



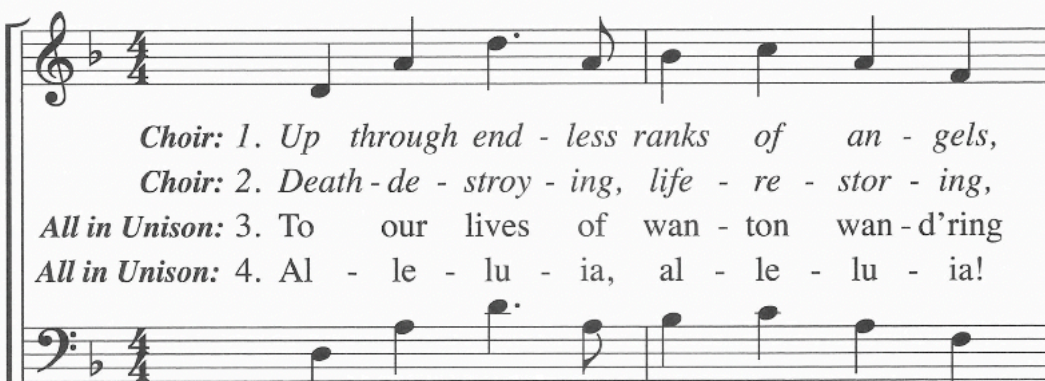
St. Michael and All Angels
September 30, 2026
10:30 am

