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MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS & HARVEST HOME

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You are invited to speak sans serif **Bolded type** with the congregation.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The archangel Michael is pictured as a prince and a general of the heavenly army, defeating the dragon (the ancient serpent, the devil, Satan). It is important, though, to see in Revelation 12:11 that God's victory ultimately comes by Jesus' death and the testimony of his followers. The power of God's truth gives us confidence in the face of evil on earth, even in the face of our own death.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**

P: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **A: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **A: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have squandered your bountiful gifts. We have considered the blessings of the harvest our due. We have been indifferent in planning and planting for the future needs of your Church. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, cause gratitude to ripen in our hearts, and wisdom to mature in our minds, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. A: **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN- "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

(ELW 864)



- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
- 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
- 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
- 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **A: And also, with you.**

*KYRIE



A: We — pray for peace, O Lord, make plow-shares of our swords, make plow-shares of our



swords, hear us when we cry to you. C: Lord, have mer-cy on — us, have



mer-cy on us, Lord, have mer-cy on — us, hear us when we cry to you.



A: Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un - til we see your



face, hear us when we cry to you. C: Christ, have mer-cy on — us, have



mer-cy on us, Christ have mer-cy on — us, hear us when we cry to you.



A: De - fend your Church, O Lord, and root it in — your word, and root it in — your



word, hear us when we cry to you. C: Lord, have mer-cy on — us, have



mer-cy on — us, Lord, have mer-cy on — us, hear our cry. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE *O Sing of God's Great Victory!*

Verses (sung by leader)



1. O — sing of God's great vic - to - ry! Je-sus' blood has set us free!
2. This is the feast of vic - to - ry! Of the glo - rious Lamb a - above.
3. O — is it not a mys - ter - y That our Lord a Lamb should be,
4. All — hon - or, bless - ing, glo - ry, might Sing the hosts to Christ on high,



1. Let all his crea - tures join our songs, For to Christ the throne be - longs
2. Now all God's peo - ple gath - er 'round For the ban - quet of God's love.
3. Who on the cru - el cross was slain, But a - rose in heav'n to reign.
4. All pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom strength. Now let all on earth re - ply.

Refrain (sung by all)



Sing we al - le - lu - ia, praises to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, — Al-le-lu - ia!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **A: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever. **A: Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: DANIEL 10:10-14; 12:1-3

While set while Israel was in exile in Babylon, Daniel was probably written centuries later, during another time of defeat and suffering, under the Greeks. In both contexts, this passage offers assurance that the Jews are not abandoned by God, but are protected and will be vindicated by their "guardian angel," Michael.

¹⁰A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. ¹¹He said to me, "Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you." So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²He said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind

to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, ¹⁴and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.

^{12:1}"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

R: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103

(Sung to the tune Raquel WOV 634)

It seems arrogant, and certainly superfluous, for humans to encourage angels to "bless the Lord," but the impulse comes from the overwhelming jubilation of the psalmist. "Bless," in this context, means "praise" rather than "bestow favor on," as when God is the one who is blessing.



1. Bless the Lord, my soul, let all that is with - in me bless God's name.
2. God with good does sat - is - fy you; re - news youth like ea - gle's flight
3. Bless the Lord, all heav'n - ly hosts who dwell with God in glo - ry still



1. Bless the Lord, my soul, for - get not all God's mer - cies to pro - claim.
2. God works right - ous - ness and jus - tice for those in op - press - ions plight.
3. You, God's ser - vants, who o - bey God's ev - ery word and do God's will.



1. God for - gives all your trans - gres - sions; God heals all dis - ease you face.
2. The Lord set God's throne in hea - ven, and God's king - dom rules o'er all.
3. Bless the Lord, all of God's works, from ev - ery - where in God's do - main.



1. God re - deems your life fo - ev - er from the pit with love and grace.
2. Bless the Lord, all you God's an - gels; who o - bey God's ev - ry call.
3. Bless the Lord, my soul, let no - thing but God's praise in you re - main.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 12:7-12

Like the book of Daniel, Revelation was written in a time of persecution to comfort the community. This passage describes the event also referred to in the Gospel reading. Michael has traditionally been seen as the archangel charged with fighting (especially to defend God's people), whereas Gabriel is charged with delivering messages.

