



# A Liturgy of the Word St Michael and all Angels

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The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.

## Processional Hymn



Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!



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## Call to Worship



We gather today as your people, God.  
**Young and old; rule-followers and rule-breakers  
liberals and conservatives; and every distinction in between.**

We gather today as your beloved.  
**We are a people who are tempted;  
who are wilderness wanderers; who trust in you.**

We gather today as children of the covenant.  
**We offer this time of worship to you, O God.**

## Opening Prayer



Once again, in this year of our Lord,  
we gather to be the Church of Christ.  
Christ is with us, as he promised:  
present in this assembly of his people,  
in the proclamation of God's word,  
and in the spiritual Communion of his body and blood.



as we still cannot gather for communal worship  
on this special day in the life of this Parish  
let us reflect on the Word and pray together  
and then share in the act of Spiritual Communion.  
Today we celebrate our Church's Patronal Festival:  
St Michael, the Archangel and All Angels.  
Let us be united in the spirit of Christ  
with the Church around the world  
and celebrate our redemption  
**Amen**

*Introductory Rite*



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

Praise the Lord:  
**Praise God, you servants of the Lord.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God's Name, now and forever.**



*The Gloria*



*Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe*

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| C: Kube nokuthula       | A: Ebantwini bonke      |
| C: Nkosi Nkulunkulu     | A: Nkosi yasezulwini    |
| C: Nkulunkulu Baba      | A: Baba Somandla        |
| C: Siyakubabaza         | A: Siyakwazisa          |
| C: Siyakuguqela         | A: Siyakudumisa         |
| C: Siyakubonga          | A: Ngenxa yobukhosi     |
| C: Yobukhosi            | A: Bakh' obukhulu       |
| C: Nkosi Jesu Kristu    | A: Ndodan' ezelwe yodwa |
| C: Nkosi Nkulunkulu     | A: Mvana kaNkulunkulu   |
| C: Ndodan' kaNkulunkulu | A: kaNkulunkul' uYise   |
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| C: Amen, A-a-a          | A: A-a-a-a-amen         |
| C: Amen, A-a-a          | A: A-a-a-a-a-amen       |
| C: Amen, A-a-a          | A: A-a-a-a-amen         |
| C: Amen, A-a-a          | A: A-a-a-a-a-amen       |

*Collect for Purity*



**Almighty God,  
to 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 your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.

*The Kyrie*



**Nkosi yiba nenceba x3**  
**Kristu yiba nenceba x3**  
**Nkosi yiba nenceba x3**

*The Confession*



As we approach this time of confession, we remember that there are many sins we commit collectively that seek to pull us apart from one another. So we begin our time of confession naming those things that seek to break apart the body of Christ:

Forgive us for the sin of **division** – When we divide ourselves into groups: the haves and the have-nots, the best and the worst, winners and losers, the popular and shunned, the religious and the secular. Through God’s grace any divisions can stop and togetherness can happen.

Forgive us for **exclusiveness**. When we exclude those who are different from us: by how they look, where they are from, what they wear, how they behave and how they talk. Through God’s acceptance of us, God can show us that being **inclusive** of all God’s people—even though we differ—is the way.

Forgive us for **isolation**. When we isolate ourselves from the outside world. When we ignore injustice. When pretend tragedies do not exist so we do not have to feel obligated to help. Through God’s friendship, we are never alone. And we are called to build community with one another.

Forgive us for putting up **walls**. When we keep out the things that make us uncomfortable even if it’s at the expense of others. When we block out the things we don’t understand without seeking to hear a different perspective from our own. Because Christ died for all, walls can be brought down and turned into bridges.

Forgive us for our **hate**. When we choose not to love our neighbours. When we see the worst in others. When we stereotype. When we mock. When we insult. When we generalize. When we do not give the benefit of the doubt. When we hurt others. Through the cross, Christ shows us how to turn hate into love.