Preservice Music

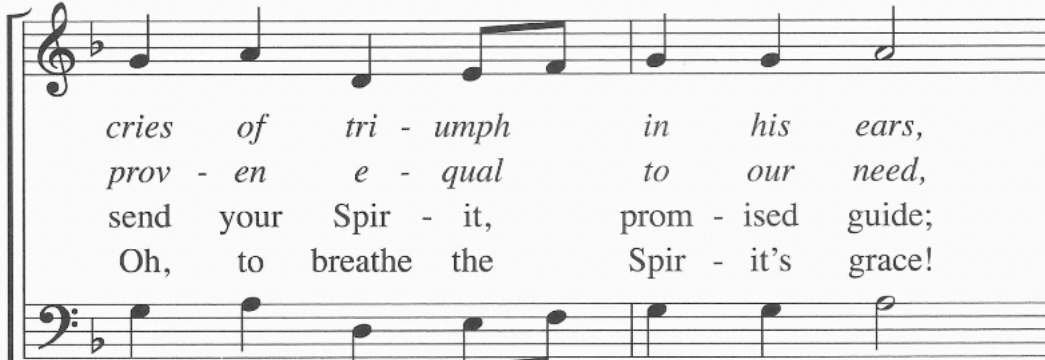
Opening Hymn

Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

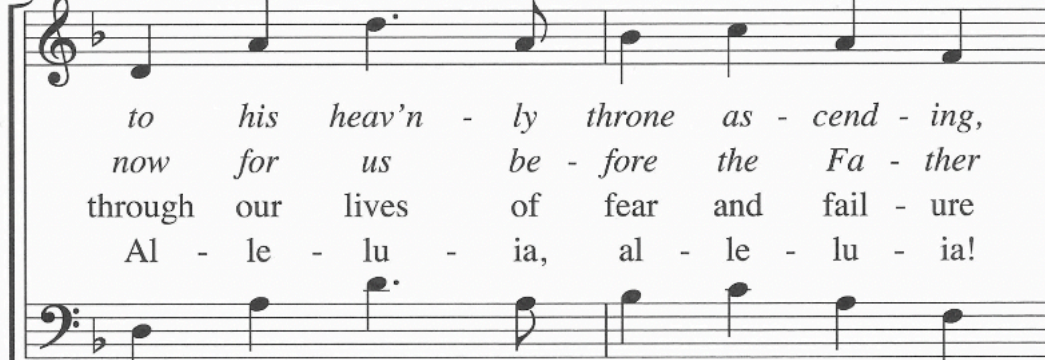
Arr. Michael Burkhardt



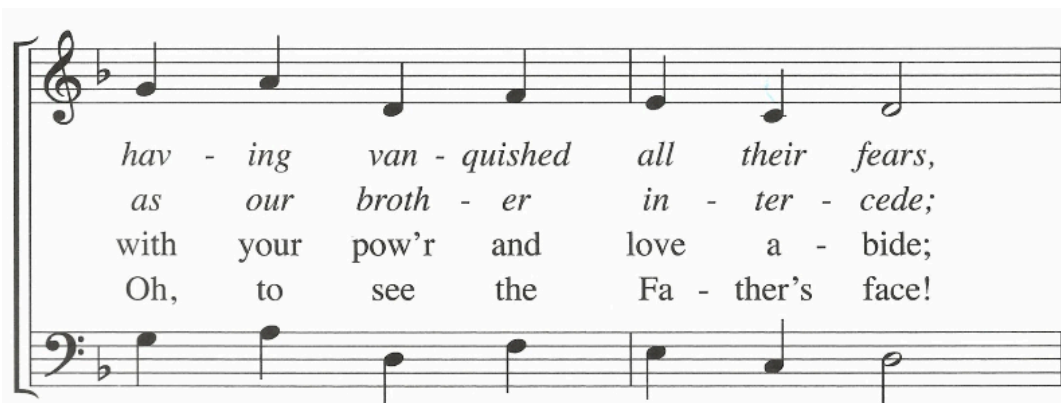
Choir: 1. Up through end - less ranks of an - gels,
Choir: 2. Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing,
All in Unison: 3. To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring
All in Unison: 4. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



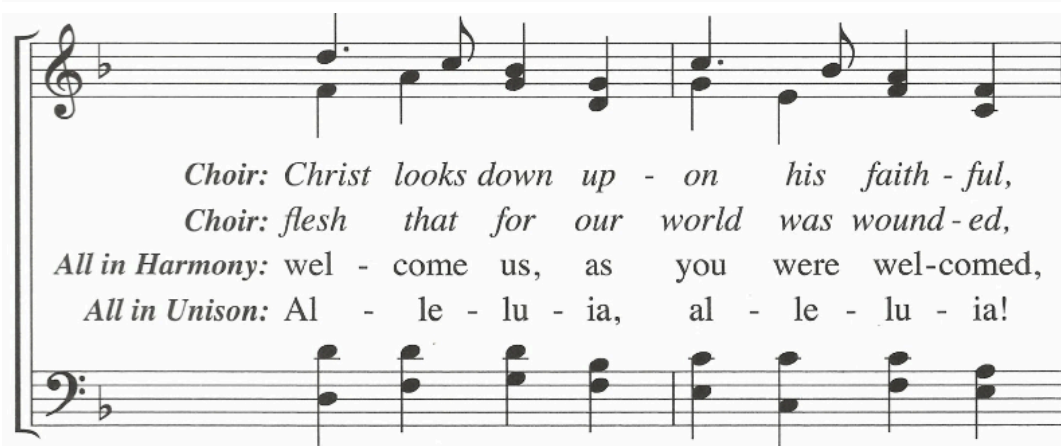
cries of tri - umph in his ears,
prov - en e - qual to our need,
send your Spir - it, prom - ised guide;
Oh, to breathe the Spir - it's grace!



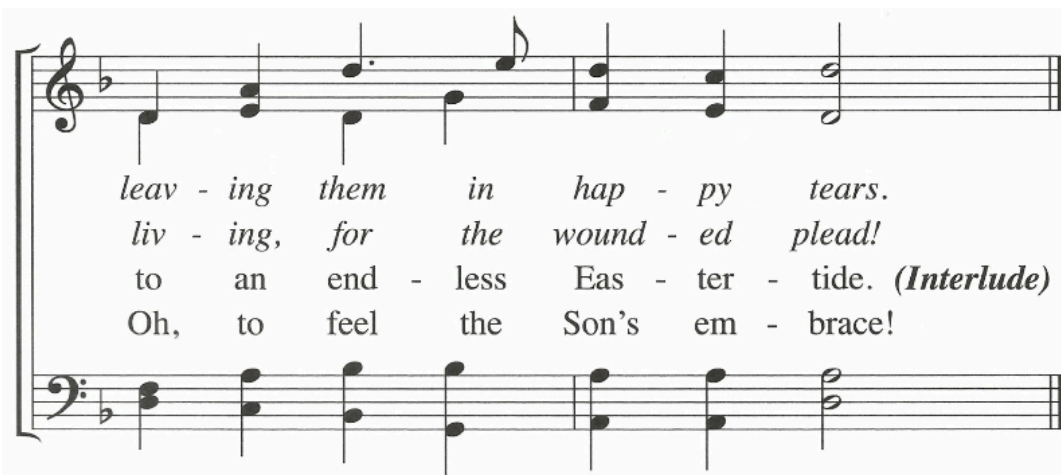
to his heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,
now for us be - fore the Fa - ther
through our lives of fear and fail - ure
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



