



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE “Aria” by Georg Frideric Handel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HYMN

The Hymnal 450

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6 Let ev - cry kin - dred, ev - cry 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!

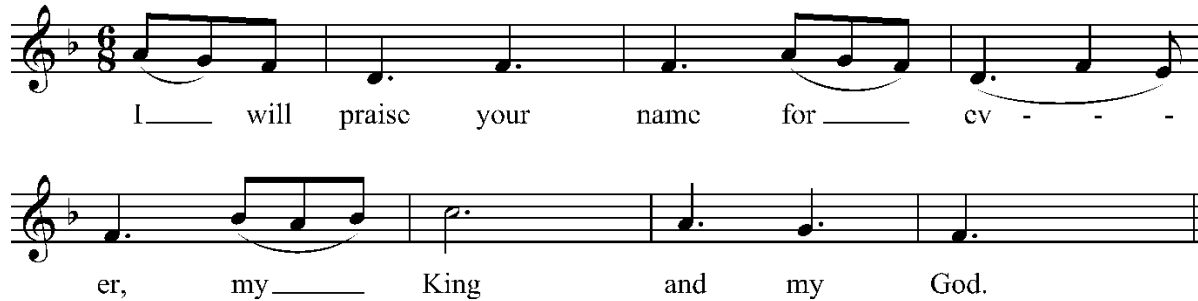
6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

sing twice



I will praise your name for ever, my King and my God.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Following the lesson...

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

PSALM 132:1-13

1 Lord, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the Lord *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," *
nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the Lord, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:

12 "A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

HYMN

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The Hymnal 435, vs 1, 2, 5, 6



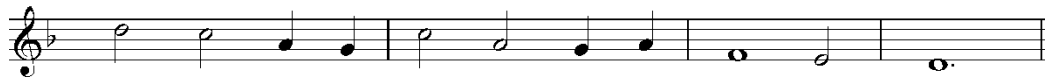
1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 * 5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - duc
 * 6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

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THE GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

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 Lars Hunter

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.

Intervenor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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

ANTHEM "Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace" by Keane Southard

All stand to sing

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal 458, vs. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7

My Song Is Love Unknown



1. My	song	is	love	un -	known,	My
2. He	came	from	his	blest	throne,	Sal -
3. Some -	times	they	strew	his	way	And
4. Why,	what	has	my	Lord	done?	What
5. They	rise	and	needs	will	have	My
6. In	life,	no	house,	no	home	My
7. Here	might	I	stay	and	sing,	No



Sav -	ior's	love	for	me,	Love	to	the	love -	less
va -	tion	to	be -	stow,	But	all	made	strange,	and
his	sweet	prais -	es	sing,	Re -	sound -	ing	all	the
makes	this	rage	and	spite?	He	made	the	lame	to
dear	Lord	made	a -	way;	A	mur -	der -	er	they
Lord	on	earth	might	have;	In	death,	no	friend -	ly
sto -	ry	so	di -	vine;	Nev -	er	was	love,	dear



shown	That	they	might	love	-	ly	be.	O
none	The	longed -	for	Christ	would	know,	But	
day	Ho -	san -	nas	to	their	King,	Then	
run,	He	gave	the	blind	their	sight,	Sweet	
save:	The	prince	of	life	they	slay,	Yet	
tomb	But	what	a	stran -	ger	gave,	What	
King,	Nev -	er	was	grief	like	thine.	This	



who	am	I	That	for	my	sake	My
O	my	friend,	My	friend	in -	deed,	Who
"Cru -	ci -	fy!"	Is	all	they	breathe,	And
in -	jur -	ies!	Yet	they	at	these	Them -
cheer -	ful	he	To	suf -	f'ring	goes,	That
may	I	say?	Heav'n	was	his	home;	But
is	my	friend,	In	whose	sweet	praise	I



Lord	shall	take	Frail	flesh,	and	die?
at	my	need	His	life	did	spend.
for	his	death	They	thirst	and	cry.
selves	dis -	please,	And	'gainst	him	rise.
he	his	foes,	From	thence	might	free.
mine	the	tomb	Where -	in	he	lay.
all	my	days	Could	glad -	ly	spend.

