

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



**The Feast of St Michael and All Angels
29 September 2023**

Parish Practices

- Mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use, and you are encouraged to use it - especially as you come to Communion.
- In greeting one another nearby at The Peace, please be conscious that some people may not wish to touch other people (even with a handshake).
- You may receive Communion in one kind only (Consecrated Bread). You may come up for a Blessing (hold your hands crossed across your chest, rather than held out to receive the Bread). You may receive in both kinds (Consecrated Bread and Wine, by drinking or intinction).

The Feast of St Michael and All Angels

Celebrant:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Organ:	Paul Ellis
Preacher:	Fr Peter Beck	Conductor:	Derek Ward
Soloists:	Olivia Allan, Louise Glossop, Keryn Ward, Adrian Lowe, Timo Neihausmeier		
Orchestra:	1st Violins: Natalaia Lomeiko, Rewi Haar, Cornelia Didenco 2nd Violins: Nicola Fogden-Smith, Kathleen McCormack Viola: Kaylene Murdoch Cello: Rebecca Bendre D-Bass: Yuri Lomeiko		
Mass Setting:	Mass in G		Franz Peter Schubert
Organ Voluntary:	Interlude		Norman Cocker

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

The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

Let us proceed in peace. ✠ **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn: 193

JM Neale

Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright,
Filled with celestial resplendence and light,
These that,
where night never followeth day,
Raise the Trisagion ever and ay:

These are thy counsellors,
these dost thou own,
Lord God of Sabaoth, nearest thy throne;
These are thy ministers,
these dost thou send,
Help of the helpless ones, us to defend.

These keep the guard amid Salem's dear
bowers;
Thrones, Principalities,
Virtues, and Powers;
Where, with the Living Ones, mystical Four,
Cherubim, Seraphim bow and adore.

'Who like the Lord?' thunders Michael the
Chief;
Raphael, 'the Cure of God,'
comforteth grief;
And, as at Nazareth, prophet of peace,
Gabriel, 'the Light of God,'
bringeth release.

Then, when the earth was first poised in mid space,
Then, when the planets first sped on their race,
Then, when were ended the six days' employ,
Then all the Sons of God shouted for joy.

Still let them succour us;
still let them fight,
Lord of angelic hosts, battling for right;
Till, where their anthems they ceaselessly pour,
We with the angels may bow and adore.

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa ✠ o te Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Amine
(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

Grace and peace to you from God. **God fill you with truth and joy.**

Welcome:

The people are invited to call to mind their sins.

**Merciful God, we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Kyrie: Choir

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, ✠ pardon you, and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and
keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Gloria:

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram;
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus,
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Eternal God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order ministries both angelic and human; 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.**

The Proclamation of the Word

(please sit for the readings)

First Reading: Daniel 7: 9-14 Michael Graveston—Vicar's Warden

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.

I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. 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 what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: 138

R. Before the angels I will sing your praises, O Lord.

1. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart; before the angels I will sing your praises. I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks because of your love and faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above all things. **R.**
2. On the day that I called you, you answered me, and put new strength within me. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, when they hear the words of your mouth. **R.**
3. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that the glory of the Lord is great. For though you, Lord, are high, yet you care for the lowly; as for the proud, you humble them from afar. **R.**
4. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch out your hand against the enemies' rage, and your right hand will save me. You will fulfil your purpose for me; your love, O Lord, is everlasting. Do not leave unfinished the work of your hands. **R.**

Second Reading: Revelation 12: 7–12a Jane Evans—People’s Warden
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! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The angels of God have been charged to keep you in all your ways. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you **The Lord bless you**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John **Praise and Glory to God**

Gospel: John 1: 47-51 Deacon Simon Green
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.’

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ the Word.**

Sermon: *(sit)*

Affirmation of Faith:

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and 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.

Prayers of the People:

Robert Maclagan

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory. **Amen.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you:
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer a sign of peace to those around us.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Offertory: Jenny and Peter Daniels

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.

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

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.

Offertory Hymn: Praise God whose mighty angels

Marnie Barrell

Praise God, whose mighty angels draw
the power of heaven near.
Their fiery feet stand in God's courts,
their arms surround us here
to reassure our anxious hearts
we do not fight alone;
their strength they draw, to share with us,
directly from God's own.

Though Christ within us shows the way
to overcoming sin,
we stand too low, we cannot know
what battles we are in.
May angels light our inward sight
to see, with joyful awe,
that our small trials, when bravely borne,
are triumphs in heaven's war.

The blind chaotic negative is working to
destroy the orderly and beautiful,
all peace, all hope and joy,
to undermine the roots of life,
untwist creation's thread,
turn death to fearful nothingness,
turn trust to doubting dread.

God's angels keep our courage up
and make us bold to say:
Blind evil bears within itself
the seed of its decay,
for nothing in the realms above,
no power on earth, can be
enough to tear us from
God's love in all eternity.

Pray, sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

**May the Lord receive the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good,
and the good of all his Church.**

God of glory, as you have appointed angels to minister in your presence, so may all our worship bring you worthy praise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here. **God's Spirit is with us.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.
You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.
Today we give you thanks and we praise your holy name because in their splendour, your faithful angels and archangels, and especially our patron St Michael, show us your greatness, which surpasses in goodness the whole creation.
Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus:

(Please feel free to sit)

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit

In nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father. Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ:
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await.
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Communion

As Christ teaches us, we 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.**

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Maclagan and Jenny Daniels

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

Agnus Dei:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, my God.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

For Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer.

Motet:

Tomas Luis da Victoria

O quam gloriosum est regnum,
in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti;
amicti stolis albis,
sequuntur Agnum quocumque ierit.

Communion Hymn: 295

Gerald Moultrie

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high.

Eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of angels. May we who come under their protection, like them give you continual service and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Solemn Blessing:

Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels, so that you may live each day in life eternal. **Amen.**

God bring you to the home that Christ prepares for all who love him. **Amen.**

God grant you the citizenship of heaven with his blessed and beloved, with the cherubim and seraphim and the whole company of the redeemed. **Amen.**

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord.
Go in peace. **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

Final Hymn:

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Athelstan Riley

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
Raise the glad strain, alleluia!
Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
All Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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!

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!

Organ Voluntary: Paean

Norman Cocker

Please join us for a shared supper in the Parish Hall following this service.



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