hav - ing van - quished all their fears,
as our broth - er in - ter - cede;
with your pow'r and love a - bide;
Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face!



Choir: Christ looks down up - on his faith - ful,
Choir: flesh that for our world was wound - ed,
All in Harmony: wel - come us, as you were wel - come,
All in Unison: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



leav - ing them in hap - py tears.
liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!
to an end - less Eas - ter - tide. (*Interlude*)
Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

All Glory Be to God on High

Arr. John Behnke

The choir sings stanza 3 and an interlude between each stanza.



- 1 All glo - ry be to God on high and thanks for all his
- 2 We praise and laud and wor - ship you; we give you thanks for -
- 3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son, be - got - ten of the
- 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light and source of con - so -



fa - vor; no harm can touch or ter - ri - fy a child of
ev - er, O Fa - ther, for your rule is true and just and
Fa - ther, your sav - ing death has made us one with God and
la - tion, pro - tect us from the dev - il's might thro' Je - sus,



God for - ev - er. God shows his good and gra - cious will and
chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, your might - y reign ful -
with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to you on high in
our sal - va - tion, who by his death up - on a tree has



grants his peace, the world to fill; all strife at last has end - ed.
fills what - ev - er you or - dain; Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!
our dis - tress we sin - ners cry: have mer - cy on us, a - men!
res - cued us from mis - er - y: to this we hold for - ev - er.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

Be seated

Reading

Revelation 12:7–12

⁷Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“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 brothers and sisters,
who accuses them before our God day and night,
has been hurled down.

¹¹They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.

¹²Therefore rejoice, you heavens
and you who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
because the devil has gone down to you!
He is filled with fury,
because he knows that his time is short.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Luke 10:17–20

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

¹⁸He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

1 Lord God, to you we give all praise, with grate - ful
 2 They shine with light and heav'n - ly grace and con - stant -
 3 They nev - er rest nor sleep as we; their whole de -
 4 The an - cient drag - on is their foe; his en - vy

hearts our voic - es raise that an - gel hosts you did cre -
 ly be - hold your face. They heed your voice, they know it
 light is but to be with you, Lord Je - sus, and to
 and his wrath they know. It al - ways is his aim and

ate a - round your glo - rious throne to wait.
 well; in god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.
 keep your lit - tle flock, your lambs and sheep.
 pride your Chris - tian peo - ple to di - vide.

5 As he of old deceived the world
 and into sin and death has hurled,
 so now he subtly lies in wait
 to undermine both Church and state.

7 But watchful is the angel band
 that follows Christ on ev'ry hand
 to guard his people where they go
 and break the counsel of the foe.

6 A roaring lion, round he goes,
 no halt nor rest he ever knows;
 he seeks the Christians to devour
 and slay them by his dreadful pow'r.

8 O Lord, awaken songs of praise
 for angel hosts that guard our days;
 teach us to serve you and adore
 as angels do forevermore.