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 under "Give" & "Give Online." Our ministry at St. Michael's depends on your generosity. Please consider making a donation or a pledge.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

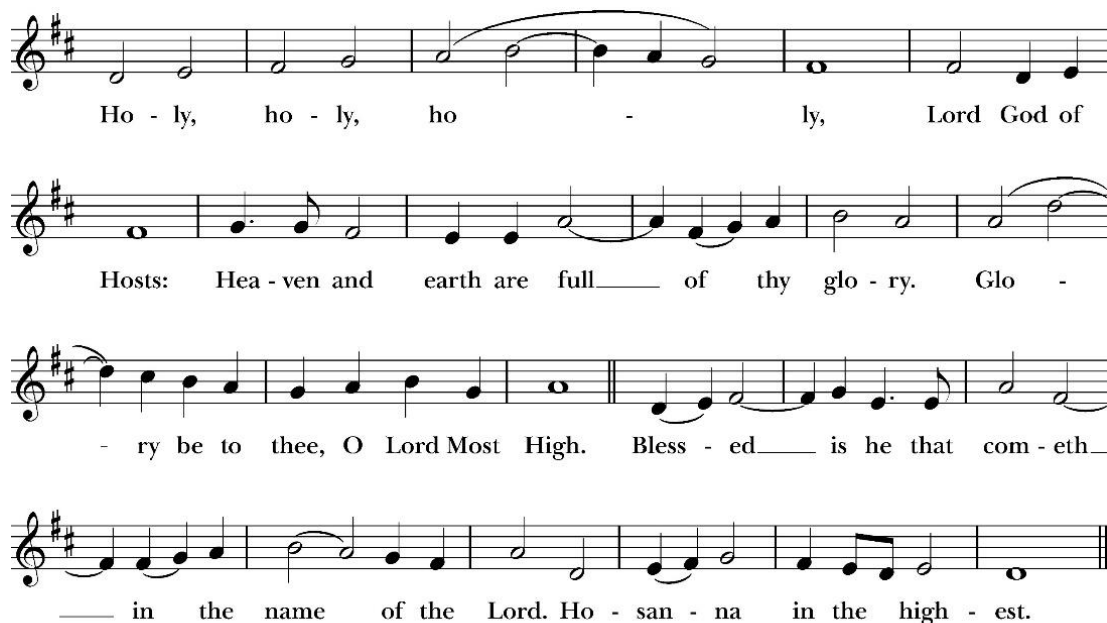
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Hymnal S114



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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

Therefore, according to his command, O God:

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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.

Sing only verse 1

All who hun - ger gath - er — glad - ly; — ho - ly — man - na
All who hun - ger, nev - er — stran - gers, seek - er, — be a
All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, — Je - sus — Christ is
is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and — wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and — roam - ing. —
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and — long - ing. —
Here in — truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in — joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in — peace we have been fed. Blest are those who
days of — full - ness, all a - round us is our — food.
lost and — scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this — ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.
Taste and — see the grace e - ter - nal. —
Taste and — see the grace e - ter - nal. —
Taste and — see the grace e - ter - nal. —
Taste and — see that God is good.
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Celebrant: Come all who hunger, come all who thirst, come eat and drink.

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. '

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

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**Eternal God,
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.**

WE ARE SENT AND GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

HYMN

The Hymnal 555

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears.

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song,
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heaven - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Words: Ernest Warburton Shurtleff (1862-1917). Music: *Lancashire*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).

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

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou” by Marcel Dupre

Participants Today

The Reverend Lars Hunter, deacon; **Ricky Davidson**, lay assistant; **Maida McKenna** and **David Treadwell**, readers and element bearers; **Laura Frey**, intercessor; **Miranda Smith**, chalice; **Andy & Elise Burrows**, ushers; **Margit Lilly**, healing minister; **Rebecca Olmstead** and **Lindsey Boss**, Altar Guild; **The Healing Team**, 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, 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: *Pamela Crispe* and *Juniper Ridgway*, Today; *John Laamanen* and *Laurie Chipfield*, Thursday; *Maida McKenna*, Saturday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: *Jessica & Chris Mattson*, Friday.

TOGETHER IN GRATITUDE: STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge in support of St. Michael's ministry and mission for 2025! As of November 20, we have received 137 pledge cards for a total of \$288,914. We are very close to our goals for pledges received (138) and total pledged (\$312,352). If you have not had a chance to pledge, we encourage you to do so soon. If you have not received a pledge card, you can pick one up in the back of the church or the Common Room or pledge online through St. Michael's website (under "Give"). Many thanks for your great generosity and support!

ADULT FORUMS: The Adult Forums are held each Sunday morning from 9 – 10 in the Meeting Room.

- **Today: "Sabbatical"** -- Mary Lindquist, who will be on sabbatical in January and May-August of 2025, will talk about the sabbatical and you will have a chance to ask questions.

THANKSGIVING DAY MORNING PRAYER, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28, 8 AM: On Thanksgiving Day, we will hold a simple Morning Prayer Service in the Chapel of Mary Magdalene at 8 am. There is a small group of us who pray Morning Prayer each weekday in this simple manner. We invite you to come and begin your Thanksgiving Day with praise and prayer and song.

