  
one to profit when you say, "I am  
going to walk with Jesus all the way."

REFRAIN

3. If you say He saved you from your sin, Now you're  
weak, you're bound, and cannot enter in, you can  
make it right if you yield; You'll enjoy  
the Holy Spirit that we feel.

REFRAIN

## DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Short Organ Piece No. 18" by Jan Bender

## Participants Today

**Craig Irvine**, lay assistant; **Joyce Vining Morgan** and **Andy Burrows**, readers and element bearers; **Jenny Karstad**, intercessor; **Ricky Davidson** and **Alli Ackerman-Hovis**, chalice bearers; **Maida McKenna** and **Sherry Stimmel**, ushers; **Rebecca Olmstead**, **Zadie Olmstead**, and **Lindsey Boss**, Altar Guild; **Judy Davidson**, coffee hour host.



**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.
- **NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE** for young 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, Tues-Thursday in the Chapel  
Breakfast with the Psalms, 8:30 – 10:00 am, every other Wednesday at The Works, Brattleboro  
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:** *Shirley Hodgdon*, Tuesday; *Caleb Fritz* and *Laura Frey*, Friday; *Kerry Capponcelli*, Saturday.

**SUMMER FUN FOR ST. MICHAEL'S KIDS EACH SUNDAY MORNING, 10:15 IN THE UNDERCROFT:** During the summer, we keep building community with our children and youth by offering activities during the first part of Sunday church. Summer Fun is taking place in the Undercroft at 10:15 and, depending on the ages of the group and the weather, we will have a story, simple snack, crafts, outside time and/or games. Volunteers will rotate helping out. The kids will join the congregation at the Peace so that they can participate in Holy Communion and the Blessing.

**JOIN THE PSALM STUDY'S SUMMER STUDY OF RUTH, JULY 31:** The Works Cafe Psalm Study continues to invite people to join us once or often! After a wonderful study of Jonah, we have just begun to study the book of Ruth, which will occupy us for most of the summer. This book of family loyalty is set during the time of earthly harvest and shares something about how the *hesed* (of God) can be experienced through our commitments to one another. It also sends echoes out in surprising directions both in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

During the summer, the "Ruth-Psalms" Study will meet every other week – **July 31, August 15 and 28, from 8:30am-10:00am**. Along with manuscript, pens, and colored pencils, coffee will be provided! *Please bring your own mug.*

**HELP WITH FLOOD RELIEF:** From Bishop Shannon --

*As some of our parishes and communities continue to recover from the remnants of Hurricane Beryl, please donate to our flood recovery efforts to help congregations contend with daunting insurance deductibles and pressing community needs. You can give online here: <https://onrealm.org/diovermont/-/form/give/flood-relief> Most of all, please pray for all Vermonters who are suffering in the aftermath of Beryl.*

**TREE DEDICATION IN HONOR OF JEAN SMITH'S MINISTRY AT ST. MICHAEL'S, SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 9AM:** When Priest Associate Jean Smith and her husband, Peter, moved to Connecticut last winter, we promised to plant a flowering cherry tree in honor of Jean's very fruitful ministry with St. Michael's. Now, thanks to the work of Judy Davidson, the tree is planted! We invited Jean to come back to St. Michael's on Sunday, August 11 so that we can offer prayers of dedication for the tree in thanksgiving for her ministry. We will gather outside with the tree following the 8 am service (approximately 9am), then share some food and fellowship in the Undercroft prior to the 10:15am service. Please join us for this special occasion!

**BRATTLEBORO YOUTH CHALLENGE -- A LOCAL TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN SUPPORT OF THE REFUGEE MINISTRY, AUGUST 12 -23:** Local high school students are invited to participate in a two-week camp experience for refugee teens. From 10:30 am to 1 pm each weekday, August 12 to 23, local high school students will support refugee teens in language and community challenges. With getting to know Brattleboro and each other as the goal, volunteers will partner with international newcomers to find unusual lunches, do community service, and learn about local businesses and municipal agencies—all in the service of language learning and community building. Use the following QR code to register. For more information contact Lise at (802) 345 3982, Colby (802) (802) 380-4738 or Adnan at (802) 689 0490.

