

# The Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ Easter Day

20 April 2025, 10:15 am

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Prelude "Let Us Break Bread Together"

*Martha Sobaje*

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**

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

*The Hymnal 205*

*Hymn is printed on the next page.*

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice 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 - joice 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

*Isaiah 25: 6-9*

*After the reading the lector says*

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

*Remain seated*

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

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**

*1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

*After the reading the lector says*

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

## **Hymn**

*The Hymnal 184*

*Hymn printed on next page*



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!  
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,  
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.  
takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:  
is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## 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.*

## Prayers of the People

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

*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.*

## Anthem

"Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona"

*traditional, South African*

## Offering



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## Hymn

*The Hymnal 178*

*Descant*

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

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

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

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

*1-4* *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

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1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of crea - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

*Repeat Refrain*

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.*

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## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings*

*Celebrant*      *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

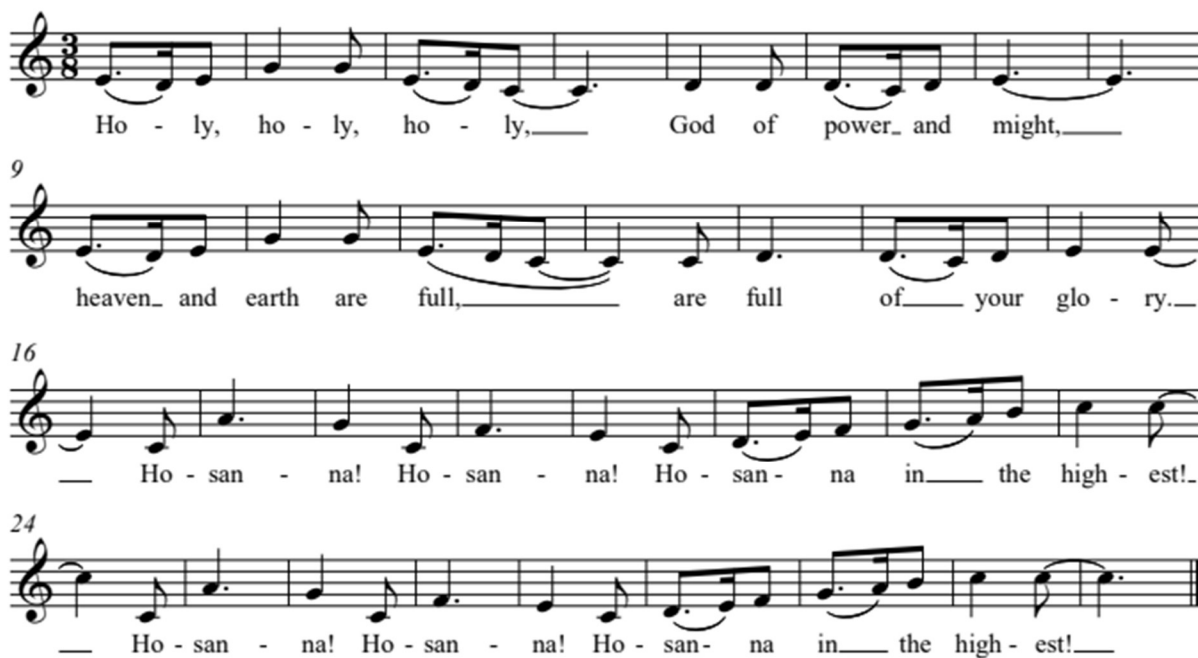
*Celebrant*  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Presider sings the Proper Preface.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven,  
 who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Then all sing:*



*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.**

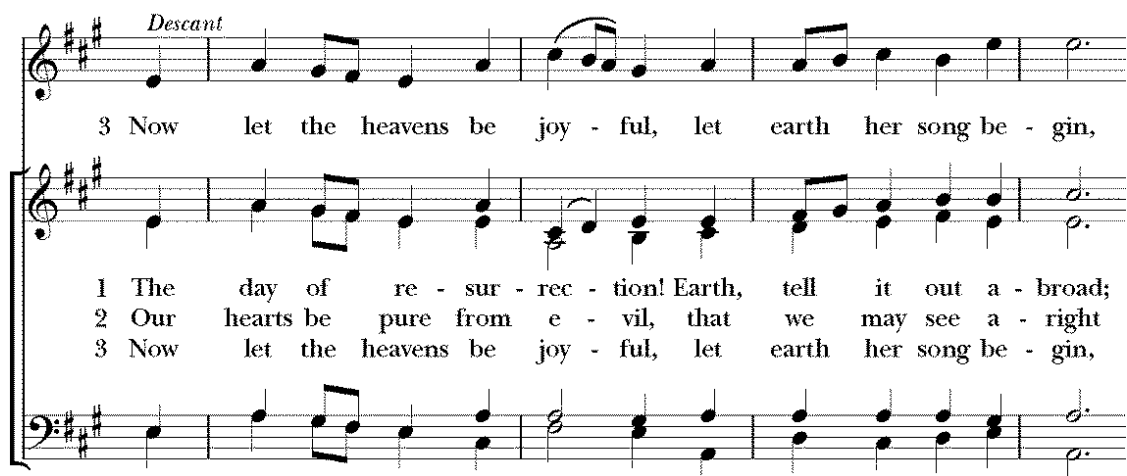
*After the blessing, all stand to sing the*

