

# — ST. MICHAEL'S — EPISCOPAL CHURCH



September 27, 2026

The Feast of St. Michael & All Angels

## PRELUDE MUSIC & WELCOME

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

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment 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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS & PSALM**

### **A reading from the book of Genesis (28:10-17)**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward 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.”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

Please pray Psalm 103:19-22 responsively by half-verse.

19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, \*

**and his kingship has dominion over all.**

20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*

**and hearken to the voice of his word.**

21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, \*

**you ministers of his who do his will.**

22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; \*

**bless the Lord, O my soul.**

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL JOHN 1:47-51**

*Officiant*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People*                **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get 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.”

*Officiant*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## CANDLE LIGHTING AND SILENT PRAYER

You are invited to light a candle and observe a period of silent personal prayer time.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Officiant* With the angels and the archangels who surround your throne we lift our voices in praise and prayer as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Send your angels to protect your Church from error and to help us stay true to Christ’s command to love and serve. We especially pray for Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Megan, our Bishop, Megan, Mike, Rod, and Jesse, our clergy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire our national imagination to seek the best in one another and to work together to build a more perfect union. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the angels are devoted to You, may we also be devoted to care of your creation and for building a sustainable world for all future generations. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our ears to hear the holy messengers that enter into our

lives and may we work together to make this community a place of refuge and a safe harbor from which to launch God's loving Word into the world. We especially pray for Olivia, our interim head of school, for all the staff, teachers and students of St. Michael's Episcopal Day School and Starr King TK-8. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our hearts to the suffering in the world, in mind, body and spirit, and in our own lives, let us be servants and encouragers to all in need of Christ's healing power. Especially we pray for **Clara, Kyle, Denise, Mary, Rick, Larry, Diane, John, America, Ramiro, Fred, Ellen, Bill, Carol, Holly, Sara, Kathy, Dan, Jon, Sarah, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea, Chris, Mike and Hunter.** Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embrace all who have died and grant them an entrance that they may sing with all your angels of the glory of God and bask in the love of your eternal presence. We especially pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Hulse and for peace and comfort for her family and loved ones. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For what else or whom else shall we pray? (A time of silence is kept.) Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* Holy God, you have graced our lives with messengers of your love, let us always be mindful of the angels in our presence and heed their words that your glory may be reflected through our lives. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Officiant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*    **And also with you.**

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER \***

*Officiant* In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united with you, and, since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come.  
**Amen.**

*\*Julian of Norwich liturgy*

*Officiant* Together, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **BLESSING**

*Officiant* The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

CONCLUDING REMARKS, DISCUSSION, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
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