

September 29 2024 — 9:30 am Service of Holy Communion  
St Michael & All Angels *and* Truth & Reconciliation

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**Prelude** Nearer, My God, to Thee (L.Mason)

**Opening Sentence**

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will. — Psalm 103.21

**Processional** [CP 323 Ye Holy Angels Bright](#)

1 Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song, for else the theme  
too high doth seem for mortal tongue.

2 Ye blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released, behold the Saviour's face,  
your praises sound, as in God's sight  
with sweet delight ye do abound.

3 Ye saints, who toil below, adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing;  
in God rejoice, and thus proclaim  
the holy name with sounding voice.

4 My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days till life shall end,  
whate'er God send, be filled with praise.

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Land Acknowledgement**

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishinabek (ah- nish-nah-bek) Nation, the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-sho-nee) Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog (skoo-gog), Hiawatha (hi-ah-wah-tha) and Alderville First Nations and the Métis (may-tee) Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923.

We recognize the enduring presence of indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

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

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* **to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
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.**

**Glory to God** [CP 702](#)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, 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.

### **The Collects**

*Celebrant* 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.

Creator God,  
from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.  
You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love,  
and empowered us by your Spirit  
to speak the truth in love,  
and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.  
Mercifully grant that your people,  
journeying together in partnership,  
may be strengthened and guided  
to help one another  
to grow into the full stature of Christ,

who is our light and our life.  
Amen.

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**First Reading**                      Genesis 28:10-17                      Marlee

*Reader*                      A reading from the book of Genesis:

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 stairway 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."

*Reader*                      The word of the Lord;

*All*                      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 103:19-22**

*Refrain* Praise God, O my soul.

O God, you have set your throne in heaven, and your majesty rules over all.

Praise God, you holy angels, mighty and obedient ones,  
who hearken to the voice of your Creator.    *Refrain*

Praise God, all you hosts of heaven, you ministers who serve in faithfulness.

Praise God, all things that are made, wherever God rules,  
praise God, O my soul.                      *Refrain*

**Second Reading**                      Revelation 12:7-12                      Maurice

*Reader*                      A reading from the Revelation to St John:

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming,

"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 has been thrown down,

who accuses them day and night before our God.  
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.  
Rejoice then, you heavens  
and those who dwell in them!  
But woe to the earth and the sea,  
for the devil has come down to you with great wrath  
because he knows that his time is short!"

The word of the Lord; *All*     **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn** [CP 712 Alleluia v 3](#)

#### *Refrain*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Blessed are you, O Lord of creation,  
revealing your kingdom to the humble and weak.

#### **Gospel Reading**

John 1:47-51

Ron

*Reader*     The Lord be with you.

*All*            **And also with you.**

*Reader*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

*All*            **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Reader*     When Creator Sets Free saw Creator Gives walking toward him, he said, "Look, a true descendant of Wrestles with Creator! There is nothing false in him."

Creator Gives asked him, "How do you know me?"

Creator Sets free smiled and said, "Before Friend of Horses found you, I saw you under a fig tree."

"Wisdom Keeper!" Creator Gives answered. "You are the Son of the Great Spirit and the Chieftain of the tribes of Wrestles with Creator!"

"You believe me because I said I saw you under the fig tree?" he said to him. "I speak truth from my heart. You will see much more than this! You will see the sky open wide and the spirit-messengers from Creator climbing up and down a great ladder. On the True Human Being they will climb from the spirit-world above to the earth below and back again."

*Reader*     The Gospel of Christ;

*All*            **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON**     Maria+

#### **Apostles' Creed**

*Celebrant*     Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*All*            **I believe in God,  
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Cathy

*Leader* God of our Ancestors,  
who holds the spirits of our grandmothers and grandfathers  
and the spirits of our grandchildren,  
remembering the children,  
we now pledge ourselves to speak the truth,  
and with our hearts and our souls  
to act upon the truth we have heard of the injustices lived,  
of the sufferings inflicted,  
of the tears cried, of the misguided intentions imposed,  
and of the power of prejudice and racism  
which were allowed to smother the sounds and laughter of  
the forgotten children.  
Hear our cries of lament for what was allowed to happen,  
and for what will never be.  
In speaking and hearing and acting upon the truth  
may we as individuals and as a nation  
meet the hope of a new beginning.

Great Creator God,  
who desires that all creation live in harmony and peace,  
remembering the children  
we dare to dream of a path of reconciliation  
where apology from the heart leads to healing of the heart  
and the chance of restoring the circle,  
where justice walks with all,  
where respect leads to true partnership,  
where the power to change comes from each heart.  
Hear our prayer of hope,  
and guide this country of Canada  
on a new and different path. **Amen**

*Leader* Continuing with our petitions, let us pray to the Lord,  
saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the whole People of God, in particular the Church of Pakistan (United); ReCharge Youth  
Retreat and youth ministries of the Diocese; and Holy Trinity School, Richmond Hill, the Rev'd

Canon Stephen Crowther, Chaplain; that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

*All*            **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader*        For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

*All*            **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader*        For our families and friends, including, in our parish cycle of prayer, John & Eleanor Carrington, Edward Carter, Jean Challoner, Jason Chin-Yee, Ross & Sharon Chin-Yee, Hewley & Merle Chung, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

*All*            **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader*        For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored; for those engaged in the trials of aging, especially the residents of Amica Bayview, Chartwell Oak Ridges, Delmanor Richmond Hill, Glynwood, and Richmond Hill Retirement Homes; for our members Suzanne Barwell, Jean Glionna, Cleo Simpson, Keith Smith, Irva Smith, Ray Downer, Kaynaz Zaeeh, and those whom we name in our hearts now..., that the Lord will sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

*All*            **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader*        For Charles our King, for our leaders Justin and Doug, for the the cities of Vaughan and Markham, and for our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

*All*            **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader*        For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*All*            **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*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*

*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.

*All* **Amen**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a sign of peace.*

### **The Offertory**

**Hymn** [CP 576 For the Healing of the Nations](#)

1 For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us, Father, into freedom; from despair you world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice, may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* God of glory,  
as you have appointed angels to minister in your presence,  
so may all our worship bring you worthy praise.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

*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* Blessed are you, Gracious God,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
because, in the mystery you disclose to us,  
you reveal your glory as the glory of your Son and the Holy Spirit:  
three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour,  
yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory.  
Therefore with all the company of heaven  
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,** CP 719

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.  
On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
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."



*All* Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.  
We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.  
In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

*All* **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of Bread**

*Celebrant* "I am the bread which has come down from Heaven," says the Lord.

*All* **Give us this bread for ever.**

### **The Communion**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

We worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you,

enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, empowered by your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven.

**Communion Hymn**                    [CP 535 As Jacob with Travel Was Weary](#)

**Anthem**                    Creating God, Your Fingers Trace (J.Haydn)

**Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.  
                  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.

*All*                    **Amen.**

**Doxology**

*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.**

**The Blessing**

*Celebrant*    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.

*All*                    **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Recessional**    [CP 330 O Praise Ye the Lord](#)

1 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height;  
rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light;  
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him in brightness arrayed.

2 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth;  
in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth;  
praise God who hath brought you all grace from above,  
praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.

3 O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord re-echo around;  
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone,  
and sweet harp, the story of what he has done.

4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song  
be ever outpoured all ages along;  
for love in creation, for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go forth in peace and trust to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** The Royal Banners (J.Mansfield)