*As we reflect on the sins of the world, let us all confess our own sins before God as we pray the Prayer of Confession.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
In penitence we confess  
That we have sinned against you  
Through our own fault  
In thought, word and deed  
And in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord  
Forgive us all that is past  
And grant that we may serve you  
In newness of life  
To the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Absolution*



God has reconciled the world to Himself through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our weaknesses and shortcomings, but through His grace and Love. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to God’s Church, receive His pardon and Peace to stand firm in faith, hope and love and to be channels and instruments of deliverance, acceptance and love.  
**Amen.**



*The Collect*



**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.**

*1st Reading*



Genesis 28:10-17

*Psalm 103: 19 - 22*



*Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe and Rev. Allie Josseph*

The Lord has established his throne in heaven:  
And his kingdom rules over all.  
Praise the Lord all you his angels You that excel in strength:  
You that fulfil his word and obey the voice of his commandment.  
Praise the Lord all you his hosts:  
His servants who do his will.  
Praise the Lord all his works in all places of his dominion: Praise the Lord O my soul.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: And to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning:  
Is now and ever shall be.



*2nd Reading*



Revelation 12:7-12

*Gospel Acclamation*



*Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord you are the Spirit and life  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
You have the words of lasting life  
Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Gospel Reading*



John 1:47-51 by Rev Alison Thabethe



## The Sermon



by Ven. Moses Thabethe

## Affirmation of Faith



*Let us declare our faith in God.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**



## Prayers of Intercession



In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth and all the arrangements of creation. God created humankind to have dominion upon the earth, and God created the angels to serve as guardians and messengers of his holy word of love and salvation. Let us pray to the Lord of the angels for all our needs and the needs of people everywhere.

God our creator and provider, we thank you for the miracle of your creation and the variety of arrangements within it. We thank you for your servants, the angels, whom you send to guard us. Above all we thank you for your Son, our Saviour and Lord, enthroned above the cherubim.

**We praise you, O God.**

Loving and merciful God, as you sent angels in dreams to visit Jacob and Joseph with messages of your will, help us also to know your will for our lives and lead us to do it.

**Lord, send us your holy angels.**

God our creator, as you sent angels to rescue Lot and his family in Sodom and to save Hagar and Ishmael in the wilderness, so rescue us in our times of need and adversity.

**Lord, send us your holy angels.**

As the angel of the Lord stood between the people of Israel and the Egyptians at the Red Sea, so stand between us and our difficulties, and lend us your guard and protection.

**Lord, send us your holy angels.**

As the angel went before the Israelites to lead them through the wilderness into the promised land, so send an angel before us that we might follow your path of righteousness into your kingdom of justice and love.

**Lord, send us your holy angels.**

Make us as welcoming of strangers, just as Abraham and Sarah did, who received and entertained angels even without knowing it.

**Hear our prayer.**



Give us eyes that are as open as Balaam and his donkey to see the wonder of your angels standing before us.

**Hear our prayer.**

God our protector, guard all the children with your guardian angels and bring them to faith in the Christ who received the little children.

**Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, send holy Michael, the archangel, great defender of the faithful, to be our defender in times of trouble and temptation.

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

Send your archangel Gabriel, holy bearer of glad tidings, to bring us your word and to help us to understand it.

**Good Lord, redeem us.**

Send your archangel Raphael, great healer of your people, to bring healing and health to all those suffering from our disease and distress.

**Good Lord, heal us.**

And at the last, send forth your holy angels to waken all those who have fallen asleep and take them to your heavenly kingdom.

**Good Lord, save us.**

Holy God, Ruler of the universe, in your goodness and by your grace, you show favour to your people by giving us your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and by sending your holy angels to minister to us as they ministered to him in the wilderness. For all this, we thank you. And we ask that you would hear to our prayers, so that we might praise your holy name in one voice with all the saints of heaven.

**Good Lord, save us.**

God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive these prayers and petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Prayer for Offerings* 

Loving God, we bring you our gifts, grateful that we have something to share, glad to be part of a network of mission and mercy which circles the earth. Bless the ministries supported by St Michael's parishioners as well as our generous donors. Uphold them with these offerings and multiply their impact throughout the communities we serve. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer* 

**Lindley Junior Choir : The Lord's prayer (Fanshawe African Sanctus)**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving* 

Gracious God, we give you thanks  
for the love we have received from you  
and from those who love you.  
in this worship service 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.**



## Final Blessing



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

God keep you in the fellowship of the 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.**

## Dismissal



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

## Recessional Hymn



- 1 For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 O blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warrior cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Author: William Walsham How (1864)*

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