



Coventry Cathedral - Archangel Michael and the Devil, Sir Jacob Epstein

# The Cathedral Eucharist on the Feast of St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 28 September 2025, 10.30am

# Welcome to this morning's service

The President is **Canon James Lawrence** *Missioner* 

The Deacon is

Canon Dr Jenny Gaffin

Precentor

The Preacher is

Canon Andrew Horsfall

Interim Dean

The Subdeacon is Nigel Scales

The service is sung by
The Cathedral Choir

Directed by **John Robinson** Director of Music

The organ is played by John Hosking Organist in Residence

The setting for the service is Missa Brevis – Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

The service is live streamed. Please do not use mobile phones to sound record or to take photographs.

Before the service, the congregation is welcomed by Jenny Gaffin

### The Gathering

Please remain seated as the choir and ministers move to the west end of the Cathedral before the notices

Please stand to sing

### **Processional Hymn**

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Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command, assist our song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race, and now from sin released, behold the Saviour's face, his praises sound, as in his sight with sweet delight ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below, adore your heavenly King, and onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing; take what he gives and praise him still, through good and ill, who ever lives.

My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above, and with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love; let all thy days till life shall end, whate'er he send, be filled with praise.

R. Baxter (1615-1691), J. H. Gurney (1802-1862), R. R. Chope (1830-1928)

# The Greeting

The president greets the people

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

The president introduces the celebration

# The Prayer of Preparation

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.

### The Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

### 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. Amen.

### The Gloria

### The choir sings

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra bax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis. Deus Pater omnibotens. Domine Fili unigenite, lesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus. tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to those of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you. We give thanks to you for your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord the only-begotten Son, lesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you that take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You that take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You who are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For you alone are holy, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, lesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept - please remain standing

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.** 

Please sit

# The Liturgy of the Word

# **Old Testament Reading**

(Genesis 28.10-17)

Read by Alison Harrigan-Doyle A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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.

The choir sings (103.19-end)

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.

# **New Testament Reading**

(Revelation 12.7-12)

Read by Barbara Robb

A reading from the Book of Revelation

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.

# **Gradual Hymn**

ANGEL VOICES NEH 336



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.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest o'er each work of thine: thou didst ears and hands and voices Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for thy praise design; makers 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. blessed Trinity. Of the best that thou hast given earth and heaven render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

The deacon says

Alleluia, Alleluia
Bless the Lord all you his hosts, his ministers who do his will. **Alleluia.** 

The Lord be with you **And also with you** 

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, 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 to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Revd. Andrew Horsfall, Interim Dean

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection

Please stand with the president

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is. seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Diane Warner

This response is used

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Those who are sick or for whom prayers have been asked,
John Bertalot, Arthur Blundell, Chris Drewe, Margaret Young, Sue Penfold,
Harry Searles, Liam Johnson, Ray Hutchins, Peter Hardman, Graham Jordan,
Brian and Ruth Whittle, Jenni Bellamy, Ruth McGaughey, Ray Duckworth, Liz
Frayne, Robert Moore, Harvey Stansfield, Eric Barnes, Frank Haworth,
Clifford and Carol Fishwick, Pam Jelly Christopher Browne, Susan Garlick, Isla
Smith, Tracey Riley, Peter Howell-Jones

and those who mourn, remembering those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries are at this time,

Michael Emery(28), Parnel Rothwell (30), Arthur Walley (1), John Tattersall (3)

[numbers are the days of the month]

And at the end

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

Please stand with the president for the peace

The Peace

The president says

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 and also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share the peace with one another

During the offertory hymn a collection is taken, please give what you prayerfully can. You may prefer to use the collection point or card reader on the way out. If you are a UK taxpayer, please use the blue gift aid form provided. If you would prefer to give online, please visit <u>blackburncathedral.co.uk/donate</u>

# Preparation of the Table

The president prepares the table Please remain standing to sing the hymn during which there will be a collection

# **Offertory Hymn**

SOLOTHURN NEH 191



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 wicked 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. *John M Neale* (1818-1866)

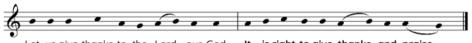
# Taking of the Bread and Wine

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.