⁷War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹The 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.

¹⁰Then 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.

¹¹But 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.

¹²Rejoice 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!”

R: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/GRADUAL HYMN



1 O God, whose word well-plant-ed yields fruit a hun-dred-fold,
 2 O God of seed and har-vest, of sun and soil and rain,
 3 O God, your fi-nal har-vest of his-t'ry's an-cient field

we praise your grac-es grant-ed to those who sowed of old,
 at-tend the word we sow, lest its plant-ing be in vain.
 will test with truth the proud-est that hu-man work can yield.

who by their wit-ness scat-tered good seed up-on the soil
 Send show-ers of your Spir-it, bright sun-shine of your grace,
 Op-pres-sion's blight will van-ish, fair free-dom's fruits in-crease;

where oth-ers, reap-ing, gath-ered the har-vest of their toil.
 that mul-ti-tudes who hear it your gos-pel may em-brace.
 and love and joy will flour-ish to clothe the earth with peace.

Lyrics: Hymns 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

*GOSPEL READING – LUKE 10:17-20

After his Transfiguration and first passion prediction, Jesus had sent out 70 of his followers to proclaim the Gospel and heal, at which they were more successful than they had expected. While the event Jesus refers to might be Satan's failed attempt to tempt him at the beginning of his ministry, it is more likely to refer to the once and future cosmic defeat of the Father of Lies.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the tenth chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P: The gospel of the Lord. **A: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

(ELW 693)



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
- 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

INVITATION TO BAPTISM

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

L: We pray for the church and its leaders: for council members and music ministers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Make us faithful messengers of your love in a world hungry for good news. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for the flourishing of all that you have made, for birds and squirrels, spiders and whales, oak trees and humble grasses. Renew prairies and forests, tundra and wetlands, that they sustain all who make their home there. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for the peoples of the world and for their leaders. Where conflict and violence reign, bring peace; wherever there is oppression or discrimination, bring liberation. Guide all in power to protect those who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for all who are suffering this day (*especially*). Accompany people fleeing from danger and encourage all who help them on their journeys. Abide with all who are in prison or detention centers. Reassure them of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for all who question their faith. Fill our dry wells with your living water and reassure all who doubt of your boundless grace. Let us accompany all in discernment with open hearts and tender care. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We offer thanksgiving for our beloved dead especially Lois Corl. At the close of our earthly pilgrimage, gather us with Michael and all the saints and angels into everlasting life in you. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

L: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

A: Amen.

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **A: And also, with you.**

MEAL

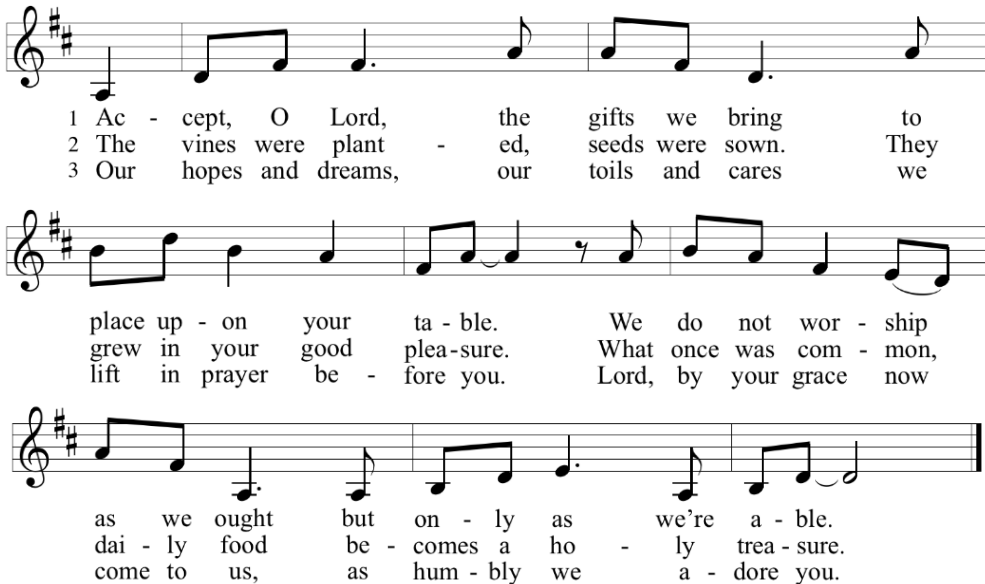
OFFERING

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MUSICAL & HARVEST HOME OFFERING *While the musical offering is being played, you are invited to bring forward your produce and donations for the State College Food Bank.*

