







THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

## Saint Michael and All Angels

September 26, 2021 8:00 AM

### The Holy Eucharist

¶ *All stand as the Celebrant and other Ministers enter*

#### Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Collect for Purity

¶ *The Celebrant says*

**A**Lmighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

#### The Summary of the Law

¶ *The Celebrant says*

**H**EAR WHAT OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST SAITH: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## Gloria in excelsis ¶ *Said by all*

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory † of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O** EVERLASTING GOD, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ¶ *People Amen.*

**O** ALMIGHTY GOD, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give thee thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place; and we pray that all who seek thee here may find thee, and be filled with thy joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *Then all are seated*

## The Word of God

### The Lesson

GENESIS 28:10-17

**J**ACOB LEFT BEER-SHEBA AND WENT TOWARD HARAN. And he came to a certain place, and stayed there that 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 to sleep. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the Lord stood above it 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 descendants; and your descendants 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 by you and your descendants shall all the families of the earth bless themselves. Behold, 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 that of which I have spoken to you.” Then Jacob awoke 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.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

¶ *All remain seated for the reading of the Psalm*

## Psalm 103:19–22

*Dominus in caelo*

*¶ The Psalm is read by the Lector and Congregation, alternating by whole verse*

The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven, \*  
and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; \*  
ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; \*  
ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: \*  
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

## The Epistle

REVELATION 12:7-12

**N**OW WAR AROSE IN HEAVEN, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And 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. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Rejoice then, O heaven and you that dwell therein! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*¶ All stand for the reading of the Gospel*

# The Gospel

JOHN 1:47-51

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**J**ESUS SAW NATHAN'A-EL COMING TO HIM, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathan'a-el said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathan'a-el answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## Sermon

The Rev. Andrew John Archie

*¶ Following the Sermon, all stand and say together*

## 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;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost 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 Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
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.

## Litany of Saint Michael

*¶ The Deacon or other person appointed says*

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray.

*¶ All kneel*

*¶ The Deacon continues*

**F**ATHER IN HEAVEN, the angels sing by day and night around thy throne:  
“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.” With Michael, prince of the  
angels, who contends by our side, with Gabriel, thy herald, who brings  
glad tidings, with Raphael, the protector, who ministers thy healing, and with  
the whole company of heaven, we worship thee, we give thee glory, we sing thy  
praise and exalt thee for ever.

*Deacon* Lord, have mercy on us.

*People* Lord, have mercy on us.

*Deacon* Christ, have mercy on us.

*People* Christ, have mercy on us.

*Deacon* Lord, have mercy on us.

*People* Lord, have mercy on us.

*Deacon* O Christ, hear us.

*People* O Christ, graciously hear us.

*Deacon* O God, the Father of Heaven,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Deacon* O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Deacon* O God, the Holy Ghost,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Deacon* Holy Trinity, one God,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Deacon* Holy Mary, Queen of Angels,

*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael,

*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, filled with the wisdom of God,

*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, perfect adorer of the Incarnate Word,

*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, crowned with honour and glory,

*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, most powerful Prince of the armies of the Lord,

*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, standard-bearer of the Most Holy Trinity,

*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, victor over Satan,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, guardian of Paradise,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, guide and comforter of the people of Israel,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, splendour and fortress of the Church Militant,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, honour and joy of the Church Triumphant,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, light of angels,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, protector of orthodox believers,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, strength of those under the standard of the Cross,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, light and confidence of souls at the hour of death,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, our most sure aid,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, our help in all adversities,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, herald of the everlasting judgment,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, consoler of languishing souls,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, receiver souls after death,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, our prince,

*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Saint Michael, our advocate,

*People* Pray for us.

*Deacon* Pray for us, O glorious Saint Michael, Prince of the Church,

*People* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

¶ *Then the Celebrant says*

**S**ANCTIFY US, we beseech Thee, O Lord Christ, with thy holy blessing, and grant us, by the intercession of Saint Michael, that wisdom which teaches us to lay up treasures in heaven by exchanging the goods of this world for those of eternity, thou who livest and reignest, world without end.

¶ *People Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

¶ *The People are called to confess their sins*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

¶ *Celebrant and People*

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed,

by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,

provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;

the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,

the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then the Celebrant pronounces Absolution*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following Comfortable Words*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

*Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2:1–2*

¶ *All stand*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*¶ Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord; This may be done with a wave or a bow; please observe social distancing and refrain from physical contact with those from outside your household*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Holy Michael archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.*

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

*¶ Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal

glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit

*¶ Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed ✠ is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*¶ The People kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer*

**A**LL GLORY BE TO THEE, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do

celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled † with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service,

not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. ¶ *All* AMEN.

¶ *The Celebrant says*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

¶ *Celebrant and People*

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, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

¶ *The Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is said*

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* have mercy upon us.

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* grant us thy peace.

## The Prayer of Humble Access ¶ *Said by all*

**W**E DO NOT PRESUME to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## The Invitation and Ministration of Communion

*¶ The Celebrant, facing the People, says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*¶ and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*¶ All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the Ushers on when to come forward. Please continue to wear your mask and, to maintain distancing, form a single file line at six-foot intervals in household units. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; then return to your seat, then consume the Bread.*

*¶ Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.*

*¶ Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*¶ The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*¶ Celebrant and People*

**A**Lmighty and Everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and

dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## **The Blessing**     *¶ The Celebrant blesses the People*

**M**AY ALMIGHTY GOD, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of Saint Michael and All Angels, be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way. *¶ People Amen.*

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. *¶ People Amen.*

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. *¶ People Amen.*

And the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *¶ People Amen.*

*¶ All stand*

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*¶ The Congregation remains standing as the procession retires*

## *This Morning's Liturgy*

- † Colors play an important part in the worship of the Church. They change according to the seasons of the Church year and the liturgical tasks at hand. The colors worn at the Church of St. Michael & St. George are drawn from colors worn in England before the Reformation and we use the color gold for the highest of feasts and holy days. Today we celebrate the feast of our patron, the Archangel Michael and, in keeping with ancient English tradition, on our patron's feast, we wear the finest vestments we have. The color gold symbolizes that which is precious and valuable and so symbolizes majesty, joy, and the presence of God among us. It symbolizes the greatest work of God in the world and commemorates the archangel's triumph over the devil in a war in Heaven anticipating Christ's triumph over the devil on earth.

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