## **Hymn in Procession**

*The Hymnal 210*

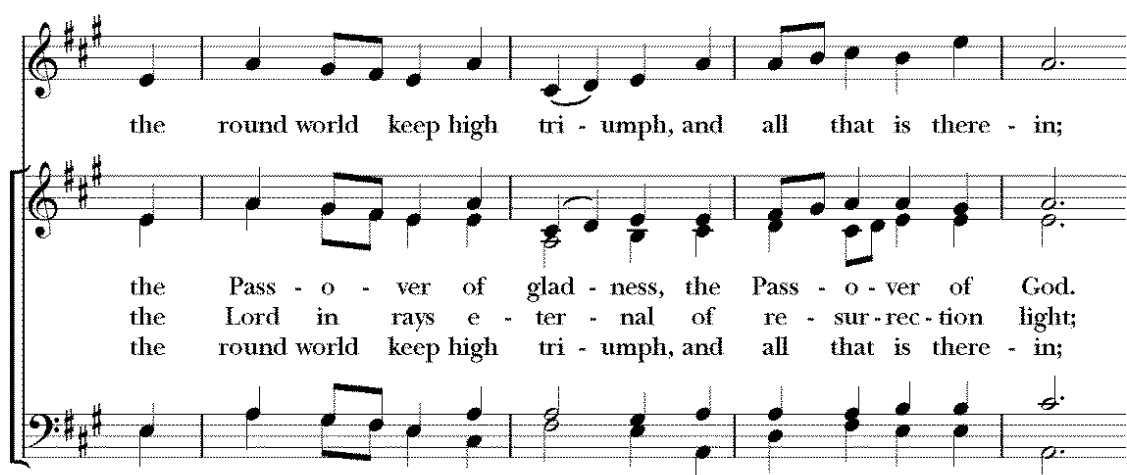
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*Descant*



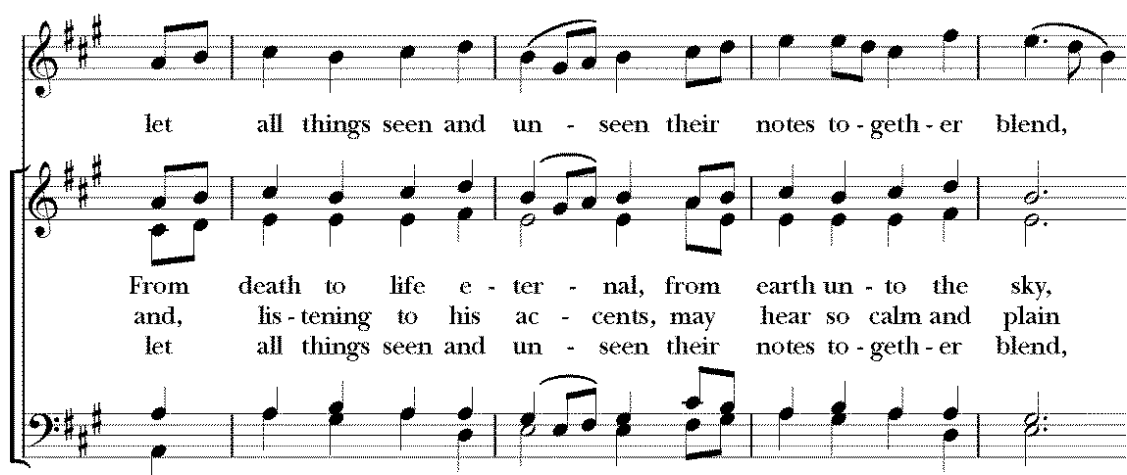
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