***OFFERTORY: "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"**

(OLS 5)



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we

place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
grew in your good plea-sure. What once was com - mon,
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now

as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer
Music: BARK'N' ELLEN, Appalachian traditional
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***OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray. Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field, and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **A: Amen.**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

* DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Through your Son, you taught us that true riches are to be found in loving you rather than earthly treasure. For your glory, and to give us the fullness of life and salvation, Christ emptied himself upon the cross and was raised in power to sit at your right hand. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in adoring song.

*SANCTUS



1. Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the scrip-tures do re-cord, I -
2. High on a throne sat the might-y Lord, robes flow-ing through the hall, while
3. O what a sight it was to see and O what a sound to hear. The



sa - iah to the tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.
six-wing-ed an - gels flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.
tem - ple door-posts shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain (sung by all)



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, God's



glo - ry fills the whole wide earth, God of pow-er and might.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Let the peoples praise you, generous and abundant Creator:
you scatter abroad and give to the poor;
you provide seed to the sower and bread for food;

Let the peoples praise you:
you called Israel to be your chosen people,
to preserve your Word and to scatter it abroad.

Let the peoples praise you:
when time had ripened, you sent that Word, your Son, into the world,
so that all might have life and have it abundantly.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, how he fed the hungry and gave company to outcasts;
how he healed the sick and freed those in bondage;
how he taught and guided those who were seeking you;
how he was handed over and gathered in for our sake;
how he was resurrected as the first fruits of the dead,
and how he promised to return for the great harvest home;
we give you thanks, not as we ought, but as we are able.

Send, we pray, your Spirit to this Meal.
Supply our needs, and those of all your saints,
and fill us until we overflow with thanksgivings.
Empowered by this Meal, enlivened by that Spirit,
move us to glorify you in faithfulness to the Gospel
and in generosity to all in need.

United by your Spirit with all your people,
we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ,

to you, our Source and our Goal,
our Sun and our Shield,
our God now and forever.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has taught us

**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, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

L: Just as this broken bread was first scattered on the hills, then was brought together
and became one, so let your Church be brought together from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom, for yours are the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

A:Amen.

***LAMB OF GOD**

1. O Lamb of God, _____ to earth you came _____ To
2. O Lamb of God, _____ the on - ly Son, _____ To

save us all _____ from grief and shame. _____ Shorn of your life, _____ up -
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. _____ You save the world _____ from

on the tree _____ You hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty. _____
all its sin. _____ Lord, give to us your peace. A - men. _____

COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **A: Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN: "We Praise You For The Life That Stirs" (Prospect)



1 We praise you for the life that stirs when
2 We praise you for the sum - mer sun, for
3 We sing your praise for au - tumn's glow, for
4 We sing your praise through win - ter's night, when
5 We praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and

spring - time warms the sleep - ing earth; but
rip'n - ing grain and length - ened days; but
har - vest yield from spring - time seed; up -
earth in fro - zen si - lence lies, for
praise the Spir - it, with the throng of

most, we praise the grace that lures our
most, we praise you for the Son whose
on our hearts your grace be - stow till
prom - ise of re - turn - ing light, for
saints and an - gels, joined as one in

slum - b'ring souls to love and mirth.
light brings heal - ing in his rays.
faith bears fruit in lov - ing deed.
life in Christ that nev - er dies.
grate - ful, ev - er - last - ing song.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.

Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strength and keep you, body, mind, and soul, now and unto eternal life. **A: Amen**

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE – “O Lord of the Blossom”



1. O — Lord of the blos-som, O God of the seed, O gra-cious pro -
 2. O — Lord of the har-vest, O God of the feast, Where sor-rows are

vi - der for all hu-man need, You have nour-ished our faith at your
 van-quished and joys are in - creased, Where the tree of life grows in your

ta - ble of grace, And nur - tured new life in the light of your face.
 or-chards a - bove, We'll join in the cho-rus in praise of your love.