Stand

Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

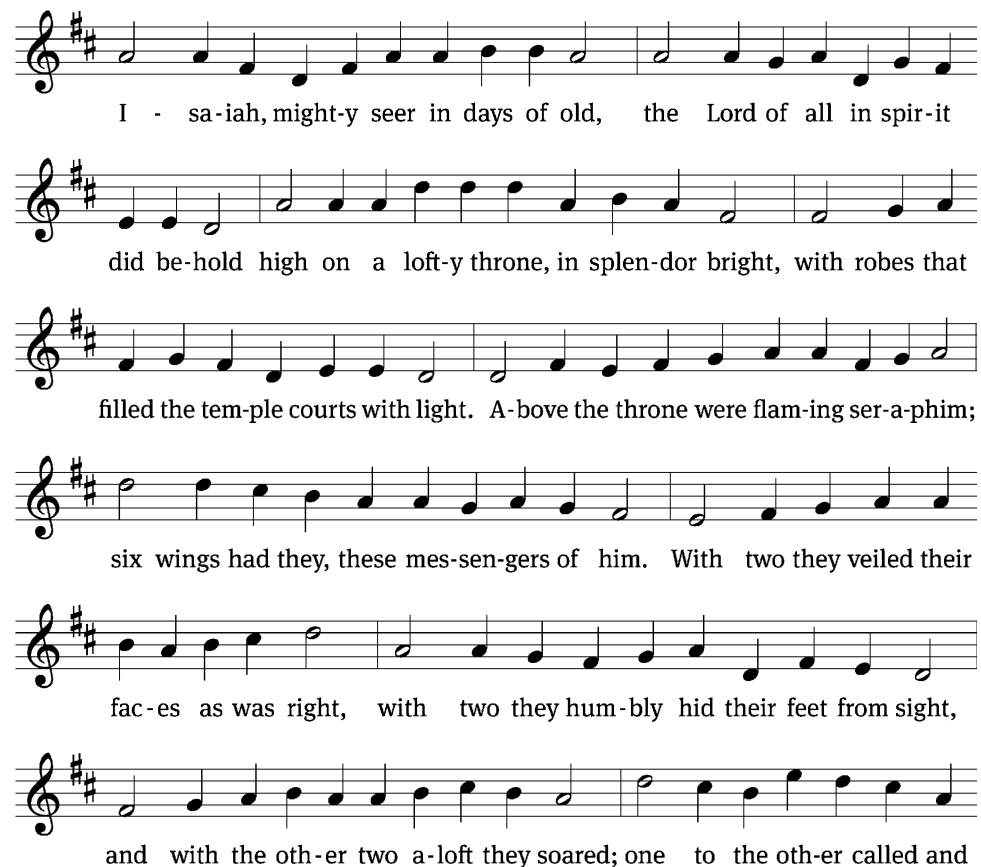
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, at whose bidding the holy angels carry out your good and gracious will as they are sent forth to serve those who will inherit salvation. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

After the short introduction, join to sing:

Isaiah, Mighty Seer



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, the Lord of all in spir-it

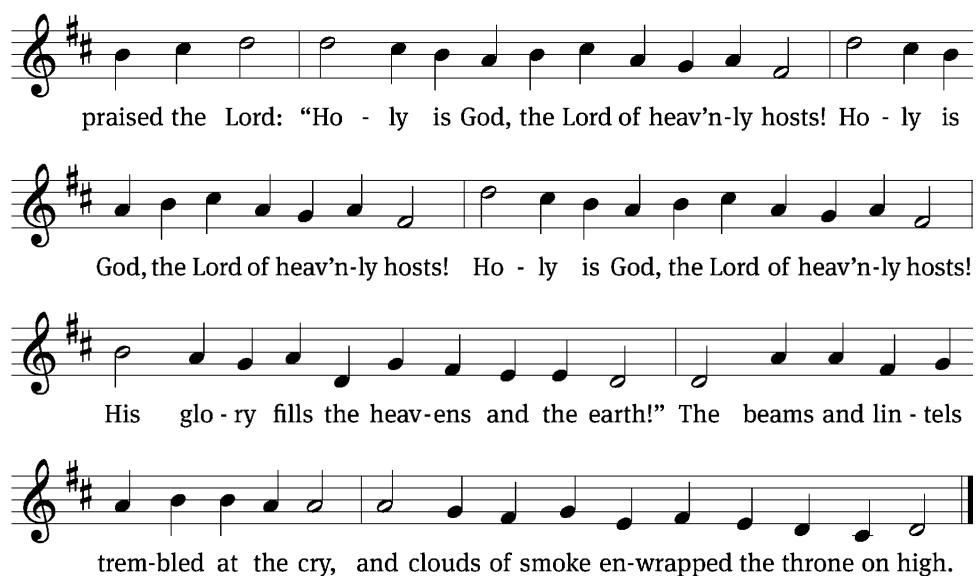
did be-hold high on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, with robes that

filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;

six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of him. With two they veiled their

fac-es as was right, with two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,

and with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; one to the oth-er called and