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,



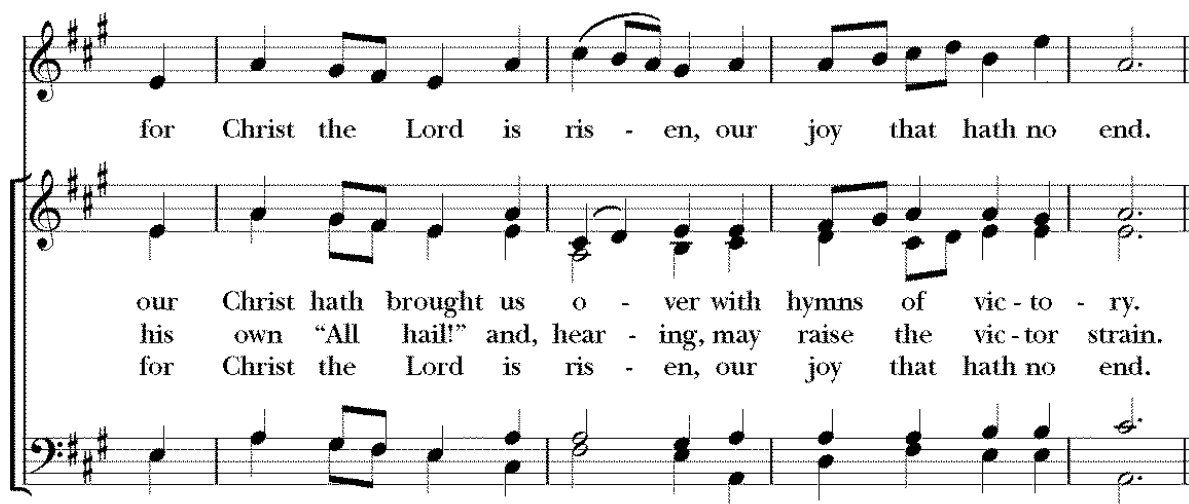
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

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,



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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 Rawsthorne*

*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 Lars Hunter**, Deacon; **Abbie Haineswood** and **Leo Storm**, acolytes; **Annamarie Pluhar**, lay assistant; **Gabriel Sistare**, thurifer; **David Treadwell** and **Candice Taylor**, readers and element bearers; **Brian Morgan**, intercessor; **Craig Irvine** and **Cary Storm**, chalicers; **Elizabeth Freese**, **Ricky Davidson**, and **Andy & Elise Burrows**, ushers; **Jane Sbardella** and **Craig Newbert**, Altar Guild; **Marie Lawrence** and **Vangie Holvino**, Easter flowers.

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All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

- **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, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 *Jonas Ackerman-Hovis*, Monday; *Marcia Steckler*, Tuesday; *Charlotte Veltkamp*, Thursday; *Alison Hale*, Friday.

**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:** We will hide them on today for our kids to find. 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:** Although the office will not be closed during the coming week, hours will be somewhat foreshortened. If you need direct access to our parish admin, Susie, it's best to arrange a specific time to ensure that you find her when you need her.

**ADULT FORUM:** There is no Adult Forum today, but Forums begin again next Sunday, April 27.

- **NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 27: "WHAT ABOUT AN ELDERS MINISTRY AT ST MICHAEL'S?"** In this Forum, we will introduce the idea of an Elders Ministry at St Michael's to build stronger support networks, share our experience and knowledge of community resources, and help us be better prepared for the various challenges of old age. Our purpose is to help each other attend to our aging, trying to make this stage of our lives more intentional and proactive. We will briefly point to prior and current initiatives at St Michael's, which prompt our interest and canvass attendees on their interests and concerns. Conveners are Evangelina Holvino, Jeffrey Lewis, Jane Sbardella, and MJ Woodburn.

**SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR GREG LESCH, APRIL 26 AT 11 AM.**

We hope you will join us next Saturday morning to remember and honor our brother-in-Christ Greg, and to support his dearest loved ones in their grief. The service will be followed by a reception held at the Brattleboro Museum and Arts Center.

**TERRIFIC TAG SALE NEWS: THE TAG SALE DATE, SAT. MAY 3, IS ALMOST HERE!!**

Donations of Clothing, Linens and Housewares ENDS on Sun., April 20. Last chance for donations! Please bring any of the following donations before the deadline: clothing and shoes, linens, housewares, books (NO TEXTBOOKS!), puzzles and jewelry.

**FURNITURE DONATIONS** are happening now!! Please, no particleboard furniture! All furniture donations must be approved in advance. You can bring your approved item/s to our storage in Brattleboro, or we can arrange for a pickup if needed. [Note: when picking up, we are not able to carry large or heavy furniture either up or down a flight of stairs.] Furniture pickups by our crews will end on April 25. You may deliver your APPROVED furniture donation right up until the day before the sale. Please call Linda Rice at 802-275-2268 to discuss approval for your donation items.

