

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

September 26, 2021 at 11am | St. Michael and All Angels

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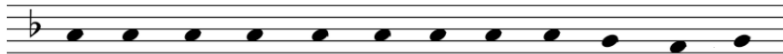
# PRELUDE

*Adagio from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue* - J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as the bell sounds. The Celebrant intones:*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.



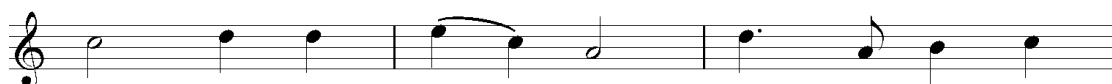
Glo - ry to God for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



## HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Christ, the fair glo - ry of the ho - ly an - gels,  
 2 Send thine arch - an - gel Mi - chael to our suc - cor;  
 3 Send thine arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el, the might - y;  
 6 Fa - ther Al - might - y, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit,



1 ma - ker of all things, ru - ler of all  
 2 peace - ma - ker bless - ed, may he ban - ish  
 3 her - ald of hea - ven, may he, from us  
 6 God ev - er bless - ed, hear our thank - ful



1 na - tions, grant of thy mer - cy un - to us thy  
 2 from us striv - ing and hat - red, so that for the  
 3 mor - tals, drive ev - ery e - vil, watch - ing o'er the  
 6 prais - es; thine is the glo - ry which from all cre -



1 ser - vants steps up to hea - ven.  
 2 peace - ful all things may pros - per.  
 3 tem - ples where thou art wor - shiped.  
 6 a - tion ev - er a - scend - eth.

words: Rabanus Maurus (776–856); ver. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

music: *Caelites plaudant*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1728; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

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## THE OPENING COLLECT

*Collect for Purity*

*The People's responses are in bold.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment 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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

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 ladder 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. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 103:1-6

*sung by the choir*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;

He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The LORD executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

Anglican chant: C.V Stanford (1790-1859)

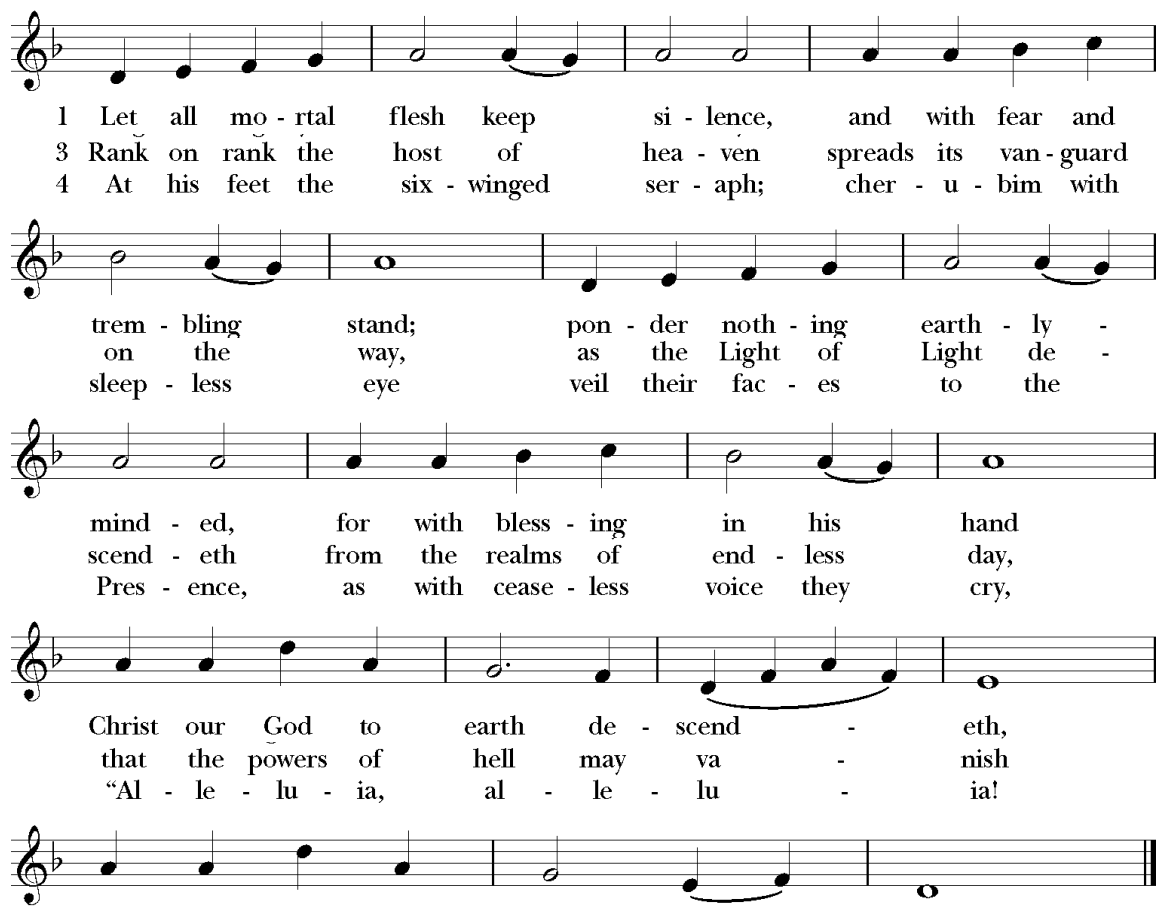
War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the 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!”