O Lord of the grain - field, O God of the vine, You've fed us your
 Sing praise to the Fa - ther, Sing praise to the Son, Sing praise to the

pres-ence in bread and in wine. In com-mun - ion you've blest to us
 Spir - it. Praise God, Three in One! You have made us one peo - ple you've

ar - bor and plow, And shown us the Gos - pel, your Word for us now.
 fed by the hand, O Lord of the heav-ens, O God of the land.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy, and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **A: Amen.**

SENDING

*SENDING OF COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may be seated.

*CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN- "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

(ELW 414)



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
set of sun through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900

Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **A: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ABOUT TODAY'S FESTIVAL

A festival dedicated to the honor of the archangel Michael arose in the fifth century in Rome. Michael is not a saint, but in Jewish angelology one of the four archangels who carry out the will of God. The stories about Michael are war scenes, situating him within the final battle between good and evil. The focus of the day has broadened to include thanksgiving for all the angels, who are seen as messengers of the word and will of God.

HISTORY OF TODAY'S FESTIVAL WITH THE HARVEST

Because Michaelmas, an alternate name for today's feast, occurs near the fall equinox, medieval Britain tied this festival to agriculture and the turning of the seasons—making it a rich commemoration for contemporary farming communities. Just as Michael and the angels protect heaven from demons, they also protect human beings from famine and darkness.

As Christians celebrated the fall harvest, their religious services were peppered with prayers to Michael for courage and continued protection as the nights got longer and colder and they prepped food to survive the winter.

CONNECTING THE FESTIVAL WITH THE LITURGY

We sing the “Holy, holy, holy” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 108), a.k.a. “The Sanctus,” as we gather around God’s presence in bread and wine. According to Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 4:8, this song is the continuous praise of the angels.

Many Christians bow when singing the song of the angels because, as Isaiah depicts, the angels do not stare upon God. Christians rise and make the sign of the cross when singing the “Hosanna” because we are to remind ourselves that it is through Jesus that we may look at Divinity.

HARVEST HOME

In Protestant Germany, churches celebrate the harvest on the Sunday closest to September 29. This festival is known by various names. *Erntedankfest* (harvest thanks fest), *Erntfest* (harvest fest), sometimes *Erntfersammlung* (harvest gathering), “Aernkarrich” (harvest festival), and “Aernbreddich” (harvest thanksgiving). While German immigrants continued this celebration in North America, the name was replaced with the English term “Harvest Home.”



DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 29

Complementary Series

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalms 19:7-14 (8)

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

Thursday, October 3

Genesis 20:1-18

Galatians 3:23-29

Psalms 8

Semi-continuous Series

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalms 124 (7)

Monday, September 30

Zechariah 6:9-15

1 Peter 1:3-9

Psalms 5

Friday, October 4

Genesis 21:22-34

Romans 8:1-11

Psalms 8

Tuesday, October 1

Zechariah 8:18-23

1 John 2:18-25

Psalms 5

Saturday, October 5

Genesis 23:1-20

Luke 16:14-18

Psalms 8

Wednesday, October 2

Zechariah 10:1-12

Matthew 18:6-9

Psalms 5



SERVING TODAY

Worship Leader.....Pastor Paul Tomkiel
Assisting Minister.....Lauren Tingle
Pianist.....Michelle McMullen
Sacristan..... Delorse Homan
Reader.....Jeff Muthler

ABOUT ST. PAUL

PURPOSE

We are a beacon, boldly sharing the light of Jesus’ grace and love.

MISSION

Guided by Jesus, we strengthen faith, deepen compassion, extend generosity,
and serve community.

CORE VALUES

Faith ♡ Compassion ♡ Generosity ♡ Community

OUR BIBLE VERSES

As Paul was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. [Jesus said,] ‘Paul is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before the nations.’– Acts 9:3,15

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St. Paul is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Susquehannock people, where we gather for worship this morning. We also acknowledge the Seneca, Cayuga, Lenne Lenape, as well as all of our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place – this land – and call it their home.

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