

29th September 2026 Michael and All Angels festival

Michael was the first angel that God created and is the head and leader of all the archangels. Archangel Michael is often shown carrying a flaming sword and this sword is used to protect against harm and evil



Protection Prayer to Archangel Gabriel

Oh, most blessed messenger of Angels, he who is the Warrior of God, he who spoke with Christ's mother Mary, we ask for your blessing.

Please send us the wisdom to understand and accept our Almighty Father and his purpose for our lives. Help to remove the confusion of our thinking so that we may follow His path,

Leader. Lord Jesus Christ,
you said to your disciples,
'I am with you always'.
Be with us today, as we offer ourselves to you.
Hear our prayers for others and for ourselves,
and keep me in your care. **Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of **our** hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify **your** Holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The lord be with you. **And also with you.**

L. And whatever you do,
whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)

Invitation to confession

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Reader. Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. **Amen.**

leader. Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
we pray that you have mercy upon *us*,
pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins,
confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness,
and keep *us* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All. Good Lord, deliver us. Amen**

Gloria

L. Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth, Lord God, heavenly King,
All Almighty God and Father.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Reader. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
All you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

Leader You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

Reader . For you alone are the Holy One,
All, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

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Leader 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. **All Amen.**

Reader. Said Hymn *Angel voices ever singing*

Angel voices ever singing
round Thy throne of light,
angel harps, forever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless Thee
and confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that Thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we feel that Thou art near us
and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

Here, great God, today we offer
of Thine own to Thee;
and for Thine acceptance proffer,
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest melody.

Honor, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity:
of the best that Thou hast given
earth and heaven render Thee.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

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L. May the Lord be in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts as we hear the words of the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John**

All. Glory to you, O Lord. Gospel Mark, 2 13 -23

Jesus Calls Levi and Eats with Sinners

13 Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them.

As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All Praise to you, O Christ.**

L Lord, May the word we have heard,
be planted deeply in our minds and hearts.
Help us not to walk away and forget it,
but to meditate on it and obey it
and build our lives on the rock of your truth. **Amen.**

The Apostles creed The Creed (*We join in with the words in bold*)

L. We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
All of all that is, seen and unseen.

Reader. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
**All God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

L. Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
All Through him all things were made.

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Reader. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,

All and was made man.

**For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

L. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

All and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

Reader. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

All who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.

Reader. He has spoken through the prophets.

All We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

L. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**All We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Let us Pray. Prayers of Intercession

Reader. In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Father in heaven, by his blood your Christ has ransomed us to you,
and has made us a kingdom and priests to you our God.

As the angels minister to you in heaven,
strengthen your Church to serve you here on earth.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Reader. Father in heaven,
when the angels greeted the birth of your Son
they sang for joy 'Glory to God and peace on earth'.
Bless with Christ's peace the nations of the world.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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Leader. Father in heaven, your Son has promised to your children the care of the guardian angels who look upon your face.
Protect by your mercy our neighbours, families and friends.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader. Father in heaven, you give your angels charge over those who trust in you to guard them in all their ways.
Be with those in trouble...,
rescue them and show them your salvation.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Reader.. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body and mind, those that will be given bad news during the coming week, the sick; those caring for others; those finding it hard to care for themselves, for the dying and those who wait with them; give them courage in their troubles;
In a moment of quietness, we name in our hearts those we know or love who are in need or ill at this time.....

Moment of Quiet

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader. Lord we bring before the named sick

May Christs healing hand rest upon them, and give Them wholeness of body, mind and spirit and also give their families peace and comfort
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader. Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would share the banquet of the kingdom.
According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death ...

Moment of Quiet

We pray for past members of this community, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time. We pray that those left behind may find comfort in your never ending Grace.

LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
AND RISE IN GLORY

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Father, we rejoice all our prayers in fellowship with St Matthew,
St Micheal, all the saints, with those of our Blessed Mother.
In your unfailing love for us, hear and answer our prayers through your
Son, as we honour his mother and say:

All Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Merciful Farther Please accept these prayers For the Sake of your Son
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN

The Peace

Leader, Hear again the song of the angels:
'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.'
May the peace of the lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Take a moment

PRAYER OF Spiritual Communion

L. The Lord be with you **All.** and also with you.

L. It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

All. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

L. Lift up your hearts. **All.** We lift them to the Lord.

L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All. It is right to give thanks and praise.

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Leader. Pour out your Holy Spirit
The Light of God surrounds us;
The Love of God enfolds us;
The Power of God protects us;
The Presence of God watches over us;
All. Wherever we are, --God is----

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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 them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Jesus Said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8.12*

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Leader Let us say together the prayer of the act of Spiritual communion.
Jesus, we believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
We love You above all things, and desire to receive You into our souls.
Since we cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into our hearts.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Leader Be still and rest in the love of God.
Soul of Christ,- **sanctify me.**
Body of Christ,- **save me.**
Blood of Christ, -**inebriate me.**
Water from the side of Christ,- **wash me.**
Passion of Christ, -**strengthen me.**

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L. O good Jesu, hear us.

Within your wounds hide us.

Suffer us not to be separated from you.

From the malicious enemy defend us.

All In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you,
that with St Matthew and all your Saints O most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day Amen.

L. Leader, Lord of heaven,
in this Spiritual Communion you have brought us near to an innumerable
company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**
Almighty God, keep us united with all our brothers and sisters here at St
Matthews and throughout the church.

**Bind us together in Word, Sacrament and Love, until we are
reunited again in Your church. . Amen.**

Moment of Silence

Leader The Lord be with you. **All:** And also with you

Reader. Loving Father,
we thank you for sustaining us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen,**

NOTICES .

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Leader. Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

Reader . From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

Leader. God, you are everything to us,
giving us life,
filling us with love,
and setting us free from sin
that we might live in you.
We Pray that you Accept the work of our hands this day,
give us your peace
and renew us in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen..**

Leader. Let us go in peace.
We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. **Amen.**

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• **Goodbyes**

Leader. Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Loud Response by All. I come to Christ.

Leader. Christ we pray you give us grace to grow in holiness,
to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow you,

**All. and that the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the son and
the Holy Spirit will be among us and remain with us, always. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord **All. Thanks be to God**

and **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all ever more.**