

A Service of the Word for our Patronal Festival of St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 27th September 2020

*Fellowship by Zoom after the service will be hosted at 11am or soon after, with Derek:
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Zoom: 9.50 Session opens, 9.55 Gathering Music: Organ

10.00 Introduction, Greeting

In the name of the Father...

The Lord be with you: **All: and also with you.**

We have come together as the family of God...

Collect for Purity

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.

Confession

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Choir Hymn *(please sing in your heart, or at home, aloud)*

1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.
2. 'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus';
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for he was slain for us.'
3. Let all that dwell above the sky,
and air, and earth, and seas,
conspire to lift thy glories high,
and speak thine endless praise.
4. The whole creation joins in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

Collect

A reading from the book of Daniel

Daniel 12. 1-4

This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 91

Refrain: Keep me as the apple of your eye. **All: Keep me as the apple of your eye.**

Choir Hymn *(please sing in your heart, or at home, aloud)*

1. Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song, for else the theme
too high doth seem for mortal tongue.
2. Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound, as in his sight
with sweet delight ye do abound.
3. Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives and praise him still,
through good and ill, who ever lives.
4. My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days till life shall end,
whate'er he send, be filled with praise.

A reading from the book of Revelation

Revelation 12. 7-12

This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Alleluia (said):

Please respond: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matthew 18. 10-14

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

After ... This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily *The Vicar*

Choir hymn *How shall I sing that Majesty*

Acclamation

The Lord commands his angels

All: to keep you in all your ways.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power,

All: who fulfil his command and heed the voice of his word.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts,

All: his servants that do his will.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his works, in every place where he rules,

All: my soul, give thanks to the Lord.

For he commands his angels,

All: to keep you in all your ways.

Prayers

1. Prayer for the church ...

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

2. Prayer for our world ...

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

3. Prayer for our community ...

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

4. Prayer for the sick and suffering, the departed and bereaved ...

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

5. Prayer for ourselves ...

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

Choir Hymn (*please sing in your heart, or at home, aloud*)

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| 1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Through all the earth, goodwill and peace,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing. | 3. And those whose journey now is hard,
whose hope is burning low,
who tread the rocky path of life
with painful steps and slow:
O listen to the news of love
which makes the heavens ring!
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing! |
| 2. With sorrow brought by sin and strife
the world has suffered long,
and, since the angels sang, have passed
two thousand years of wrong:
the nations, still at war, hear not
the love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise and cease the strife,
to hear the angels sing. | 4. And still the days are hastening on -
by prophets seen of old -
towards the fullness of the time
when comes the age foretold
then earth and heaven renewed shall see
the prince of peace, their king;
and all the world repeat the song which now the angels sing. |

The Lord's Prayer

Peace

Ending

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise more than we can utter, more than we can conceive, be to you, most holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, from all angels, and all people, all creatures for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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