

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

The Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!

A candle may be lit and silence is kept.

Opening Prayer

God of our days and years, we set this time apart for you.

Form us in the likeness of Christ, so that our lives may glorify you. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all people.

Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

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.**

The Absolution

May the God who loved the world so much

that he sent his Son to be our Saviour

forgive *US OUR* sins,

and make *US* holy to serve him in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,

ruler and judge of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of this age that is passing away

may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy

surround our steps as we journey on.

May we reflect your glory this day

and so be made ready to see your face

in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Psalm 42:1-7 - A Song of Trust in God

- 1 As the deer longs for the water brooks, ♦
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is a thirst for God, even for the living God; ♦
when shall I come before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my bread day and night, ♦
while all day long they say to me, "Where is now your God?"
- 4 Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: ♦
how I went with the multitude and led the procession to the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, ♦
among those who kept holy day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, ♦
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 O put your trust in God; ♦
for I will yet give him thanks,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

**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.**

The Bible readings for St. Michael and All Angels

Genesis 28:10-17 – *Jacob unexpectedly encounters God in a dream at Bethel, who promises to bless him and his descendants, and to watch over him.*

Revelation 12:7-12 – *Michael and the angels defeat the dragon (Satan) and his angels and throw them down from heaven to the earth.*

John 1:43-51 – *Jesus calls Philip to follow him, who responds by encouraging a sceptical Nathanael to come and see Jesus for himself.*

A few moments of quiet for thought, thanksgiving & reflection.

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.' Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

John 1:43-46

Let us affirm our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family**

in heaven and on earth is named.

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God;

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(cf Ephesians 3)

Prayers *(we can add our own prayers at each section)*

High and holy God, Father, Son and Spirit robed in majesty, Lord of heaven and earth, hear us as we pray for the world you sent your Son to redeem...

Through the Holy Spirit pour out your gifts of wisdom, discernment & understanding. Grant that in the many places of war, conflict and uncertainty... the Spirit may bring the power of your love and peace, so that the reconciliation and unity of Jesus Christ may heal the wounds of division, selfishness, hatred, arrogance and fear.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you chose us in Christ

to be your people and to be the temple of your Holy Spirit,

we pray that you will fill your Church with vision and hope at this time...

Grant those in authority all gifts of wisdom, discernment and leadership, that you may direct your Church & all Christian believers in the way of truth & peace.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,

for you promised that the same power that was at work when you were raised from the dead would also be alive in us.

Show your power to all of us who are powerless at this time; and

reveal your love to those who are suffering or feel unlovely, lonely or despondent...

You are the God of the dead as well as of the living. Your Son by dying for us has broken the barrier of death. In confidence we remember those of the household of faith who have gone before us and pray for all who mourn for them...

Bring us with them to the joy of your home in heaven.

Father of all, whose Son has promised

to be with us always to the end of the age,

by the power of the Spirit, hear us as we pray for one another...

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit,

that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.

We ask this and all our prayers,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

The Collect for St. Michael & All Angels

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.**

The Lord's Prayer *(or traditional form, if you prefer)*

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 for ever. **Amen.**

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you
our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

God keep us in the fellowship of his saints;
Christ protect us by the ministry of the angels;
the Spirit make us holy in God's service;
and the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, now and always. **Amen.**