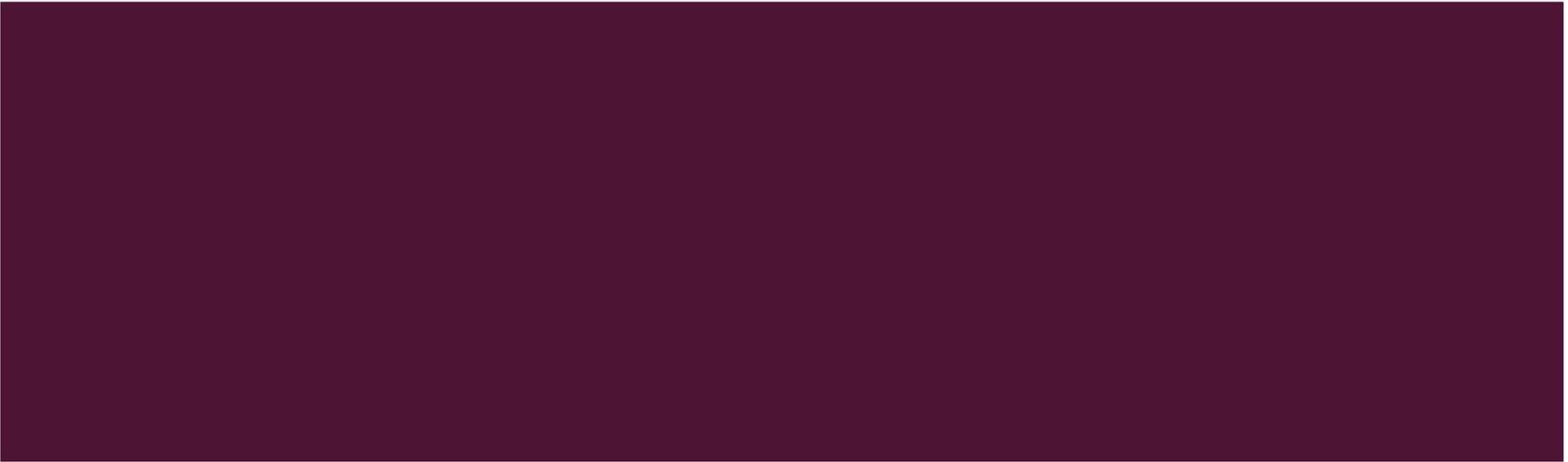




THURSDAY VESPERS FOR MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

29 SEPTEMBER 2022



THE PREPARATION

Presider

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ **Lord, make haste to help us.**

Your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever. Now, as darkness is falling, wash away our transgressions, cleanse us by your refining fire and make us temples of your Holy Spirit. By the light of Christ, dispel the darkness of our hearts and make us ready to enter your kingdom, where songs of praise for ever sound. Blessed be God, Christ and the Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever!

PSALM 125

Psalmist

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

As the hills stand about Jerusalem, so the Lord stands round about this people, from this time forth for evermore.

The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are true of heart.

Those who turn aside to crooked ways the Lord shall take away with the evildoers; but let there be peace upon Israel.

PSALM PRAYER

Psalmist

God of power,
you are strong to save
and you never fail those who trust in you;
keep us under your protection
and spread abroad your reign of peace
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

REVELATION 12.10-12

Reader

A reading from the Revelation to John.

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!”

RESPONSE

In the silence following the Reading, consider what word or phrase came to your attention. You may share that word or phrase with the community.

The Reader brings this time to a conclusion by saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

PRAYERS

Presider

Let us offer our prayers remembering

- the saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven;
- all people, that they may hear and believe the word of God;
- all who fear inclement weather;
- all sovereigns and political leaders;
- all who grieve or wait with the dying, and
- our own needs and concerns.

VERSICLES & RESPONSE

Presider

○ Lord, answer us in the day of trouble, **send us help from your holy place.**

Show us the path of life, **for in your presence is joy.**

Give justice to the orphan and oppressed **and break the power of wickedness and evil.**

Look upon the hungry and sorrowful **and grant them the help for which they long.**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; **may your glory endure for ever.**

You are the sovereign of the universe **and with you is our redemption.**

COLLECT

Presider

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Presider

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven, bring us to reign with him in glory.

Deacon (or Presider)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.