

## FEAST OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

29 September 2024



### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

#### Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

#### Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:  
O praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all his angels: O praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon:  
praise him, all you stars of light.

**Praise him, all his angels: O praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, you highest heaven:  
and you waters that are above the heavens.

**Praise him, all his angels: O praise him, all his host.**

O praise the Lord from the earth:  
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**Praise him, all his angels: O praise him, all his host.**

Fire and hail, mist and snow:  
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;

**Praise him, all his angels: O praise him, all his host.**

Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:  
creeping things and winged birds;

**Praise him, all his angels: O praise him, all his host.**

Young men and maidens: old folk and children together.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
for his name alone is exalted.

**Praise him, all his angels: O praise him, all his host.**

Psalm 148

### **Entry Hymn**

*Ye watchers & ye holy ones* [TIS 150]

### **The Invocation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

### **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.**

### **Kids Time With God**

## **Scripture Sentence**

And all the angels sang, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Revelation 7.12

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**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.**

## **Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)**

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

## **Confession**

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.

Hebrews 12.22-24

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, 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**

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.**

## Prayer of the Day.

Almighty God,  
you govern the courses of this world  
by means too wonderful for us to comprehend:  
give us reverence before the mysteries of your providence,  
and grace to know the messengers of your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

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 thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, 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

1 I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:  
**even before the gods will I sing your praises.**

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name:  
**because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness,  
for you have made your name and your word  
supreme over all things.**

- 3 At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:  
**and put new strength within my soul.**
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:  
**for they have heard the words of your mouth;**
- 5 And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:  
**that the glory of the Lord is great.**
- 6 For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:  
**and he comprehends the proud from afar.**
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of danger,  
yet will you preserve my life:  
**you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my  
enemies, and your right hand shall save me.**
- 8 The Lord will complete his purpose for me:  
**your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

## Second Reading

Revelation 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 comrades 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.**

## The Gospel

John 1:45–51

Alleluia, alleluia.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,  
you ministers of his who do his will.

Psalms 103.21

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

**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 toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Sermon



## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us together affirm the faith of the church.

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be the gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

**You are our God. We worship you.**

[New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book, page 481]



Detail from *Archangel St Mikhail* (Semyon Ushakov, 1676)



## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The celebrant 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 [... 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,

with Raphael, the protector, who ministers your healing,

and with the whole company of heaven,

we worship you, we give you glory,

we sing your praise and exalt you for ever.

### **Prayer for Choosing an Incumbent**

Bountiful God,

give this parish a faithful pastor

who will faithfully speak your word

and minister your sacraments;

an encourager,

who will equip your people for ministry

and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose,

wisdom, discernment and patience,

and to us give warm and generous hearts,

for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

**The celebrant concludes the prayers with these words.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith**

**we may by your grace receive,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

Hear again the song of the angels:  
'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.'

We are the body of Christ!

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Offertory Hymn

*The God of Abraham praise [TIS 125]*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer.  
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, faithful God,  
always and everywhere,  
for with your only begotten Son  
and life-giving Spirit,  
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing  
a universe of beauty and splendour,  
bringing light from darkness  
and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image,  
and endowed us with creative power.  
We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.  
You called us by name and searched us out,  
making a covenant of mercy,  
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And now we give you thanks  
and praise your holy name  
because the splendour of your faithful angels and archangels  
shows us your greatness,  
which surpasses in goodness the whole of creation.  
So as the hosts of angels rejoice in your glory,  
we give you, their Creator, glory and worship.  
In adoration and joy we make their hymn of praise our own:

**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.**

When the fullness of time was come,  
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.  
Bright image of your glory,  
he learnt obedience to you in all things,  
even to death on a cross,

breaking the power of evil,  
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.  
You raised him from death,  
exalting him to glory,  
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed  
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,  
his companions on the way.  
While at table he took bread,  
blessed, and broke it,  
and giving it to them, said:  
'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine,  
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,  
'This is my blood of the covenant,  
which is poured out for many.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,  
we remember his life of obedience to you,  
his suffering and death,  
his resurrection and exaltation,  
and his promise to be with us for ever.

With this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood  
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,  
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel  
of Jesus Christ our Lord,

through whom, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

### **Agnus dei**

**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 to the Table**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Holy things for holy people.

Broken things for broken people.

## AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

### Kids Time With God

### Notices

### Mission Hymn

*Praise, my soul, the king of heaven [TIS 134]*

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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.

Father,

**we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints;  
Christ protect you by the ministry of Michael & all 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**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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