

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The Feast of St. Michael & All Angels

September 29, 2024 – 9:00 AM
Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Service



St. Michael & All Angels – Belmont Abbey, England

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Prelude *Come Now Is the Time to Worship* (instrumental) **by Brian Doerkson**

Gather *Come Now Is the Time to Worship* **by Brian Doerkson**

Verse 1

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Chorus

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues with the Collect of Purity

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.**

Praise *King of Kings* **by Brooke and Scott Ligertwood & Jason Ingram**

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.**

First Reading

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Refiner's Fire

by **Brian Doerkson**

Verse 1

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold

Verse 2

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

Chorus

Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will

Gospel (*standing*)

John 1:47-51

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Chemengich

Faith Song

We Believe in God the Father

by Graham Kendrick

Verse 1

We believe in God the Father
Maker of the universe
And in Christ, His Son, our Saviour
Come to us by virgin birth

We believe he died to save us
Bore our sins, was crucified
Then from death he rose victorious
Ascended to the Father's side

Verse 2

We believe He sends His Spirit
On His church with gifts of power
God, His word of truth affirming
Sends us to the nations now

He will come again in glory
Judge the living and the dead
Every knee shall bow before Him
Then must every tongue confess

Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all **(repeat)**

The Prayers of the People – Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Bp. Daniel, Bp. Emmanuel, Fr. Rodney, Fr. Dave, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph our President, Josh our Governor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Betsy, Ava, Laura, Carol, Millie, Jane, Kathleen, Anthony, Steve, Fred, Christy, Tyler, Steve, Caleb, Patti, Virginia, Polly, Henry, Bernadette, Daniel, Roger, Erin, Giuliano, Brody, Dave, Sean, Gerry, Tom, Mary, Constance, Lilly, Ethan, Joey, Sue, and Eileen.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially Ann Sibson, in whose memory the altar flowers are given by Bill Sibson on the anniversary of her death, eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Matthew, and all your saints who have entered into joy; **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for our church family and preschool; for all first responders and law enforcement, especially Jamie and Justin; for those who serve our nation in the armed forces, especially Steven, Jonathan, Kyle, Justin, Zack, William, and their families; and for those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries. We also pray for the protection of persecuted Christians throughout the world, and that all may come to the knowledge and love of Christ.

Celebrant Let us also pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive ✠ you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace (*all stand*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours) **by Fowler, Sooter & Maher**

Verse

Father let your kingdom come
Father let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned
Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

Bridge

It's yours it's yours
All yours all yours
The kingdom the power
The glory are yours

It's yours it's yours
All yours all yours
Forever and ever
The kingdom is yours

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them 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, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. As you appointed angels to minister in your presence, so may all our worship bring you worthy praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him the archangels sing your praise, the angels fulfil your commands, the cherubim and seraphim continually proclaim your holiness; the whole company of heaven glorifies your name and rejoices to do your will.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus

Holy Holy Holy

arr. by Geoff Weaver

Holy, Holy, Holy
My heart, my heart adores You
My heart knows how to say to You
You are holy Lord

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me.'

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. ✠ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Anthem

You Are My All in All

by Dennis Jernigan

Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your Name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your Name

The Celebrant then faces the People while elevating the Sacrament and says

✠ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion

In Christ Alone

by Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant says the following blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Service Hymn

All the People Said Amen

by Maher, Moak & Morgan

Verse 1

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid
you're not the only
We are all the same, in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Chorus

And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord
for His love never ends
And all the people said amen

Verse 2

If you're rich or poor it don't matter
Weak or strong you know
love is what we're after
We're all broken but
we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit
who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted
and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry
for another start
For this is the kingdom
the kingdom of God - *Chorus*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Many thanks to Bishop Emmanuel and Dorcas Chemengich for worshipping with us this morning! We are blessed by their presence.

THE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS

Mwamba Foundation Visit | This morning we welcome The Rt. Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Chemengich, Bishop of the Diocese of Kitale, and his wife, Dorcas, founders of the Mwamba Foundation. Many of you are familiar with Mwamba, as St. Matthew's has partnered with them for many years to provide secondary school scholarships to children in Kenya. They will worship with us at the **9:00 & 10:30 a.m. services**. Updates on the foundation's work will be provided, and handmade items from Kenya will be available for purchase.

Blessing of the Animals | In celebration of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, animal lovers are invited to bring their pets to be blessed by Fr. Rodney next **Sunday, October 6th at 4 PM** in the upper parking lot. Rain or shine!

Trunk or Treat | Celebrate a spooky good time in the upper parking lot on **Saturday, October 26th at 4 PM**. We are giving you a lot of time to plan, so that you can help us make this a successful event by decorating your trunk! Please let us know if you are participating by going here: tinyurl.com/SMEC-Trunk2024. A prize will be awarded for the best trunk!

OUTREACH

Mattie Dixon Food Cupboard | St. Matthew's parishioners are longtime supporters of this Ambler based organization, and we thank you for all your past support!

Unfortunately, food insecurity remains a critical issue. The Cupboard’s greatest needs right now are for: **BBQ sauce, breakfast bars, cake mix, coffee, tea, granola bars, ketchup, strawberry jelly, taco kits, bleach, dish soap, and laundry detergent.** Offerings can be placed in bins located outside the kitchen or narthex doors. **They do NOT need the following: cereal, tuna, peanut butter, soup, but we do! See below.**

Little Pantry | Thank you to all who donate regularly to help keep our pantry stocked. Unfortunately, even with all of your help, we are **currently in desperate need of paper towels, toilet paper, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, and tuna fish.** Thank you so much for your generosity!

Parish Calendar *for the week of* **September 29th, 2024**

Tuesday, October 1st	7:30 PM	Tuesday Group <i>on Zoom*</i>
Wednesday, October 2nd	10:00 AM	Knit Wits <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
	12:00 PM	Holy Eucharist <i>in the Sanctuary</i>
	7:00 PM	Bible Study <i>on Zoom*</i>
Thursday, October 3rd	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
Sunday, October 6th <i>All services are held in the Sanctuary. 9 AM service is also accessible via Livestream.</i>	7:45 AM	Rite I Holy Eucharist
	9:00 AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist with Contemporary Music
	9:00 AM	CGS Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Weaving God’s Promises <i>in the Rector’s office</i>
	10:00 AM	Coffee Hour <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
	10:30 AM	Rite II Choral Eucharist

*Access Zoom meeting links by going to bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering