

The Cathedral  
Eucharist  
on the  
Festival  
of  
Michael and All Angels

*Thursday, 29 September, 2022*

*7.30pm*

The service is live streamed.

# Welcome to this evening's service

The President  
**Canon Gary O'Neill**  
*Interim Canon Precentor*

The Preacher is  
**Canon Gary O'Neill**  
*Interim Canon Precentor*

The Deacon is  
**Christine O'Neill**  
*Licensed Lay Minister*

The Subdeacon is  
**Mihaela Mladin**

The service is sung by  
**Blackburn Chamber Choir**

Directed by  
**John Robinson**  
*Organist and Director of Music*

The setting for the service is  
*Missa de Angelis - A Gregorian Mass*



# The Gathering

Please stand to sing

**Processional**

CHRISTE SANCTORUM 149 ii

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The first staff contains the first four measures. The second staff contains the next four measures. The third staff contains the next four measures. The fourth staff contains the final four measures, which end with a double bar line. Below the final measure of the fourth staff, the word 'Amen.' is written with a long horizontal line underneath it, indicating a sustained note.

Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels,  
ruler of all, and author of creation,  
grant us in mercy grace to win by patience  
joys everlasting.

Send thine archangel Michael from thy presence:  
peacemaker blessèd, may he hover o'er us,  
hallow our dwellings, that for us thy children  
all things may prosper.

Send thine archangel, Gabriel the mighty:  
on strong wings flying, may he come from heaven,  
drive from thy temple Satan the old foeman.  
succour our weakness.

Send thine archangel, Raphael the healer:  
through him with wholesome medicines of salvation  
heal our backsliding, and in paths of goodness  
guide our steps daily.

Father almighty, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Godhead eternal, grant us our petition;  
thine be the glory through the whole creation  
now and for ever. Amen.

*Christe, sanctorum decus angelorum attributed to Rabanus Maurus (c.776–856)  
translated by Charles S Phillips (1883–1949)*

# The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

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 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.

*Hebrews 12.22-24*

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 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 pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite,  
Jesu 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,  
Jesus 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,  
Jesus 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 down*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Old Testament Reading

*Read by Ayodele Adebayo*

*(Genesis 28.10-17)*

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*

Angels ever bright and fair,  
take, O take me to your care  
Speed to your own courts my flight,  
clad in robes of virgin white.

*George Friderich Handel (1685-1759)*

## New Testament Reading

*Read by Janine Monahan*

*(Revelation 12.7-12)*

A reading from the book of Revelation.

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.**

Please stand with the president to sing

## Gradual Hymn

SOLOTHURN



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)*

## The Gospel

The deacon says

*(John 1.47-end)*

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

*Canon Gary O'Neill*

*There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection.*

## Anthem

*The choir sings*

Michael, coeli signifer,  
Gabriel, mundi lucifer,  
Raphael, tres archangeli  
Christi et omnes angeli,  
amantes casta corpora  
nostra per cuncta saecula  
tuentur ab insidiis  
hostium et perfidiis.  
Hi nos semper custodiant  
et post mortem suscipiant,  
angelorum altissimo  
laudem canamus Domino.

*Jacob Handl (1550-91)*

*Michael, standard-bearer of heaven –  
Gabriel, the light-bringer of the world –  
Raphael – the three archangels  
of Christ and all the angels,  
the beloved ones:  
through all the ages  
they protect our bodily purity from  
the snares and treacheries of our enemies.  
May they always guard us,  
and after death may they receive us.  
Let us sing the praise of the angels  
to the Lord Most High.*

*Please remain seated or kneel.*

## The Prayers of Intercession

*Led by Colin Jones*

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

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

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

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...,  
rescue them and show them your salvation.

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

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 your judgement seat in heaven.

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

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.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand with the president for the peace*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### 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.

### Preparation of the Table

*The deacon prepares the table.*

*Please remain standing to sing the hymn during which there will be a collection with the stewards handing the collection plates.*

# Offertory Hymn

COE FEN



How shall I sing that Majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
thy throne, O God most high;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,  
while I thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears;  
but they behold thy face:  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
with all my fire and light;  
yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
in flame it with love's fire;  
then shall I sing and bear a part  
with that celestial choir.  
They sing, because thou art their sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heaven is but once begun,  
there alleluias be.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep:  
thou art a sea without a shore,  
a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore,  
thy place is everywhere.

*John Mason (c1645-1694)*



*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.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and,  
taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*The deacon says*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary, Paul, Michael, the angels  
and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Joining our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we  
say, each in our own language, the prayer our Saviour taught us,

**Notre père, qui es aux cieux ... Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...  
Vater unser im Himmel ... Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...  
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ... Ojczy nasz, któryś jest w niebie...  
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،  
Têve Mūsū, kuris esi danguje! ... Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...  
Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...**

**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.**

*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.

*When the stewards invite you to go forward, please approach the two communion  
stations for bread in single file along the side aisles of the Nave.*

*Please do come and ask this first minister for any blessings.*

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

The body of Christ.

**Amen.**

*After receiving the bread, if you wish to receive wine please move to the station near  
the central aisle, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave.*

*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 central aisle of the Nave.*

*While you are waiting to go for communion you may wish to sit down.*

## During communion

*The choir sings*

Factum est silentium in coelo  
dum committeret bellum draco  
cum Michaele Archangelo.  
Audita est vox  
milia milium dicentium:  
Salus, honor et virtus,  
omnipotenti Deo.  
Alleluia.

*Music by Richard Dering (d. 1630)*

*There was silence in heaven  
while the dragon joined battle  
with Archangel Michael.  
A cry was heard  
- thousands of thousands saying  
'Salvation and honour and power  
be to almighty God.  
Alleluia.'*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

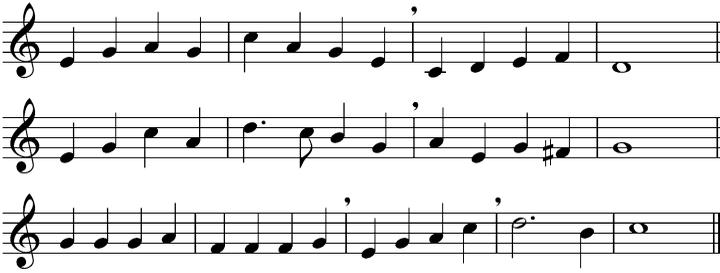
Lord of heaven,  
in this eucharist you have brought us near  
to an innumerable company of angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our 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.**

*Please stand to sing*

# Final Hymn

ANGEL VOICES 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  
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,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessed Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
earth and heaven  
render thee.

*Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

# The Dismissal

*The president pronounces God's blessing*

*The deacon says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## The Organ Voluntary

Toccata in D major

*Marcel Lanquetuit (1894-1985)*

*Please stay behind after the service for refreshments in the South transept.*



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