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# THE GOSPEL HYMN



1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

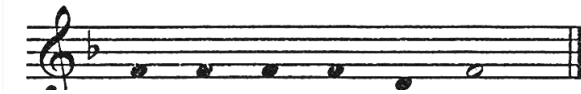
mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)  
 Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from Chansons populaires des Provinces de France, 1860;  
 harm. after The English Hymnal, 1906

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



Glory be to you O Christ

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to you O Christ

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. Daniel Simons*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Nicene 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son, She\* is worshipped and glorified. She 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.**

*\*Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word, and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Glorious and Mighty God, the angels and saints surround you in heaven on high: in your magnificent power, you overshadow the evil that threatens us, and, through your Spirit, you hallow the most unlikely and unexpected of places. Be present to us now as we lift our prayers to you.

An angel delivered a message of hope to Mary and shared in her joy: we pray for the Church, that it may bring hope and joy to people everywhere.

Glorious and Mighty God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Angels proclaimed peace on earth at the birth of your Son. We pray for peace in our world, our nation, our homes, and our lives.

Glorious and Mighty God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Angels attended Jesus when he fasted in the desert. We pray for those who struggle in any way, including those on our Prayer List and those we now name.

*A brief silence is kept. The people add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.*

Glorious and Mighty God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Those who have died are greeted by the angels above. Bless all who have departed from us, and receive us in our own time into your arms of mercy and care.

*A brief silence is kept. The people add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.*

Glorious and Mighty God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant prays a concluding collect.*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace with a distanced gesture to those nearby.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S

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## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Factum est silentium in coelo,  
dum committeret bellum draco cum Michaelae Archangelo.  
Audita est vox milia millium, dicentium:  
Salus, honor et virtus omnipotenti Deo.

There was silence in heaven while the dragon joined battle with the Archangel Michael.  
A cry was heard, thousands of thousands saying:  
‘Salvation, honor and power be to Almighty God’.

words: Antiphon at Lauds for Michaelmas Day  
music: Felice Anerio (1800-1880)

# HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

1. An - gel voi - ces ev - er sing - ing round thy throne of light.  
 2. Thou who art be - yond the farth - est mor - tal eye can scan,  
 3. Yea we know that thou re - joic - est o'er each work of thine;  
 5. Hon - our, glo - ry might and me - rit thine for ev - er be,

1. An - gel harps for ev - er ring - ing, Rest not day nor night;  
 2. Can it be that thou re - gard - est songs of sin - ful man?  
 3. Thou did'st ears and hands and voic - es for thy praise de - sign;  
 5. Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit, Bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!

