

St. Michael and All Angels

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

THREAD: *Praise the Lord who sends his holy angels to protect all of God's servants.*

STAND as directed

OPENING HYMN

The God of Love | 725 CWS

**The God of love, in heav'n above, Has angels 'round his throne,
Down from the sky, their home on high, He sends them to his own,
He sends them to his own.**

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**"Go guard my sheep, their ways to keep, From dangers lurking near.
Protect them all, that none may fall, And keep them free from fear,
And keep them free from fear.**

**At God's command to ev'ry land On earth the angels come.
They do his will and guard us still So we are not alone,
So we are not alone.**

**Dear children all, both great and small, Our dear Lord loves us so.
For ev'rywhere that we may fare, His angels also go,
His angels also go.**

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

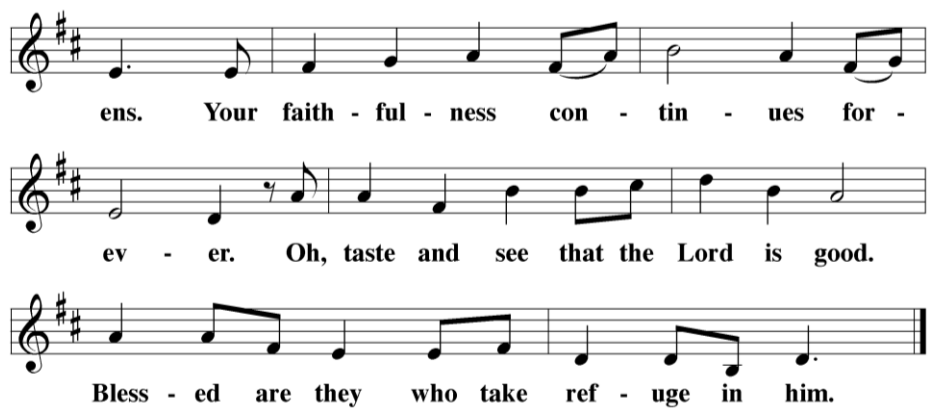
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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 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, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 6:8-17 EHV

We have no reason to fear. We are surrounded by God’s protecting angels. Listen and see! “Don’t be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

⁸ Now when the king of Aram was waging war against Israel, he would make plans with his officials, saying, “My camp will be at such and such a place.”

⁹ But the man of God would send a message to the king of Israel, saying, “Be careful when you pass this place because the Arameans are going down there.” ¹⁰ So the king of Israel would send scouts to the place that the man of God had pointed out. So the man of God warned him, and he was kept safe—and not just once or twice.

¹¹ The king of Aram was enraged because of this. He summoned his officials and said to them, “Won’t you tell me who of us is for the king of Israel?”

¹² One of his officials said, “No, my lord the king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words which you speak in your bedroom.”

¹³ Then he said, “Go and see where he is. Then I’ll send men and capture him.”

He was told, “Dothan is where he is.”

¹⁴ So he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They came at night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵ When the man of God’s servant got up early and went out, there were soldiers, horses, and chariots surrounding the city. So his attendant said to Elisha, “Oh no, my lord! What will we do?”

¹⁶ He answered, “Don’t be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, open his eyes so that he can see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he saw that the hills were full of horses and chariots of fire, all around Elisha.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 91

We live in a very hazardous world. Trust the LORD to keep you safe. His angels serve for our good.

Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High*
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD,*
“He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

Refrain

You will not fear the terror of the night,*
nor the arrow that flies by day.

If you make the Most High your dwelling*,
then no harm will befall you,
no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you*
to guard you in all your ways;

they will lift you up in their hands,*
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning*,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

Revelation 12:7-12 EHV

The angels who despised serving God were overpowered by Michael and God's loyal angels. How comforting. They serve God using their power against the rebel angels fixated on leading us into rebellion.

⁷ There was also a war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon. The dragon fought back along with his angels, ⁸ but he was not strong enough. There was no longer a place for them in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was thrown down—the ancient serpent, the one called the Devil and Satan, the one who leads the whole inhabited earth astray—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰ I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying:

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Christ,
because the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down,
the one who accuses them before our God day and night.

¹¹ They conquered him
because of the blood of the Lamb and

because of the word of their testimony.
 They did not love their lives in the face of death.
 12 For this reason, rejoice, you heavens and those who dwell in them.
 Woe to the earth and the sea,
 for the Devil has gone down to you.
 He is full of rage, because he knows that his time is short.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 103:20 cf.

M: Alleluia. Praise the Lord, you his angels, who obey his word. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-6, 10 EHV

God's angels are impressive in power and skill, but these characteristics do not make one great in God's kingdom. Delight in the fact that they use their gifts in dutiful service to our God who saves us.

M: The Gospel, Matthew Chapter 18

¹ At that time the disciples approached Jesus and asked, "Who then is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ² Jesus called a little child, had him stand in the middle of them, ³ and said, "Amen I tell you: Unless you are turned and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ And whoever receives a little child like this one in my name receives me.

⁶ "But, if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a huge millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

¹⁰ See to it that you do not look down on one of these little ones, because I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

M: This is the Gospel.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken By the devil's seething rage,
Thwarts the plan of Satan's minions; Wins the strife from age to age;
Conquers sin and death forever; Slams them in their steely cage.**

**Michael fought the heav'nly battle, Godly angels by his side;
Warred against the ancient serpent, Foiled the beast, so full of pride,
Cast him earthbound with his angels; Now he prowls, unsatisfied.**

**Long on earth the battle rages, Since the serpent's first deceit
Twisted God's command to Adam, Made forbidden fruit look sweet.
Then the curse of God was spoken: "You'll lie crushed beneath his feet!"**

**Jesus came, this word fulfilling, Trampled Satan, death defied;
Bore the brunt of our temptation, On the wretched tree he died.
Yet to life was raised victorious; By his life our life supplied.**

**Swift as lightning falls the tyrant From his heav'nly perch on high,
As the word of Jesus' vict'ry Floods the earth and fills the sky.
Wounded by a wound eternal Now his judgment has drawn nigh!**

**Jesus, send your angel legions When the foe would us enslave.
Hold us fast when sin assaults us; Come then, Lord, your people save.
Overthrow at last the dragon; Send him to his fiery grave.**

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SERMON – *See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map.*

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING – *The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR PENTECOST

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

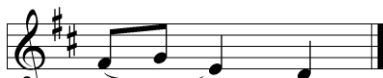
M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.



1 A - round the throne of God a band Of
 2 Some wait a - round him, read - y still To
 3 Lord, give your an - gels ev - 'ry day Com -
 4 Then shall no wick - ed thing draw near To



glo - rious an - gels ev - er stand; Bright
 sing his praise and do his will, And
 mand to guide us on our way, And
 do us harm or cause us fear, And



things they see, sweet harps they hold, And
 some, when he com - mands them, go To
 bid them ev - 'ry eve - ning keep Their
 we shall live, when life is past, With



on guard their heads are crowns of gold.
 guard his ser - vants here be - low.
 watch a - round us while we sleep.
 an - gels round your throne at last.

Silent prayer - Announcements after the close of Service

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