



The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 27th September 2020

Michael & All Angels

(29 September)



Online Service of
Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

<https://youtu.be/qegig1WuvDo>

Welcome

Rev. Bill Crossman

Organ Prelude

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (Ps. 46)
- Johann Nicolaus Hanff (1663-1711)*

Opening Sentence:

sung by Cantor

And all the angels sang, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Revelation 7.12

The Greeting

We stand before the throne of God with countless crowds from every nation and race, tribe and language.

Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might be to our God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The following thanksgiving is said:

**Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever!
In the darkness of this passing age,
your saints proclaim the glory of your kingdom,
revealed among us in Christ, our light.
Open our eyes to behold your presence
and join our song with that of the saints
in praise of all your marvellous deeds.
Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The following prayer and the Collect of the Day are said in preparation for the reading and teaching of Scripture

Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: grant that, as your holy angels stand before you in heaven, so at your command 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, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Reader: Rev. Bill Crossman

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Hear the word of the Lord:

thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

sung by Cantor

Chant –Bruce Neswick

- 1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:
even before the gods will I sing your praises.
- 2 I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name:
because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you
have made your name and your word supreme over all things.
- 3 At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:
and put new strength within my soul.

- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:
that the glory of the lord is great.
- 6 For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:
and he comprehends the proud from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet you will preserve my life:
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies,
and your right hand shall save me.
- 8 The Lord will complete his purpose for me:
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
do not forsake the work of your own hands.

The New Testament

Reader: Rev. Canon Libbie Crossman

Revelation 12.7-12a

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!

Organ Acclamation: Præludium in G - Johann Christian Kittel (1732-1809)

The Sermon

Rev. Canon Libbie Crossman

Violin Reflection Gigue from Partita III in E, BWV 1006 – J.S.Bach (1758-1750)

Choral Scholar: Emily Ampt (violin)

Affirmation of Faith

**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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Invitation to the 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.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Our guilt is taken away,
and our sin is forgiven.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The minister declares God's forgiveness

God who has called us is faithful, and will not remember our sins.

Your sins are forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Live by the Spirit's transforming power,
and forgive as you have been forgiven. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The Intercessions

Leader: Rev. Bill Crossman

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, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

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, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

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, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

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, need or sickness, heal them and show them your salvation.

*Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

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 stand before you in heaven.

*Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

Father in heaven, the angels sing by day and night around your throne: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.’ With Michael, prince of the angels, who contends by our side, with Gabriel, your herald, who brings glad tidings, with Raphael, the protector, who ministers your healing, and with the whole company of heaven, we worship you, we give you glory, we sing your praise and exalt you for ever as we pray:

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your word,
and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us
to love and serve you
and all people,
in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The 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. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Dear sisters and brothers, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Allegro con brio (Sonata IV in Bb), op.65/4
- Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Director of Music/Organist: Christopher Wrench
Cantor/Organ Scholar: Talia Garret-Benson
Choral Scholar/Violin: Emily Ampt

MUSIC LINKS:

Hymns:

Angel voices ever singing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nFEjJKuDe4>

Ye holy angels bright

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAwTDwbVM3o>

Praise my soul the king of heaven

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T07DnPyFURQ>

Anthems:

Factum est silentium – Richard Dering

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Sl87r9_6nM

Justorium animae (The souls of the righteous)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AN-4ajsBsDs>

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Sundays 10pm-midnight or on demand:

<https://www.abc.net.au/classic/programs/for-the-god-who-sings/>

VIRTUAL EVENSONG from Trinity College Cambridge

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn7d1iCH8cbdKfgFqueckig>

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