



Welcome

St Michael and All Angels

29 September



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.**

**2 Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us
Yea, we can.**

**3 Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.**

**4 In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and
voices
in our choicest
psalmody.**

**5 Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity!
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.**

The Priest goes to the Lectern and says:

Priest In the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

*The priest introduces the service and then leads
the congregation in prayer:*

**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 priest invites the congregation to seek God's
mercy and grace. We say together:*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through
weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Priest announces the **Absolution** to which
all reply: **Amen.***

*The **Gloria** is sung from the separate music
sheet.*

*The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is sung.*

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

*We sit for the **first** and **second** readings.*

First Reading

Genesis 28.10-17, read by Tom

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

At the end:

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

Second Reading

Revelation 12.7-12, read by Charles

There was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down – that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

At the end:

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

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn towards the Gospel book.*

**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 Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can
give,
be, Lord, for ever thine,**

**4 Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the lamb.**

All remain standing as the Gospel is read

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
Mark 8.27-38

All Glory to you, O Lord.

After leaving the mountain ³⁰Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You shall see greater things than that." He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the
Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the Sermon.

We stand to say the Creed.

**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 was made man.
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 with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

*The **Prayers of Intercession** follow.*

At the end:

Priest Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers for
 the sake of your **Son, our**
 Saviour, Jesus Christ,
 Amen.

*The Priest introduces the **Peace**:*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with
 you always

All **And also with you**

Priest Let us offer one another a
 sign of peace.

*We sing a **hymn** as the Altar is prepared for
the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A **collection** is taken
during the **hymn***

**Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah's seer;
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet's ear.**

**2 Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:**

**3 "Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fulness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord."**

**4 Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angels' cry,
"Holy, holy holy," singing,
"Lord of hosts, the Lord most high."**

**5 With his seraph train before him,
with his holy Church below,
thus unite we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow:**

**6 "Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fulness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord."**

Priest 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.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest 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.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest Pray my friends that our
 sacrifice may be acceptable to
 God the Almighty Father.

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

*The Priest adds the prayer over the gifts to which
we reply **Amen***

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord
 our God.

All **It is right to give thanks
 and praise...**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until we sing **Sanctus** and **Benedictus** from the music sheet.*

*The **Eucharistic Prayer** continues until...*

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith

All: Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until

Priest ...for ever and ever

All: Amen

The Priest introduces the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven

hallowed be thy name

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom

the power and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen

Priest We break this bread to share
in the body of Christ

**All Though we are many we
are one body, because we
all share in one bread**

*The **Agnus Dei** is sung from the music sheet*

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the
world, blessed are those who
are called to his supper.

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

*The congregation approaches the Altar to receive
Communion. All those who are in good
Any Banns of marriage and notices are given.*

*standing with their own Church are invited to
receive Communion. Those who prefer to ask for
a Blessing are invited to bow their heads at the
Altar rail or bring this booklet as a sign to the
Priest.*

**Please make your way to the
Altar rail, and kneel (if able)**

**Please receive Communion in
your hand ONLY. If you wish to
receive the Chalice, please
remain in place. If not, return to
your pew**

**Please keep absolute silence
during Communion**

Post Communion Prayers:

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.

We say together:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

*The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen**
We sing the **hymn** and turn to face the West
End for the **dismissal**.*

**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:**

**2 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! Man to
defend.**

**3 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.**

**4 "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.**

**5 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.**

**6 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.**

Priest. Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Today

2.30 & 6pm Make Noise Choir **

Tuesday 1 October

10.30am – 1pm Sing Space Choir

Wednesday 2 October

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.40pm Tea and cake for all!

Thursday 3 October

11am Baby Gospel **

Friday 4 October

1pm Everybody Can

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by candlelight **

Saturday 5 October

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by candlelight **

Sunday 6 October

11.00 Sung Eucharist, *for the Feast of St. Michael and all angels*

ADVANCE NOTICE: HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 13 October

11.00pm Parish Sung Eucharist

(Gifts of dried, tinned and non-perishable good would be most welcome)

12.15pm Parish Lunch

4pm Choral Evensong

***Tickets for all paid events at St. Paul’s can be obtained via our website*

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