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This is an abridged service bulletin to serve as an online aid to worship.

The links to the hymns and choral music are indicated in red.

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Saint Michael & All Angels observed

The Holy Scriptures often speak of created intelligences other than humans who worship God in heaven and act as His messengers and agents on earth.

On the Feast of *Michael and all Angels*, popularly called *Michaelmas*, we give thanks for the many ways in which God's loving care watches over us.

Michael (the name means "Who is like God?") is said to be the captain of the heavenly armies. He is generally pictured in full armour, carrying a lance, and with his foot on the neck of a dragon. In the picture of God sending His angels to help and defend us, we are reminded that apparently God, instead of doing good things directly, often prefers to do them through His willing servants, enabling those who have accepted His love to show their love for one another.



|The Preparation & Gathering|

Call to Worship

Presbyter The Lord commands His angels
People **to keep you in all your ways.**
Presbyter Give thanks to the Lord, all His angels, mighty in power,
People **who fulfil His command and heed the voice of His word.**
Presbyter Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
People **the whole earth is full of His glory.**

Opening Hymn

“Praise my soul the King of Heaven”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4D5srzjCwk>

| The Word of God |

The Collect for St Michael & All Angels

O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Daniel 10. 10 - 19

AND, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days. And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb. And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me. Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong.

Psalm 103: v.v. 1 - 5, 19 - 22

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnRFH7tOF8I>

The Second Reading

Revelations 12. 7 - 12

THERE was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea: for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

The Holy Gospel

St Matthew 18.1-10

THE disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a mill-stone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences: for it must needs be that offences come: but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh. Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell-fire. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

All recite **The Nicene Creed**

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

| The Sharing of the Peace |

Presbyter Hear again the song of the angels:
'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

| The Prayers of the People |

Invocation

[View in YouTube link](#)

"Whispering Hope"

Soft as the voice of an angel,
breathing a lesson unheard,
hope with a gentle persuasion
whispers her comforting word:

Wait till the darkness is over,
wait till the tempest is done,
hope for the sunshine tomorrow,
after the shower is gone.

Refrain *Whispering hope, oh, how welcome thy voice,
making my heart in its sorrow rejoice.*

If, in the dusk of the twilight,
dim be the region afar,
will not the deepening darkness
brighten the glimmering star?

Then when the night is upon us,
why should the heart sink away?
when the dark midnight is over,
watch for the breaking of day.

SEPTIMUS WINNER (1827 - 1902)

Intercessory Prayers for Michaelmas

- Intercessor* 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,
- People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**
- Intercessor* 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.**
- Intercessor* 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.**
- Intercessor* 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.**
- Intercessor* 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 all who come in faith to your judgement seat in heaven. Lord, hear us,
- People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**
- Intercessor* Father in heaven, the angels sing by day and night around your throne: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.' With the whole company of heaven, we worship you, we give you glory, we sing your praise and exalt you for ever.
- People* **Amen.**

| The Liturgy of the Lord's Table |

The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.

All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.

The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly "eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ",

Although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.

In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, "I am the Bread of Life."



| The Thanksgiving |

Closing Prayer and Benediction *The Presbyter*

God keep you in the fellowship of His saints;
Christ protect you by the ministry of 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 amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn at the Closing

[View in YouTube link](#)

“Ye Holy Angels Bright”

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.

Words: R. BAXTER & J. H. GURNEY
Music: J. DARWALL (1731 - 89)

Dismissal

Presbyter Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Organ Voluntary

PERCY WHITLOCK (1903 - 1946)

Chorale prelude on the hymn tune, “Darwall’s 148th”



Detail from a stained glass window depicting the Archangel Michael in a chapel in the Cathedral.

*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.*


~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † a decline in the number of COVID-19 cases especially in our City. For all places in the world where there is a spike in the pandemic.
  - † the safe and speedy development of a vaccine to combat the Corona virus. Thank God for the clinical trials which are under way.
  - † all doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.
  - † the healing of all patients in hospitals and the well-being of those in quarantine and self-isolation.
  - † all who live in unsafe conditions. Pray for the families who have lost their loved ones in the recent building crash in Bhiwandi.
  - † public worship to resume again and for church leaders as they make necessary arrangements.
  - † all senior citizens in our community and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers.
  - † St. Andrew's Marathi Church and the Revd. Shekhar Jadhav .
  - † the Church of North India's Diocese of Chotanagpur.
  - † the Church of South India's Diocese of Cochin and the Rt Revd Baker Ninan Fenn.
  - † in the Anglican Communion, the Province of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan and the Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo.
- The Feast Day of St Thomas the Apostle will be observed on October 4. On this day we give thanks to God for the Cathedral community: all who have served and worshipped here in the years gone by. We pray for the present congregation, the life and mission of this House of God named after the Apostle, St Thomas.
  - Our thanks to members of the choir past and present who have been faithfully contributing to the 'virtual' singing for our online services.
  - We express our thanks to Denham Pereira for compiling the virtual choir for the online service today and for playing the organ voluntary. Denham, is the organist and director of music at the Church of St Michael & All Angels in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
  - Kindly contact the Presbyter in case your name is not appearing in the weekly birthday and wedding anniversary listing in the service bulletin.

~~~ Birthdays ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Patricia Adams (27), Miriam Joseph (27), Sony Charles (29),
Meghana Moses (Oct 1), Cyril James (1), Cicily George (3), Timothy Gladston (3)

~~~ Wedding Anniversaries ~~~

*Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.*

Raj & Alka Tiwari (30), Ajay & Raina Michyari (Oct 3)

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| Sun   | 10 am    | Prayer and fellowship lasting approximately 45 minutes.       |
|       | 11:15 am | Sunday school                                                 |
|       | 7:30 pm  | Bible study for the youth.                                    |
| Daily | 6pm      | Prayer cycle led by the Women's Fellowship.                   |
| Sat   | 5 pm     | Class on liturgy & theory of music for the junior choristers. |