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THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

September 29, 2024

Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

Our worship is according to *The Book of Common Prayer*. This leaflet contains everything you will need to participate actively. Hymn numbers refer to *The Hymnal 1982*, found in your pew, and those preceded with **S** are pieces of service music located at the front of the Hymnal.

PRELUDE

RECTOR'S GREETINGS

The Rev. Canon Deacon Denise LaVetty

INTROIT

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Bless the Lord all ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His Word. Bless the Lord, all ye His hosts: ye ministers of His that do His pleasure. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end, Amen. Bless the Lord, &c.

HYMN 618 *All stand.*

Lasst uns erfreuen

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *sung by all*

S 202

Glory be to God on high, and on 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.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and humans in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *All sit.*

Genesis 28:10-17

At the reading of the first lesson, children ages 3 to 9 (pre-K through 4th grade) are invited to gather at the entrance of the church to meet their teacher for Sunday School in the Parish House. Parents of children attending for the first time are asked to accompany them. The children will return before the end of worship.

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 The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103 *sung by the choir*

Pye

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.
 13 As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; he remembers that we are but dust.
 15 Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field;
 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, and its place shall know it no more.
 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, and his righteousness on children's children;
 18 On those who keep his covenant and remember his commandments and do them.
 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.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 12:7-12

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!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 411 *All stand.*

St. Thomas (Williams)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:47-51

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Canon George W. Brandt

NICENE CREED *All stand and face the high altar.*

All **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the 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; through him all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven 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 heaven, 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, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe in 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 THE PEOPLE *All sit or kneel.*

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop Elect, and Andrew, Matthew, Allen, and Mary, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For those on our parish prayer list and the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own names and petitions in silence or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, including the birthdays of Stephen and Maria Ju, in whose honor the altar flowers are given today.

The People may add their own thanksgivings in silence or aloud.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, especially Anita Linn, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own names in silence or aloud.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silent reflection is kept.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the Glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

THE PEACE *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

The Ushers receive the collection from the congregation. We invite your offering for the support of the Church's mission in the world, and in thanksgiving for all that God has provided. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, please visit churchoftheincarnation.org/donate, text "Madison209" to 73256, or scan the QR code below. Thank you for your generosity.



ANTHEM

O quam gloriosum

Victoria

O quam gloriosum est regnum,
in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti!
Amicti stolis albis,
sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit.

O, how glorious is the kingdom,
in which all the saints rejoice with Christ!
Arrayed in white robes,
they follow the Lamb, wherever he goes.

AGNUS DEI *sung by all*

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Holy Eucharist is the meal that has traditionally nourished the baptized in their life of faith. You may take the bread in your hands and then take a sip of wine from the chalice, guiding the chalice bearer's hand to bring the chalice to your lips. Or you may intinct (dip the wafer into the wine). If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, simply fold your arms across your chest. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, fold your hands downward.

ANTHEM

Holy is the True Light

Harris

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
 lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,
 from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
 wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia!

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us in these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passeth 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.**

HYMN 625 *All stand.*Darwall's 148th

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish House following the postlude. Visitors are invited to pick up a welcome bag at the back of the church. For those interested in a brief tour of the church's art and architecture, please meet one of our volunteer tour guides at the Chapel of the Resurrection near the back of the church.

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, *Rector*
The Rev. Canon Denise LaVetty, *Deacon*
The Rev. Canon George W. Brandt, *Honorary Assistant*
The Rev. J. Gregory Morgan, *Honorary Assistant*
Dr. Thomas M. Reefer, *Director of Music*
Dr. Uche Akwuba II, *Master of Ceremonies*
Oseloka Chira, *Head Usher*
John Robert Motato and Ameer Abdul-Maajid, *Sextons*

Linda Gossett, *Altar Guild*
Linda Gossett and Cynthia Drayton, *Ushers*
Madelina Defex and Augie and Sam Scarangella, *Acolytes*
Kendall Pron and Robert Tobey, *Lay Readers*
Robert Tobey, *Chalice Bearer*
Annette Defex, *Sunday School Teacher*
Julianna Katrancha, *Parent Nursery Attendant*
Maria Ju, *Door Greeter at the Parish House*
Vicky LeBlanc and Judy Veneroso, *Coffee Hour Hosts*
Christopher Strome, *Tour Guide*

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthdays of Stephen and Maria Ju.

If you would like to donate Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, email the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser at adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org. The following upcoming Sundays are available October 6, 13 and 27. The requested contribution is \$90.

Your prayers are requested for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Tom, Leonor, Lou, Harris, Veronica, Steven, Stacey, Ryan, Joan, Roger, Nadia, Mihail, Padmini, Juliana, Jennifer, Marcey, Marika, Ruth, Stephanie, Lorelei, Geoffrey, Brian, Bryce, Jaquelyn, Jane, Garrett, Connie, Joseph, Josephine, Shagdar, Arthur, Ann, Julie, Jeanne, Patrick, Dianne, Dawn, Christopher, Bartley, Camden, Mary, Natalia, Berta, Megan, Eduardo, Mike, Maria, Edwin, Henry, Gilberto, Lucille, William, Penny, Peter, Gia, Granville, Andrew, Wayne, Tom, Matthew, Dee, Pamela, Robert, Corinne, Bill, Annette, Bernard, Kathy, Barbara, Yolanda, Gary, Carmela, Frank, Hans, Jerry, Prisca, Savannah Rose, Alair, Gordon, Kevin, Wendy, Richard, Touro, Deirdre, Donovan, Joan, Gloria, Crystal, Carole, Jeff, Drew, Monica, Simeon, Donielle, Cullen, Jeremiah, Joanna, Ariel and David.

To add a name to the prayer list, call the church or email the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser.

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If you wish to learn more about our parish community and/or receive our weekly e-minder with spiritual reflections, upcoming events, and church news, please fill out the yellow "Connect Card" in your pew and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

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