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# The Feast of St Michael and All Angels

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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

Hymn—NEH 191 (tune, Fulda - AHB 189)

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*

### *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.**

### *The Sentence*

Bless the Lord, all you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word.

*Psalm 103. 20*

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.**

**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 Genesis [28. 10-17]

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 103. 19-22

L. The Lord has established his throne in heaven:  
and his kingdom rules over all.

**P. Praise the Lord, all you his angels,  
you that excel in strength:  
you that fulfil his word,  
and obey the voice of his commandment.**

L. Praise the Lord, all you his hosts:  
his servants who do his will.

**All *Praise the Lord, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion:  
praise the Lord, O my soul!***

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

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming,  
“Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Messiah,  
for the accuser of our brothers and sisters  
has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.  
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.  
Rejoice then, you heavens  
and those who dwell in them!

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 Joan Rickards, 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: AHB 441/TiS 520**

- 1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
you alone our strong defender,  
lifting up your people's head:  
alleluia, alleluia,  
Jesus, true and living bread.**
- 2. Here our humble homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know you now:  
alleluia, alleluia,  
you are here, we ask not how.**
- 3. Though the lowliest form now veils you  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there your angels hail you,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem;  
alleluia, alleluia,  
we in worship join with them.**
- 4. Paschal Lamb, your offering, finished  
once for all when you were slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
cleansing souls from every stain.**
- 5. Great High Priest of our profession  
through the veil you entered in;  
by your mighty intercession  
grace and mercy you can win:  
alleluia, alleluia,  
only sacrifice for sin.**

6. **Life-imparting heavenly manna,  
stricken rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship you, the Lamb who died,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
ris'n, ascended, glorified! .**

George Hugh Bourne 1840–1925 alt.

## 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!**

*Communion Reflection:* AHB 416/TiS 495. tune, St Clement

Father, we give you thanks, who planted  
your holy name within our hearts.  
Knowledge and faith and life immortal  
Jesus your Son to us imparts.

Lord, you have made all for your pleasure,  
and given us food for all our days,  
giving in Christ the bread eternal;  
yours is the power, be yours the praise.

Over your church, Lord, watch in mercy,  
save it from evil, guard it still,  
perfect it in your love, unite it,  
cleansed and conforming to your will.

As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,  
was in the broken bread made one,  
so may your world-wide church be gathered  
into your kingdom by your Son.

From the Didache c. 110  
tr. Francis Bland Tucker 1895–1984 alt.

## 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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