

Celebrant: We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, “Take and 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.” In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour’s sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

All Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

All: Give us this bread for ever.

Celebrant: I am the vine, you are the branches.”

All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion: Eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of angels. May we who come under their protection, like them give you continual service and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

May the God of heaven and earth shower his grace and favor upon you. **Amen**

May he always send his holy angels to minister to you in your times of need. **Amen**

May you stand with the saints and all the angels of heaven before Christ's eternal throne. **Amen**

And may God almighty, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

Closing Hymn CP 425 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee “

Liturgy of the Angels for St. Michael and All Angels

Sentence: Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will. (Psalm 103.21)

Hymn CP 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

Dialog of the Angels:

P. Bless the Lord, all you multitude of angels.

All. Bless the Lord, O inhabitants of earth.

P. God sends forth his angels for divine service:

All. To serve those who are to inherit salvation.

P. The Lord commands the angels concerning you:

All. To watch and guard you in all your ways.

P. When the Son of Man comes with the clouds:

All. He will order his angels to gather the elect.

P. Then 'round the throne we all shall gather:

All. And sing with all the heavenly host: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!"

Collect: Eternal God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Grant that as your holy angels stand before you in heaven, so at your command 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, now and for ever.

Proclamation of the Word

Genesis 28.10–17

Psalm 103

Revelation 12.7–12

Gradual Hymn “We are Standing on Holy Ground”

We are standing on holy ground and I know there are angels all around.

Let us praise, Jesus now, we are standing in his presence on holy ground

Gospel: John 1.47–51

Sermon

The Nicene Creed: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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

Litany of the Angels: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth and all the orders of creation. He created humankind to have dominion upon the earth, and he created the angels to serve as guardians and messengers of his holy word of love and salvation. Let us pray to the Lord of the angels for all our needs and the needs of people everywhere. Almighty God, we thank you for the wonder of your creation and the variety of orders within it. We thank you for your servants, the angels, whom you send to us on our behalf. Above all we thank you for your Son, enthroned above the cherubim, for the salvation which he bought us by his blood.

All: We praise you, O God.

As you sent angels in dreams to visit Jacob and Joseph with messages of your will, help us also to know your will for our lives and lead us to do it.

All: Lord, send us your holy angels.

As you sent angels to rescue Lot and his family in Sodom and to save Hagar and Ishmael in the wilderness, so rescue us in our times of need and adversity.

All: Lord, send us your holy angels.

As the angel of the Lord stood between the people of Israel and the Egyptians at the Red Sea, so stand between us and our enemies, and lend us your guard and protection.

All: Lord, send us your holy angels.

As the angel went before the Israelites to lead them through the wilderness into the promised land, so send an angel before us that we might follow your path of righteousness into your promised kingdom.

All: Lord, send us your holy angels.

Make us as welcoming of strangers as Abraham and Sarah, who received and entertained angels unaware.

All: Hear our prayer.

Give us eyes that are as open as Balaam and his donkey to see the wonder of your angels standing before us.

All: Hear our prayer.

Guard our children with your guardian angels as they venture into life without us, and bring them to faith in the Christ who received the little children.

All: Hear our prayer.

Send holy Michael, the archangel, great defender of the faithful, to be our defender in times of trouble and temptation.

All: Good Lord, deliver us.

Send your archangel Gabriel, holy bearer of glad tidings, to bring us your word and to help us to understand it.

All: Good Lord, redeem us.

Send your archangel Raphael, great healer of your people, to bring healing and health to all our diseases and distresses.

All: Good Lord, heal us.

And at the last, send forth your trumpeting angels to waken us from our sleep and take us to your heavenly kingdom.

All: Good Lord, save us.

Holy God, mighty Lord, King of the universe, in your goodness and by your grace, you show favor to your people by giving us your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and by sending your holy angels to minister to us as they ministered to him in the wilderness. For all this, we thank you. And we ask that you would hearken to our prayers, so that we might praise your holy name in one voice with all the host of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen

Prayers for Others

Confession

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Peace

Offertory Hymn CP 320 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Offertory Prayer: Let us pray. Holy Lord,

As the angels in heaven bring prayers and offerings before your holy altar, so we offer ourselves, our time and our possessions. May Christ our High Priest commend them to you that they may be acceptable. Amen

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3 (S3)

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.