



# Liturgy for Michaelmas

*Led by the Reverend  
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*Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022*

## **The Greeting**

*The president greets the people*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**All and also with you.**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**All 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.**

## **Invitation to Confession**

We have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God,  
the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels,  
to God, the judge of all, and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

## **Kyrie Confession**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Woe is me, for I am lost; I am a person of unclean lips.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Our guilt is taken away, and our sin is forgiven.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*All* Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Collect**

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**

### **First Reading- Genesis 28: v10-17**

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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; <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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.' <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' <sup>17</sup> 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.'

### **Second Reading- Revelation 12: v7-12**

<sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.

The dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup> but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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!'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All Thanks be to God**

**Gospel reading John 1: v47-51**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup> 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 the Lord.*

**All Praise to you, O Christ**

## *Sermon*

**Affirmation of faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**Intercessions**

## Introduction to the Peace

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

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

God of glory,

as you appointed angels to minister in your presence,

so may all our worship bring you worthy praise;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right and good,

our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

You reveal your wise purpose

for the salvation of the human race

by assigning to the angels and archangels

the ministry of your steadfast love and protection.

While they contemplate your glory,

standing before you and singing your praise,

they keep a faithful vigil for us,

guarding us along the way that leads to life,

and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light.  
In joyful gladness we unite our voices with theirs  
and sing the ageless hymn of your praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
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, in remembrance of me.  
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.  
Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.



Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All 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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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**



**All** Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.

### **Giving of Communion**

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.

### **Post Communion**

**All** 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.

### **Dismissal**

Blessing

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 among you and remain with you always.

*A minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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**Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers:** Lin Bristow, Peter and Carol Cameron, Dave, Becky, Alex and family, Shirley, Izzy, Brian, Ada, William, Tatiana and Agnia.

**Please pray** for the souls of the recently departed, their family and friends.

**Your prayers this week are asked for:**

**Mon** Welcome to our new Priest in Charge the Reverend Matt Godfrey

**Tues** All our armed forces serving the country so faithfully

**Wed** Farmers preparing their harvests and gathering crops

**Thurs** Those struggling with money and relying on charities

**Fri** The food banks all around the country supporting all those in need

**Sat** Bringing Churches together, supporting each other

**Next week:**

**9:45:** Holy Communion with the Reverend Matt Godfrey  
and the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland

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