**SIGN UP TO HELP** at the Tag Sale!! We need many volunteers during the week of Sun., April 27 - Sat., May 3 to help make the Terrific Tag Sale a success!! Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the Common Room. This is a fun and rewarding way to get to know other parishioners better!!

**PUT UP TAG SALE POSTERS** in your town wherever you can! Extra posters are available in the back of the Church. Questions? Call Liz Vick: 802-579-5536 Thank you for your enthusiasm!!

**SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES EVENT, MAY 4**

Swords to Plowshares will hold a special public educational and demonstration event on Sunday **May 4, 2025**, from 12-3 PM, on the grounds of Saint Michael's Episcopal Church. Swords to Plowshares, Vermont is a Windham County-based nonprofit organization dedicated to gun safety and gun violence education. Working closely with the Windham County Sheriff's Office and the Brattleboro Police Department, Swords to Plowshares, Vermont offers a way for individuals to safely dispose of unwanted firearms which are then transformed into garden tools, jewelry, and artwork by blacksmith artists, among them students from the Putney School. The May 4 event will feature a live demonstration of the process for transforming unwanted firearms into garden tools. Attendees will also have a chance to take part in the transformational process themselves, wielding a blacksmith's hammer. Free gun safety locks, courtesy of the Windham County Sheriff's Department, will also be available, along with literature about safe gun storage.

Tom Ely, Ann Ely, and Cliff Wood from Saint Michael's all serve on the Swords to Plowshares, Vermont Board, and welcome you to this free public event. Rain or Shine!

**YOUTH CHOIR UPDATE:** You may recall that back in the fall we launched the **Beloved Community Youth Choir**, which is a new incarnation of the St. Michael's Choir School but with a slightly different focus. The choir aims to develop both social and musical skills in youth by using music to instill the practices of Martin Luther King Jr.'s philosophy of nonviolence. Activities include listening to and singing a diverse repertoire of music with a focus on social justice.

Starting next month, we are relaunching the choir with a 6-week session and hoping to build a core group of consistent participants to help this choir grow and continue into the future. Rehearsals will

be in the choir room on **Tuesdays 3:45-4:45pm** (with arrival/snack starting at 3:30pm) **starting May 20 and ending late June** for summer break (then planning to restart when school starts again in the fall). It's open **for free to all children in grades 2-6** in the Brattleboro area, so please share the word with any friends who have children in these grades--no affiliation with St. Michael's required! The online registration form can be filled out here: <https://forms.gle/pLLF7NfeMQq9UR8T9> Reach Keane Southard [keane@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:keane@stmichaelsvermont.org), for more information or any 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 Dorrie DeGutis*

*Given by Tom and Barbara Evans*

In Thanksgiving For:

*Our grandchildren, given by Susan and Michael Wilmott*

*Family and friends, given by Bob and Judy Walker*

*Our parish, given by Christine Hart*

*Doug Switzer, given by Karen Davis*

In Memory of:

*Daniel Dobson, given by Susan Gantt Kubert*

*Bruce Hesselbach, given by Carol Hesselbach*

*Tim Gallagher, Nancy and Halsey Hicks, given by Pam and Paul Gallagher*

*Len and Shirley Ely, Benn and Martha Wiggins, Scott Ely, Benn Wiggins, given by Ann and Tom Ely*

*Betty Elwell, given by Christine Hart*

*The McGee Family, the Swift Family, and Marge Turek, given by Judith McGee*

*Rich Blazej, Doris and August Spahr, Jr, Kirsten MacGregor, Doris Elizabeth Spahr, given by Lucy Spahr-Blazej*

*Our brothers Sam and Michael, given by Dorothy and Nicholas Porter*

*Greg Lesch, given by Karen Davis*

*Our parents, Hannelore Polley, and Richard and Grace Karstad, given by Iris Polley and Jenny Karstad*

*Our parents, given by Tom and Barbara Evans*

*Robert R. Anderson, given by Becky Anderson*

*Phyllis Lindquist, given by Mary Lindquist and family*

*Edgar & Elizabeth Bittenheim, given by Gay Maxwell*

*Our parents, Thaddeus & Sophie Kowalski, and Chet & Martha Brewer, given by Anne Brewer and Jim Kowalski*

In Celebration of:

*In celebration of Peter Davidson, given by Judy Davidson*

*Honoring our ancestors, given by Vangie Holwino*