1. Thou - sands on - ly live to bless thee and con - fess thee Lord of might.  
 2. Can we know that thou art near us, And wilt hear us? Yea, we can.  
 3. Crafts - mans art and mu - sic's mea - sure for thy plea - sure all com - bine.  
 5. Of the best that thou hast gi - ven, Earth and Hea - ven ren - der thee.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world, You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wonderous are you. Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning starts sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

*The Celebrant continues*

You are indeed holy, O God, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. You sent your messenger Gabriel to announce his incarnation. Through the heavenly host, his birth was proclaimed to a world that dwelt in darkness. When our Lord was tempted in the wilderness, you sent your angels to minister to him. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night before he suffered death, our Lord Jesus gathered his friends around the table and as he took bread, he offered thanks to you; breaking it, and giving it to all of them, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After all of them had eaten, he again took the cup and offered thanks to you, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine. As they are the body and blood of Christ for us, so may we be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. As your holy angels serve you in heaven, so may they watch over and protect us here on earth. By your Spirit bind us to Christ, one to another, together in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at the heavenly banquet.


All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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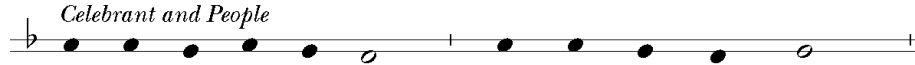
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*

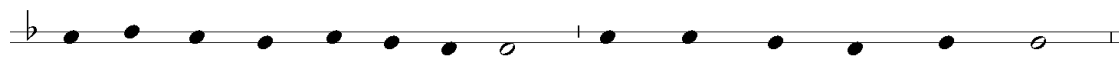


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

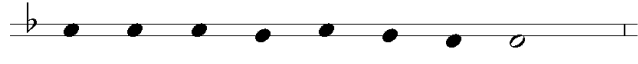
*Celebrant and People*



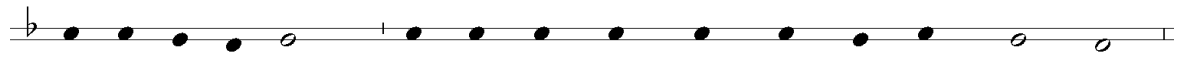
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



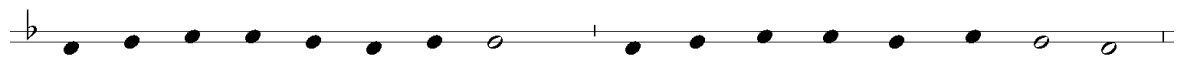
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



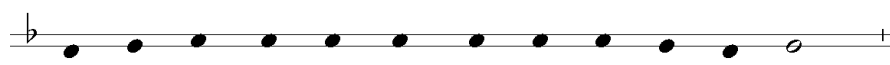
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



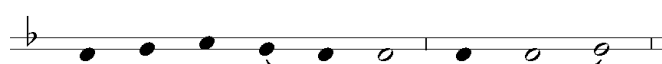
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

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*The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to communion, saying*

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

**Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Draw near in faith.



This is the Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be  
whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to God's word,  
cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

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## THE COMMUNION

*Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion at St. Paul's. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, in this eucharist 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.**

## THE BLESSING

May God, whose glory is greater than anything of which we can conceive, surprise you with grace, protect you with angels, and grant you the joys of life eternal, and the blessing of the one, holy, and undivided Trinity be with you now and evermore.

**Amen.**

# HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or  
 2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and  
 3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and  
 4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our  
 now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es  
 on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he  
 with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.  
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.  
 gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!  
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

words: Richard Baxter (1615–1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802–1862)  
 music: *Darwall's 148th*, melody & bass John Darwall (1731–1789); harm. W. H. Monk (1823–1889), alt.

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ to love and to serve.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Carillon du Longpont* - Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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## THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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