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The Feast of St Michael and All Angels

2nd October 2022



The number of Angels is not defined in the divine Scriptures. Daniel says that thousands of thousands ministered before Him, and ten thousands of ten thousands attended upon Him –(Dan. 7:10).

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Venerable Neil Hicks

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please STAND at the entry of the Ministers

The Welcome and The Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn—NEH 191 (tune Gonfalon Royal)

- 1. Around the throne of God a band
Of glorious angels ever stand;
Bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,
And on their heads are crowns of gold.**
- 2. Some wait around him, ready still
To sing his praise and do his will;
And some when he commands them, go
To guard his servants here below.**
- 3. Lord, give thy angels every day
Command to guide us on our way,
And bid them every evening keep
Their watch around us while we sleep.**
- 4. So shall no evil thing draw near,
To do us harm or cause us fear;
And we shall dwell, when life is past,
With angels round thy throne at last.**

J. M. NEALE 1818-66

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.**

The Two Great Commandments

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one;
you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.' Jesus said:
'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it:
you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Lord, have mercy (Kyrie eleison)

**Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy**

We have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels,
to God the judge of all,
and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's
forgiveness.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution. Standing, the priest says

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise, Gloria in excelsis.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

This verse sung softer

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

The community may pray silently.

The priest says or sings the collect.

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order
the ministries of angels and mortals:
Grant that, as your holy angels stand before you in heaven,
so at your command they may help and defend us here on earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Book Daniel [7. 9-10, 13-14]

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand, thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down towards your holy temple
and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;

Great is the glory of the Lord.

For you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.

In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.

Great is the glory of the Lord.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

Great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
As for the proud, he regards them from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me;

Great is the glory of the Lord.

You will stretch forth your right hand
against the furies of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
Your loving kindness endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hand.

Great is the glory of the Lord.

A Reading from the Revelation of Saint John [7. 9-12a]

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn TiS 150. tune, Lasst Uns Erfreuen

- 1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
raise the glad strain: alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**
- 2. O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,**

**lead their praises: alleluia!
Thou bearer of the Eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord,
alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

- 3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
alleluia, alleluia! alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song,
alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**
- 4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing:
alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

John Athelstan Laurie Riley 1858–1945

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The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [1. 45-51]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The sermon

Short period of Silence for reflection

The Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The minister says

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Father in heaven,
by his blood your Christ has ransomed us to you,
and has made us a kingdom and priests to you our God.
As the angels minister to you in heaven,
strengthen your Church to serve you here on earth.
Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven,
when the angels greeted the birth of your Son
they sang for joy 'Glory to God and peace on earth'.
Bless with Christ's peace the nations of the world.
Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven,
your Son has promised to your children
the care of the guardian angels who look upon your face.
Protect by your mercy our neighbours, families and friends.
Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven,
you give your angels charge over those who trust in you
to guard them in all their ways.
Be with those in trouble ...,
rescue them and show them your salvation.
Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven, your angel declares
'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.'
'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit,
'for they may rest from their labours,
for they take with them the record of their deeds.'

Enfold in your love Doris Hempenstall, Ewen Gibson, Neil Coats,
Florence Bruce, Reginald Dennis, Louise Bracken,
Berni Newton, Joy Alexander, Nancy Kilner, Allan Bailey
and all who come in faith to your judgement seat in heaven.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven,
the angels sing by day and night around your throne:
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.'
With Michael, prince of the angels, who contends by our side,
with Gabriel, your herald, who brings glad tidings,
and with the whole company of heaven,
**we worship you,
we give you glory,
we sing your praise and exalt you for ever. Amen.**

Please stand

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Hear again the song of the angels:
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Offertorium 310 NEH
after Michael Haydn (1737–1806)



- 1. We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great high priest,
O'er sin and death victorious,
At thy thanksgiving feast:
As thou art interceding
For us in heaven above,
Thy Church on earth is pleading
Thy perfect work of love.**
- 2. Through thee in every nation
Thine own their hearts upraise,
Offering one pure oblation,
One sacrifice of praise:
With thee in blest communion
The living and the dead
Are joined in closest union,
One body with one head.**
- 3. O living Bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
Who thine own self hast given
To be our souls' true food;
For us thy body broken
Hung on the cross of shame:
This bread, its hallowed token,
We break in thy dear name.**

4. **O stream of love unending,
Poured from the one true vine,
With our weak nature blending
The strength of life divine;
Our thankful faith confessing
In thy life-blood outpoured,
We drink this cup of blessing
And praise thy name, O Lord.**

RICHARD PARSONS 1882-1948

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit

you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh
He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil
and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own,
he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." ✠

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us,
who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,**

**we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father eternal,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread, saying

God rains down manna for us to eat
and gives us the grain of heaven.

So on earth we share the bread of angels.

Agnus Dei—sung

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Invitation

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia!
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.
Alleluia!**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:

**as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn—TiS 96, tune Laudate Dominum

- 1. Sing praise to the Lord! Praise Him in the height;
Rejoice in His Word, you angels of light.
All heaven adore Him by Whom you were made,
And worship before Him in brightness arrayed.**
- 2. Sing praise to the Lord! Praise Him upon earth,
In tuneful accord, sing praise for new birth;
Praise Him Who has brought you His grace from above;
Praise Him Who has taught you to sing of His love.**
- 3. Sing praise to the Lord! All things that give sound,
Each jubilant chord, re-echo around.
Loud organs, His glory tell forth in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story of what He has done.**
- 4. Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To Him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord!**

Henry Williams Baker 1821-77 *alt*
based on Psalms 148 & 150

Blessing

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints;
Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels;
the Spirit make you holy in God's service;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

Dismissal

The Lord commands his angels
to keep you in all your ways.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power,
who fulfil his command and heed the voice of his word.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts,
his servants that do his will.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his works,
in every place where he rules,
my soul, give thanks to the Lord.

For he commands his angels,
to keep you in all your ways.



St Michael's Victory over the Devil,
a sculpture by Sir Jacob Epstein (1959)
St Michael's Cathedral, Coventry, England.

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