### **Eucharistic Prayer**







Let us give thanks to the Lord\_ our God. 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:

### The choir sings:

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

### Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

### Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke 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.

### Amen. Lord, we believe.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

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.

### Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,

we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

### Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

### Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

### Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with St Michael, St Mary, St Paul and all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

# The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we pray, each in our own language, as our Saviour taught us,

Notre père, qui es aux cieux ... Vater unser im Himmel ... Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ... Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... Tėve Mūsų, kuris esi danguje! ... Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...

Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet... Padre nosso, que estais nos céus... Ojcze nasz, któryś jest w niebie... ى السَّمَاوَاتِ،

Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...

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.

# The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

If you are able, please remain standing while the choir sings

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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

the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

### The president says

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion is available in both kinds, and the minister distributing bread will say

The body of Christ. Amen.

To receive the bread, or a blessing, please walk down the central aisle as directed by a steward. To receive wine please move to the chalice at the side

The minister distributing wine will say

The blood of Christ. Amen.

If you do not wish to receive communion wine, please walk past that second distribution point, and return to your place by the side aisles of the Nave

While you are waiting to go for communion you may wish to sit

# **During Communion**

The choir sings

For he shall give his angels charge over thee; that they shall protect thee in all the ways thou goest, that their hands shall uphold and guide thee, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

From "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 47)

# **Prayer after Communion**

Silence is kept

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have 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 our Lord. **Amen.** 

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

# Final Hymn

Lasst Uns Erfreuen





fe watchers and ye holy ones, oright seraphs, cherubim and thrones, raise the glad strain, alleluia.

Cry out, dominions, princedoms, now'rs, oritues, archangels, angels' choirs, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

D higher than the cherubim,
nore glorious than the seraphim,
ead their praises, alleluia.
D Mary, bearer of the Word,
nost gracious, magnify the Lord:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest, alleluia, alleluia.

Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, alleluia, alleluia.

To God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

### The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's 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.

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Please do consider staying for tea or coffee after the service

# The Organ Voluntary

Ave Maris Stella (after Litanies)

Ben Bloor (b. 1991)

First performance and winner of the 6<sup>th</sup> Blackburn Cathedral composition competition.

### **CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY**

4.00pm Blair in B Minor Responses: Maggie Burk

War In Heaven – Neil Cox Psalm 134 & 135 (1-14)

### **NEXT SUNDAY - The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Habakkuk I.I-4; 2.I-4 2 Timothy I.I-14 Luke 17.5-10

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# Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 28 September

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### **BLACKBURN FOODBANK IN SEPTEMBER**

We are collecting **Spreads and Spices** (Jam, peanut butter, salt, pepper etc). If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER TOUR** Friday 10th October 2025

In less than 70 words, Jesus gives us a prayer to learn by heart and a prayer that gets inside our hearts, shaping the way we live. This special Faith in the North event will be led by archbishop Stephen Cottrell, with teaching, music film, Q&A, and space for reflection. Tickets  $\pounds 0$  – but please book online To book and find out more visit <a href="https://www.blackburncathedral.com/event/the-lords-prayer-tour">www.blackburncathedral.com/event/the-lords-prayer-tour</a>

### **CREATION CARE CONFERENCE: GOD'S WORLD AND OUR MISSION**

Friday 31st October & Saturday 1st November 2025

This conference is for all who are passionate about the Church's response to the climate crisis, rooted in Christian theology and discipleship bringing together voices from across the Christian spectrum to explore how faith communities can respond to the environmental crisis.

Keynote speaker: Dr Canon Ruth Valerio

Tickets £0 - £30 - A range of packages including lunch and refreshments To book and find out more visit <a href="https://www.blackburncathedral.com/creation">www.blackburncathedral.com/creation</a>

### **FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given by Kathleen Emery and family in loving memory of Michael.

### EMERGENCY HOLY DUSTERS - 5TH OCTOBER

In preparation for the Gaia exhibition, we would like to do a deep clean of the cathedral after the 10.30am service on the 5th October. Please do join us if you can.