THANKSGIVING DIAPER DRIVE: For St. Michael's traditional Thanksgiving Diaper Drive, you are cordially invited to include in your shopping excursions a bag or two of diapers, any/all sizes, for Foodworks and Loaves & Fishes here in Brattleboro, and Parks Place in Bellows Falls. Please place diapers in the corner by the font this morning, or later this week, or next Sunday. We will distribute them on the Monday after Thanksgiving. Thank you for thinking of our needy neighbors!

ST. NICHOLAS DAY FAIR, NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1! Please come and celebrate the beginning of Advent with St. Michael's St. Nicholas Day Fair! This year we will have materials for you to make your own Advent Wreath, so that you can light candles and say daily prayers throughout this Holy Season. In addition, we will have craft tables to make ornaments, meet St. Nicholas and share in goodies from the kitchen. We will gather in the Undercroft immediately following the 10:15am service.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS YEAR'S ST. NICHOLAS DAY FAIR ON DEC. 1! Please help us with this fun and festive event to start the Advent Season! We need volunteers to:

- Help with craft tables-- either supervising a craft we already have OR bring your own idea/supplies for something you would like to do!
- Bring contributions for the buffet table (finger sandwiches, fruit, cheese, baked goods, cookies, snacks, etc).
- Be part of the clean-up crew
- Donate items from our WISH LIST: gallon-sized ziplock bags; florist's wire; a jar of inexpensive peanut butter; LARGE pine cones

Thank you!! A sign-up sheet is in the Common Room OR you can email Lydia Taggart and Janice Paran at lydiafin1@gmail.com

ALL KIDS AND TEENS COME SIGN UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT ON DECEMBER 1 AT THE ST. NICHOLAS FAIR! Calling toddlers, children, and teens! Join St. Michael's Christmas Eve pageant and help bring the Nativity to life for our parish! We've been doing our own Vermont Nativity for many years now and will continue to do so, this year with some new twists!

Next Sunday December 1, we'll be at a table in the Undercroft at the St. Nicholas Fair where you can sign up, hear how you can be involved, and get more information about the pageant plan. If you can't make it to that day, no worries: kids can sign up by email--info to follow soon. For more information, contact Annie Landenberger, 802-348-7156, verbatimvt@gmail.com

“SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES, VT” SPECIAL FUND-RAISING INITIATIVE:

Between now and Giving Tuesday on December 3, a generous donor will match up to \$1,000 for all donations to “Swords to Plowshares, VT” received by December 3. Please consider making a financial gift to support this important work and have your tax-deductible donation matched dollar for dollar! To donate please send a check payable to Saint Michael's Episcopal Church (the current fiduciary for Swords to Plowshares, VT) and write “Swords to Plowshares, VT” in the memo line.

To learn more about “Swords to Plowshares, VT,” visit the website

<https://www.swordsploowsharesvt.org/> and the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2744204809093960/about>

THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH, SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 9 AM: All are invited to the greening of the church on Saturday, December 7 at 9 am. This is a festive time when parishioners of all ages are invited to adorn the church with greens and decorate the Christmas tree. Please join us for this festive gathering!

ADVENT GREENS & CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA CONTRIBUTIONS: If you would like to contribute to the Advent Greens and Christmas Poinsettias at St. Michael's, please fill out a form in the sanctuary or the Common Room, or send a check to the office with a note, or call (802-254-6048, ext 104) telling us if the contribution is:

- "To the Glory of God,"
- in thanksgiving for someone, or
- in memory of someone.

If the contribution is in thanksgiving for or in memory of someone, please send the appropriate names. You may also ask that your contribution be anonymous. Please send your contributions by Friday, December 13.

PRISON MINISTRY UPDATE: St. Michael's Prison Ministry at the Southern State Correctional Facility continues to attract more men for a lively service twice a month. On November 10, 41 men participated in the service including music with Ron Bos Lun. Music is an important part of the service and it would be great to have a backup musician when Ron is not available. It would be a fun gig for one of St Michael's Great Singers. Our final hymn on Sunday was "I'll Fly Away" which brought smiles and laughter.

Your continued donations and support are crucial to our ministry. Paperbacks, magazines, games, puzzles, and toiletries are much appreciated.

PROJECT FEED THE THOUSANDS RUNS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024:

Everything people at St Michael's donate in the name of Project Feed goes directly to Loaves & Fishes. Donated food goes into family grocery bags and the free market for our local refugees. Some of the food is directly cooked in meals which are served to the homeless, the hotel population, and homebound people. Donations of money give us the ability to purchase more food from the Food Bank, wholesale, and local farms.

There is a bin at the church by the elevator for the food items listed in the Nov/Dec Guardian. Also, you can deliver to Loaves & Fishes or directly order food from Amazon to be delivered to Centre Church, 193 Main St, Brattleboro 05301. Donations of checks can be made out to Loaves & Fishes with Project Feed in the memo line.