

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



Choral Eucharist

on the feast of
Michael and All Angels



Sunday
10.30 am

Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Michaelmas - Michael and All Angels

Today's festival celebrates the angels and gives thanks for our guardian angels described by Jesus in the gospels. Angels, of course, have a particular significance here at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, situated on Angel Hill right opposite the Angel Hotel.

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the three named biblical angels, depicted as beloved messengers of God. Michael (meaning 'Who is like God?') is described as the protector of God's people and is best known as the slayer of the dragon in the book of the Revelation to St John the Divine, the last book of the Bible. He is thus regarded as the protector of Christians, particularly those at the hour of death. A basilica in Rome was dedicated to St Michael in the fifth century and since then, 29 September has been kept in honour of Michael and All Angels throughout the western church.

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The Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

After the welcome, all stand and the following is said:

We meet in the name of the ✠ Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

All remain standing as the choir and clergy enter during

The Processional Hymn

All remain standing as the President gives

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

Praise God from the heavens;

All **Praise God in the heights.**

Praise God, all you angels;

All **Praise God you heavenly host.**

Psalm 148.1-2

Words of introduction may be said.

The Prayers of Penitence

Deacon We have come to Mount Zion,
the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem,
to myriads of angels,
to God, the judge of all,
and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

Let us confess our sin in penitence and faith.

*All sit or kneel.
Silence is kept.*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Woe is me, for I am lost;
I am a person of unclean lips.
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

Our guilt is taken away,
and our sin is forgiven.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

President May God our Father forgive ✕ you your sin,
and bring you to the eternal joy of the heavenly Kingdom
with the saints for ever.
All Amen.

All stand as the choir sings

The Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax hominibus
bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe;
Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus;
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe,
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesu Christ; O Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of
the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of
God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord,
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

All remain standing for

The Collect

President Let us pray.

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 Liturgy of the Word

All sit for

The Readings

*Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.
At the end of each, the reader says*

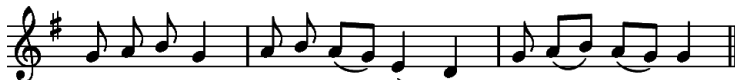
For the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

All stand for

The Gospel Acclamation

The choir sings the Alleluia and the congregation repeats them both here and after the versicle.

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All 
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

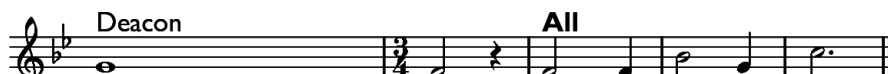
Choir Alleluia, alleluia.
Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel Reading


Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Name. **All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end


Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

All sit after the preacher's opening prayer.

The sermon is followed by a brief silence for reflection.

All stand for

The Creed

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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and 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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

Deacon In the power of the Spirit,
 and in union with Christ,
 let us pray to the Father.

All sit or kneel for

The Prayers of Intercession

God of heaven,
before whom the morning stars sing for joy:
may your holy angels renew and refresh us,
that we and all your church may be strengthened
to serve and worship you here on earth.

Lord, hear us,
All Lord, graciously hear us.

God of heaven,
your holy angels greeted the birth of your Son:
bless with Christ's healing and peace
the nations of the world,
that the whole of creation may be ordered
according to your purposes of love.

Lord, hear us,
All Lord, graciously hear us.

God of heaven,
your Son has promised to us the care of guardian angels:
keep safe our neighbours, families and friends
to guard them in all their ways,
be present to those who are in despair
and darkness of spirit.
We pray especially for ...

Lord, hear us,
All Lord, graciously hear us.

God of heaven,
your angel declares
'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.'
May your holy angels bear away to Paradise
all who have died; remembering by name ...
bring them into your nearer presence,
enfolding them in your love

Lord, hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

God of heaven,
the angels sing by day and night around your throne:
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.'
With Michael, prince of the angels,
with Gabriel, your herald, who brings glad tidings,
with Raphael, the protector, who ministers your healing,
and with the whole company of heaven, we worship you,
and pray that we may come with Blessed Mary, St James,
St Edmund, and all the saints to join with the angels
in beholding your beauty
and praising your glory,
God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

All stand for

The Peace

President Hear again the song of the angels:
'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.'

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All remain standing for

The Offertory Hymn

During which the altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The Preparation of the Table

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

President God of glory,
 as you appointed angels
 to minister in your presence,
 so may all our worship
 bring you worthy praise;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All remain standing for

The Eucharistic Prayer

The President and people sing the Sursum Corda.



The Lord be with you and al - so with you.

Lift — up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

President It is indeed right and good,
 our duty and our salvation,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks,
 Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
 through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
 You reveal your wise purpose
 for the salvation of the human race
 by assigning to the angels and archangels
 the ministry of your steadfast love and protection.
 While they contemplate your glory,
 standing before you and singing your praise,
 they keep a faithful vigil for us,
 guarding us along the way that leads to life,
 and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light.
 In joyful gladness we unite our voices with theirs
 and sing the ageless hymn of your praise:

Choir	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.</i>
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President We praise and bless you, loving Father,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 and as we obey his command,
 send your Holy Spirit,
 that broken bread and wine outpoured
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
 he had supper with his friends
 and, taking bread, he praised you.
 He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for
all upon the cross.

Bringing before you
the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Deacon Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
All **Dying you destroyed our death,**
 rising you restored our life:
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.

President Lord of all life,
 help us to work together for that day
 when your kingdom comes
 and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Blessed Mary,
St James, St Edmund and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All



All sit or kneel as the consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people and the Sanctus bell is rung.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread
 to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.**

The Invitation to Communion

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
 who takes away the sin of the world.
 Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
 but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Spiritual Communion

The prayer for Spiritual Communion is offered here for those joining by livestream. Spiritual Communion is the historic practice in the church for anyone who cannot receive the bread and wine physically.

The choir sings the

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Communion

Please follow the directions of the Cathedral wardens.

If you are used to receiving communion in your own church, whatever your Christian tradition, you are warmly invited to receive the sacrament today.

If you require gluten-free communion bread, which is available at the north altar rail, please indicate to the minister.

If kneeling at the altar rail is difficult for you, a standing station is available.

Anyone wishing to receive a blessing is also welcome: please carry this order of service with you as an indication to the ministers.

During the distribution of communion, the choir may sing an anthem.

The Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

All kneel as silence is kept and the President prays

Lord of heaven,
in this Eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste
of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

President The Lord be with you

All

and also with you.

God keep you in the fellowship of the saints;
Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels;
the Spirit make you holy in God's service;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

All remain standing to sing

The Final Hymn

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Everyone remains standing as the procession departs and the organist plays

The Organ Voluntary

*Refreshments are served after the service
to which you are very warmly invited.*