

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

S. Michael & All Angels (Feast)
(29th September)

The Collect

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 your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

A reading from the book of 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 brethren 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/ This is the Word of the Lord *Response /* **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 103 19 - 22

R/ Bless the Lord, you angels of his.

The Lord has set his throne in heaven,
and his kingship has dominion over all.
Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
and hearken to the voice of his word.

R/ Bless the Lord, you angels of his.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.
Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul.

R/ Bless the Lord, you angels of his.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews [1; 5-14]

To which of the angels did God ever say, ‘You are my Son; today I have begotten you’? Or again, ‘I will be his Father, and he will be my Son’? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, ‘Let all God’s angels worship him.’ Of the angels he says, ‘He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.’ But of the Son he says, ‘Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.’ And, ‘In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.’ But to which of the angels has he ever said, ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet’? Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

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Gradual Hymn

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts,
his servants who do his will.

Alleluia!

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John [1: 47 - 51]

R/ Glory to you, O Lord

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him,
he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'
Nathanael asked him,
'Where did you come 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord: *R/ Praise to you, O Christ.*

AT THE EUCHARIST TODAY:

Hymns: St Arvans: 476; 475; 336; 190

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power,
fulfilling his word, and heeding his voice.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

We offer you a sacrifice of praise , O Lord,
humbly entreating that,
as these gifts are borne by the ministry of angels
into the presence of your majesty,
so you may receive them favourably
and make them profitable for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Celebrant : Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

***Response* : Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
in the presence of the Angels I will praise you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist 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**

Notices

St Arvans: 10am Sung Eucharist

(available to view on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/vicaragecello1>)

St Deiniol, Itton : Holy Eucharist 11.30am

You can find details of services across the whole Ministry Area on our website www.severnwyema.co.uk

The Ministry Area Prayer Group meets every Thursday 7.45pm – 9pm

Future prayer meetings will be held in:

3rd October St. Deiniol, Itton

10th October St. James, Devauden

17th October St. Arvans

24th October St. Tewdric, Mathern

31st October St. Thomas a Becket, Shirenewton

The Ministry Area Bible Study Group meets every Tuesday in Shirenewton Church Rooms at 2.45pm Everyone is most welcome - we are a small and very friendly group, and our study is very practically based: what does the bible mean for the way we should be living our lives today.

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Meditation on Wednesday evening at 7.15pm in St Arvans Church. We meditate for around 20 minutes. Do come and take a few minutes for silent contemplation or prayer in the middle of our busy lives.