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

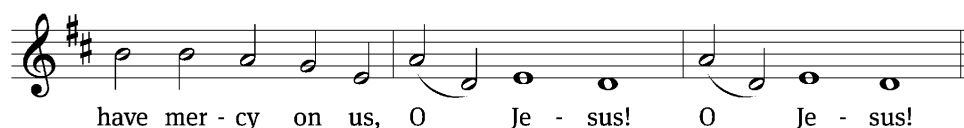
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



Be seated

Distribution

The Lord's Supper will be served by tables. At the direction of the ushers, approach one of the tables. Please form a line behind the table communing.

If you need a gluten-free wafer, they are available on the table in the center aisle.

Distribution Anthem

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Edward Bairstow

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and stand with fear and trembling,
and lift itself above all earthly thought.
For the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Christ our God,
cometh forth to be our redemption,
and to be given for food to the faithful.
Before him come the choirs of angels,
with every principality and power;
the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim,
who veil their faces as they shout exultantly the hymn,
Alleluia.

Distribution Hymn

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken | CW 499



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un-shak - en by the dev - il's
 2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, god - ly an - gels
 3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, since the ser - pent's
 4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions,
 by his side; warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
 first de - ceit twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
 death de - fied; bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



wins the strife from age to age; con - quers sin and
 foiled the beast, so full of pride, cast him earth - bound
 made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
 on the wretch - ed tree he died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er, slams them in their steel - y cage.
 with his an - gels; now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
 God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath his feet!"
 raised vic - to - rious, by his life our life sup - plied.

5 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!

6 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.

Distribution Hymn

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness | CW 663



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; leave be -
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, and with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure nei - ther
 4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, filled with



hind all gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day-light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet him, for with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure, but the price - less gifts of
 joy most deep and ho - ly, as with trem - bling awe and



splen - dor; there with joy your prais - es ren - der
 mor - tal he is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 won - der on your might - y work I pon - der,



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed has this won - drous
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore him, say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, naught would buy the
 by such mys - ter - y sur - round - ed, depths that no one



sup - per found - ed. He, though reign - ing high and
 there a - dore him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 ev - er sound - ed. None may dare to pierce un -



ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive you, that I nev - er - more will leave you.
 riv - en, and his blood, for you once giv - en.
 bid - den se - crets that with you are hid - den.

5 Human reason, though it ponders,
cannot fathom these great wonders,
that Christ's body must be boundless
since the souls it feeds are countless,
and that he his blood is giving
with the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded
are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
you have left your throne in heaven
on the cross for me to languish
and to die in bitter anguish,
to forgo all joy and gladness
and to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
fount of life, my soul inspiring:
at your feet I cry, my maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven
for our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven,
help me when this meal is given
to receive it for my blessing
as I come, my sins confessing.
In this supper let me measure,
Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,
that, as I on earth have eaten,
I may be your guest in heaven.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Postlude

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister

Rev. Jacob Behnken

Preacher

Rev. Benjamin Schaefer

Organist

Kathryn Carlovsky

Chorale

Prof. Jon Hermanson

Trumpet

Norah Jaeger

Elijah Vik

Trombone

Benjamin Gumm

Nicholas Paul

Percussion

Robin Knutson

About the Service

“Feasts” or “festivals” were times of great rejoicing in the Middle Ages. In an age where backbreaking work from sunup to sundown was the rule, a special religious festival could provide some time off for worship and relaxation—even in the middle of a week. One popular festival in Lutheran churches was the festival of St. Michael and All Angels. (Michael is the only archangel mentioned in the Bible.) This festival has been celebrated in Germany since AD 813 and in England since AD 1019. St. Michael and All Angels has remained a popular festival in the Lutheran Church throughout her history.

This festival does not praise or worship angels. Instead, it is meant to thank God for his gift of angels—much like we thank God for the harvest at Thanksgiving, or for another year of grace at New Year.

We live in dangerous times. Thank God for the protection that his angels provide. In an age where angels are often misunderstood, it is good to hear what Scripture has to say about these ministering spirits who do our Lord’s bidding!

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