

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

# MICHAELMAS

THE FEAST OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS



## SOLEMN HIGH MASS

*Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2025*

*11am*

*Cover image:*

Dominum Deum tuo adorabis et illi soli servies.

*Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.* Matthew 4.10

Satan's text reads: *I shall not serve.*

*Mass setting:*

**DIE DEUTSCHE LITURGIE, BWV B 57**

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

IT came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
‘Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
From heaven’s all-gracious King!’  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled;  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O’er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing;  
And ever o’er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love-song which they bring:  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When, with the ever-circling years,  
Comes round the the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendours fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

Edmund Sears, 1810-1876

NOEL

Arthur Sullivan, 1842-1900

*Benedicite Dominum, omnes angeli eius: potentes virtute, qui facitis verbum eius, ad audiendam vocem sermonum eius. Alleluia. Psalm 103.20*

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

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

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. **Amen.**

*Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.*

§ *All sit.*

*Glory be to God on high, and in 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.*

§ *All stand.*

### THE COLLECT

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.**

§ *All sit.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING *Genesis 28.10-17*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards 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.'

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

### PSALMODY *103.19-22*

*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 words. 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.*

### SECOND READING *Revelation 12.7-12*

And 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!’

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 1.47-51*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle:*

*that we perish not in the dreadful judgement.* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come 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.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

§ *All sit.*

HOMILY

Fr Peter Anthony, *The Vicar*

§ *All stand to sing the Creed.*

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heav’n 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 heav’n, 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 heav'n, 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, 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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### THE PEACE

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Christ be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

*Stetit angelus juxta aram templi habens thuribulum aureum in manu sua et data sunt ei incensa multa: et ascendit fumus aromatum in conspectu Dei, alleluia. Alleluia.*

An angel stood by the altar of the temple holding a golden thurible in his hand, and to him was given much incense: and the aromatic smoke went up in the sight of God, alleluia. Alleluia. *Revelation 8.3-4*

§ *All stand.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

We humbly beseech thee, O Lord: that the prayers of thy holy Angels may assist us thy servants who offer unto thee this sacrifice of praise; that this our offering may be acceptable in thy sight, and profitable unto us for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

§ *The celebrant sings the preface.*

*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.*

§ *All kneel. The Canon of the Mass follows.*

Great is the Mystery of Faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

§ *The Canon concludes: O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.*

#### THE COMMUNION RITE

§ *The celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer, which is sung by 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.**

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. [x2]*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*



§ *As the choir sings the Agnus, the celebrant shows the consecrated host:*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

§ *Anyone baptized in the name of the Trinity may receive Holy Communion. Low-gluten hosts are available at the Lady Altar, which also avoids the steps.*

*In conspectu angelorum psallam tibi Domine Deus meus. Psalm 138.1-3*

§ *All sing:*

**AROUND the throne of God a band  
Of glorious angels ever stand;  
Bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,  
And on their heads are crowns of gold.**

**Some wait around him, ready still  
To sing his praise and do his will;  
And some when he commands them, go  
To guard his servants here below.**

**Lord, give thy angels every day  
Command to guide us on our way,  
And bid them every evening keep  
Their watch around us while we sleep.**

**So shall no evil thing draw near,  
To do us harm or cause us fear;  
And we shall dwell, when life is past,  
With angels round thy throne at last.**

J.M. Neale, 1818-1866

**SOLOTHURN**

Swiss Traditional Melody

O Lord of heaven, in this sacrament thou hast 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 thy Son our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

§ *To the blessing, all respond: Amen.*

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

§ *All sing:*

**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.

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? Yes, we can.

For we know that thou rejoices 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.

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.

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.

Francis Pott, 1832-1909

**ANGEL VOICES**

E.G. Monk, 1819-1900

#### THE ANGELUS

*THE Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.*

**And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord.*

**Be it unto me according to thy word.**

*Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*And the Word was made flesh.*

**And dwelt among us.**

*Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.*

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

*Let us pray.*

*We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour forth thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by his ☩ Cross and Passion may we be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection, through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**A PRIVATE PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL**

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection 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 into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

**JESUS CHRIST, UNSER HEILAND, BWV 688**

J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

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