



ST ANDREW'S
* CATHEDRAL *
ABERDEEN

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Andrew

We hope that you enjoy worshipping with us today. Please join us for tea and coffee after the service. If you are visiting, please do stay and ask a member of the congregation for directions.

SOLEMN EUCHARIST

10.45 am, Sunday 29 September 2019

St Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas)

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev'd Canon Neil Brice

Organist and Director of Music: Professor Andrew Morrisson
The Cathedral Choir

Mass Setting

Herbert Sumsion, *Communion Service in F*

Organ voluntary

Johannes Brahms, *O Gott, Du frommer Gott*

Processional Hymn 478 (NEH)

(Words: John Athelstan Riley, co-editor of the English Hymnal. Music: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*, adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams from an Easter hymn in *Auserlesen Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1623)

1 YE watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
 Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
 Alleluia!

2 O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
 Lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
 Alleluia!

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song,
 Alleluia!

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
 Alleluia!

(Note: verse 2 of the hymn refers to the Mother of the Lord)

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. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 28:10-17 (NRSV)

read by Tamunotonye Dikibo

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 ladder 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.”

Psalm 103 (vv. 19-22) Chant South

19 The Lord hath prepared his | seat in | heaven : and his kingdom | ruleth | over | all.

20 O praise the Lord ye angels of his, ye that ex|cel in | strength : ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken | unto the | voice of his | words.

21 O praise the Lord all | ye his | hosts : ye servants of | his that | do his | pleasure.

22 O speak good of the Lord all ye works of his, in all places of | his do|minion :
praise thou the | Lord | O my | soul.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the | Holy | Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be : world without | end.
A|---|men.

New Testament: Revelation 12:7-12 (NRSV)

read by Stephanie Brock

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 comrades 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!”

Gradual Hymn 191 (NEH)

(Words: J.M. Neale, priest, liturgist and prolific hymn writer and translator. Music: Solothurn, a traditional Swiss melody, from *Frohe Lieder für Deutsche Männer*)

1 Around the throne of God a band
Of glorious angels ever stand,
Bright things they see, sweet harps
they hold,
And on their heads are crowns of
gold.

2 Some wait around him, ready still
To sing his praise and do his will,
And some, when he commands them, go
To guard his servants here below.

3 Lord, give thy angels every day
Command to guard us on our way,
And bid them every evening keep
Their watch around us while we sleep.

4 So shall no evil thing draw near
To do us harm, or cause us fear;
And we shall dwell, when life is past,
With angels round thy throne at last.

Gospel: John 1:47-51 (NRSV)

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Offertory Hymn 193 (t. ii, NEH)

(Words: St Joseph the Hymnographer, a 9th century Sicilian who founded a monastery in Constantinople, *Tr* J. M. Neale. Music: Henry Thomas Smart, *Trisagion*)

- 1 Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright,
Filled with celestial resplendence and light;
These that, where night never followeth day,
Raise the Trisagion ever and ay:
- 2 These are thy counsellors: these dost thou own,
God of Sabaoth! the nearest thy throne;
These are thy ministers; these dost thou send,
Help of the helpless ones, man to defend.
- 3 These keep the guard, amidst Salem’s dear bowers:
Thrones, Principalities, Virtues, and Powers:
Where with the Living Ones, mystical Four,
Cherubim, Seraphim, bow and adore.
- 4 “Who like the Lord?”—thunders Michael, the Chief:
Raphael, “the Cure of God,” comforteth grief:
And, as at Nazareth, prophet of peace,
Gabriel, “the Light of God,” bringeth release.

5 Then, when the earth was first poised in mid-space,—
Then, when the planets first sped on their race,—
Then, when were ended the six days' employ,—
Then all the sons of God shouted for joy.

6 Still let them succour us; still let them fight,
Lord of angelic hosts, battling for right!
Till, where their anthems they ceaselessly pour,
We with the Angels may bow and adore!

Communion motet:

Tomás Luis de Victoria, *Tibi Christe splendor Patris*

Post-Communion Hymn 336 (NEH)

(Words: Francis Pott, Church of England priest. Music: E.G. Monk, *Angel Voices*)

1 Angel voices ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel-harps, for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee
And confess thee Lord of might.

2 Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us
And wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

3 For we know thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure all combine.

4 In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer,
All unworthily,
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
In our choicest psalmody.

5 Honour, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity:
Of the best which thou hast given
Earth and heaven render thee

Organ Voluntary:

Hendrik Andriessen, *Thema met Variaties*

CHORAL EVENSONG

6.30 pm

St Michael and All Angels

Organist and Director of Music: Professor Andrew Morrisson
Choral Scholars and Lay Clerks

Organ voluntary before the service: J.S. Bach, *Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich*

Introit: William Harris, *Holy is the True Light*

Responses: Humphrey Clucas

Psalm: 78 vv 1-17 Ch Mann, Cooke

Office Hymn: 190 (t.ii, NEH)

First Lesson: Daniel 12, *read by Sam Paul*

Second Lesson: Revelation 8:2-end, *read by Carole Clarke*

Canticles: William Byrd, *Second Service*

Anthem: Richard Dering, *Factum est silentium* (There was silence in heaven /
When the dragon fought with the Archangel Michael)

Prayers

Hymn: 475 (NEH)

Organ Voluntary: Johannes Brahms, *Herzlich thut mich erfreuen*

LET US PRAY

In the Cathedral community we pray for Helena Thomas, Yvonne Craik, Moira Paterson, Jean Souter, Ravi Garg and Gordon Smith.

We praise God for those who mark a blessing this week with a birthday or an anniversary.

We remember those whom we love but see no longer, and those whose year's mind occurs this week.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and for the Most Rev'd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St Mary's Church, Carden Place, Aberdeen, and for its Rector, the Rev'd Terry Taggart, and the Assistant Priest, the Rev'd Jason Hobbs.

In the Porvoo Prayer Diary we pray for the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon of the Church in Wales, and for the Most Rev'd John Davies, Archbishop; and for the Diocese of Leicester in the Church of England, and its Bishops, the Rt Rev'd Martyn Snow, and the Rt Rev'd Guli Francis-Dehqani.

EVENTS AND SERVICES

29 September (Today) **Choral Evensong** at 6.30 pm (see page 7 of this booklet).

1 October **The Fellowship Group** meets in the John Skinner Centre on Tuesdays at 6pm for discussion and conversation.

2 October **Wednesday Holy Communion**, 10 am.

5 October **Cathedral at Noon**, 12 pm: Rae Jappy, Traditional Scottish Music.

6 October **Holy Communion** at 8 am

Solemn Eucharist (Harvest Thanksgiving) at 10.45 am

Concert by Capella Nova at 7.30 pm: tickets £10, concession £5, students and children free entry.

10 October **Bingo night** at 7 pm, £3.

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