

CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Cashiers, North Carolina



FEAST OF HOLY MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

29 SEPTEMBER 2024 | 10:30 AM

*We welcome all who are worshipping with Christ Anglican Church today. We are thankful for God's Spirit joining us together in corporate worship. The Service begins on page 123 of the **Book of Common Prayer** (BCP) or you may follow along in the service sheet. Our hymns are found in the **Worship and Rejoice Hymnal** (WRH) and the Scripture Texts are in the **Pew Bible**. If you are new to the Anglican way of worshipping, copies of "Worship Overview and Preparation" are available in the narthex or ask a greeter.*



THE OPENING VOLUNTARY *Laudamus Te* Carl Mueller

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People stand and sing

THE PROCESSIONAL *O Worship the King* WRH 2

The People remain standing.

THE ACCLAMATION BCP 123

Celebrant Worthy is the Lord our God,
People *To receive glory and honor and power.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 124

The Celebrant and people say

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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP 124

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

BCP 124

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

I Will Sing of the Mercies

WRH 60

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 125

Celebrant The Lord be with You.

People: ***And with your spirit.***

Celebrant 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 people are seated for the reading of God's Word.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson

Genesis 28:10-17

Bible 22

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The reader and people read responsively by half-verse.

The Psalter Verses

Psalm 103

BCP 402

The Second Lesson

Revelation 12:7-12

Bible 1034

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand to sing the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for the Gospel Lesson.

Sequence Hymn **Lord, We Hear Your Word** (Stanzas 1&2)

WRH 671

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

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

The Gospel Lesson

John 1:47-51

Bible 887

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn **Lord, We Hear Your Word** (Stanza 3)

WRH 671

The People are seated.

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Dr. Michael Matlock

"Angels: Servants of God and Humans"

SERMON NOTES

This message is focused on John 1:51 and Genesis 28:12 and the doctrine of ascending and descending angels. We are not called to worship angels (Heb 1:4,14). Take note, idolatry takes many good forms. Yet, the coming of the angels we understand and appreciate and give thanks for. In their departure, we see only something to regret. We magnify the grace that sends the angelic ministries and think the great moment is passed when they go. But there is a really helpful *doctrine of the departing angel*, and it is that I want to preach. My point is that great and intense spiritual experiences must be tested and translated in the ordinary hours of life.

1. Angels Assist Extraordinarily, Then Leave Us Ordinary (John 1:51; Gen 28:16; Luke 2:15)
2. When Angels Leave, We Should Not Whine (Acts 12:7; Exodus 14:15; Phil 2:12)
3. Angels Come and Leave a Message & Even Like to Sing to Us (Luke 2:15; 15:10; Gen 32:1)

Heaven is interested in what happens on earth. The angels are not floating round in fleecy clouds or simply playing harps; they share God's sense of loss over wandering sinners and they share the Shepherd's joy over the found sheep and the Father's glad welcome to His homecoming son. My friends, have the angels of God sung to you, uplifted you, or delivered you?

Reflection: What part of the message do I most need to integrate into my relationship with Christ and His Church? How can my participation through the ministries of Christ Anglican assist me in my obedience to the Lord's calling upon life?

Prayer: Lord, I thank You that You make Your angels spirits and ministering flames of fire for my sake and the sake of my loved ones well-being. Open my eyes that I might see more of the spiritual world and the battle that is being waged. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 127

All Standing, Celebrant and People say

We believe in one God,

*the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.*

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

*the only-begotten 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 worshiped 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.*

All Kneeling

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and ever living God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your Holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Joe, our President, and Roy, our Governor, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servants, Steve, our Archbishop, and to Foley and Frank, our Bishops, to Michael, our Rector, and to Christine, our Deacon, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation and to St. Michael's Anglican Church, Gallatin, Tennessee that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom, throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially persecuted Christians in Maldives, China, Burkina Faso, Laos, and all those on our parish prayer list. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom. *Silence*

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

The Celebrant Concludes with this Collect.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *Silence*

All remain kneeling and say

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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.***

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant Says

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with your spirit.***

THE OFFERTORY

All stand and sing

THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People ***And of your own have we given you.***

All Remain Standing

HOLY COMMUNION

THE SURSUM CORDA

BCP 132

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with your spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Who, with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance. For that which we believe of your glory, O Father, we believe the same of your Son, and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

WRH 738

Celebrant and People Sing

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given 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."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 134

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together pray

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 FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 135

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through this most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

BCP 136

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

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to come forward for communion. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. You may stand or kneel at the altar. To receive communion in the traditional manner you may consume the bread and drink from the chalice or you may dip the bread in the wine. If you desire gluten free bread, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.

If you have any prayer concerns, a prayer team is located to the right of the altar.

All are encouraged to sing the hymns.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
Spirit Song

WRH 232

WRH 352

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 137

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE RECESSIONAL

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

WRH 106

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Cortège

arr. Gordon Young

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bill and Christine Maddux, in thankful anticipation of their wedding anniversary.

Serving in Worship

Bill Maddux

Acolyte and OT Lector

Larry Wallin

NT Lector

Dcn. Christine Maddux

Gospel Lector & Prayers of the People

Crawford & Judy Jones

Greeters

Lisa Fore & Linda Schowalter

Children's Chapel

Diana Rethorst

Altar Guild & Flowers