

# ST BOTOLPH

C A M B R I D G E



**Sir Jacob Epstein** *St Michael's victory over the Devil*  
Bronze sculpture, 1958, Coventry Cathedral

## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (transferred)

Mattins *with* Holy Communion  
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Stephen

26 September at 11.00 am

Organ music before the service  
Marcel Dupré *Te splendor et virtus* from *Le Tombeau de Titelouze*  
J S Bach *Pastorale, 1 and IV*

¶ Please stand

WELCOME – Fr Stephen

*THE INTROIT HYMN NEH 193 Stars of the morning*

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:

These are thy counsellors, these dost thou own,  
Lord God of Sabaoth, nearest thy throne;  
These are thy ministers, these dost thou send,  
Help of the helpless ones, man to defend.

These keep the guard amid Salem's dear  
bowers;  
Thrones, Principalities, Virtues, and Powers;  
Where, with the Living Ones, mystical Four,  
Cherubim, Seraphim bow and adore.

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.

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.

*THE VERSICLES AND RESPONSES*

**O** Lord, open thou our lips.  
**And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.  
**The Lord's Name be praised.**

*THE VENITE*



- f* O **CC**ME, let us 'sing unto the 'Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the 'strength of 'our sal'vation.
- 2 Let us come before his 'presence with 'thanksgiving : and shew our-selves 'glad in 'him with 'psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a 'great 'God : and a great 'King above 'all 'gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the 'corners 'of the 'earth : and the strength of the 'hills is 'his 'also.
- 5 The sea is his and 'he 'made it : and his hands pre'pared the 'dry 'land.
- p* 6 O come, let us worship and 'fall 'down : and kneel be'fore the 'Lord our 'Maker.
- 7 For he is the 'Lord our 'God : and we are the people of his pasture, and the 'sheep of 'his 'hand.
- 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.

*¶* Please sit

*THE FIRST LESSON* (read by George Owers)

*The first lesson is written in the twelfth chapter of the Book of Revelation of St John the Divine, beginning at the seventh verse.*

**A**ND there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God, day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

*Here endeth the first lesson.*

*THE PSALM 103, verses 17 – 22 (sung by the choir)*



- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever,  
upon ' them that ' fear him : and his righteousness up'on ' children's  
' children ;
- 18 Even upon such as ' keep his ' covenant : and think upon ' his com-  
' mandments to ' do them.
- 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.

*THE SECOND LESSON (read by Chuhan Deng)*

*The second lesson is written in eighteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning at the first verse.*

**A**T the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

*Here endeth the second lesson.*



Lucas Cranach the Younger and Workshop *Christ Blessing the Children*

¶ *Please stand*

**THE JUBILATE** (sung by the choir)



- O BE joyful in the Lord ' all ye ' lands : serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his ' presence ' with a ' song.
- 2 Be ye sure that the Lord ' he is ' God : it is he that hath made us and  
not we ourselves, we are his ' people ' and the ' sheep of his ' pasture.
- 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his  
' courts with ' praise : be thankful unto him and ' speak good ' of his  
' Name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is ' ever ' lasting : and his truth  
endureth from gene'ration to ' gene'ration.
- 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.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I** BELIEVE in God  
**the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Let us pray

¶ *Please kneel or sit*

**THE PRAYERS**

**O** EVERLASTING GOD, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A** LMIGHTY God, sovereign of all creation, we praise your name for the wonderful order of men and Angels, who do constantly fight against the powers of evil. We praise you for the blood of the Lamb, your Son, who ensures the final victory. Grant that we who are marked with the sign of that victory may continue in thy service to the ends of our lives and rejoice for ever in the glory of Thy presence, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

**O** GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of thy people; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. We pray for all suffering from the Coronavirus at this time, especially those in hospital and those who care for them that they may bring relief and healing. We remember all those who have been left with long Covid, especially Janet and Chris Nevitt, that they may emerge from all that ways them down currently.

We pray for the good estate of thy Holy Church: that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. We pray especially for this parish, remembering especially those whose responsibility it will be to so guide and direct all our pursuits during the coming vacancy. And we pray in due time that candidates may offer themselves up to serve this parish in faith and truth; and for discernment and right judgement by those involved in the selection process.

We commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body or estate; remembering especially Valerie Kasper and baby Theodore after their traumatic experience, together with Annabel Fiddian-Green and those known to us, whom we remember in our hearts now ... that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of their afflictions.

And finally we pray for all whose lives are drawing to a close, that they may journey through the shadow of death, fearing no evil, and that thy rod and staff may comfort them. May all who face death come to dwell with the angels in the house of the Lord for ever.

All this we beg, in the name of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**THE SERMON**

Fr Stephen

*Please stand*

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN NEH 336** *Angel voices ever singing*

Descant last verse (R. Widdess 2021)

1. An - gel - voic - es ev - er sing - ing round thy throne of light,  
 2. Thou who art be - yond the far - thest mor - tal eye can scan,  
 3. Yea, we know that thou re - joic - est o'er each work of thine;  
 4. In thy house, great God, we of - fer of thine own to thee;  
 5. Ho - nour, glo - ry, might and mer - it thine shall ev - er be,

an - gel - harps for ev - er ring - ing, rest not day nor night;  
 can it be that thou re - gard - est songs of sin - ful man?  
 thou didst ears and hands and voic - es for thy praise de - sign;  
 and for thine ac - cept - ance prof - fer all un - worth - i - ly  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty.

thou - sands on - ly live to bless thee and con - fess thee Lord of might.  
 can we know that thou art near us, and wilt hear us? yea, we can.  
 crafts - man's art and mu - sic's mea - sure for thy plea - sure all com - bine.  
 hearts and minds and hands and voic - es in our choic - est psalm - o - dy.  
 Of the best that thou hast giv - en earth and heav - en ren - der thee.

¶ *Please kneel or sit*

### **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Y**E that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

**A**LMIGHTY God,  
**F**ather of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; + pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Please stand*

### **THE SURSUM CORDA**

**T**HE Lord be with you.  
**A**nd with thy spirit.  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

*THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (sung to the setting by Charles Wood in the Phrygian mode)*

**H**OLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

¶ *Please kneel or sit*

### **THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

**W**E do not presume  
**t**o come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**A**Lmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed + Body and Blood: Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.* Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: *Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.*

## THE TRISAGION

*mf*  
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and strong. Ho - ly and im -  
mort - tal, have mer - cy up - on us. mer - cy up - on us.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**T**HE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, and the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life: Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION

¶ *In accordance with the Anglican tradition, Holy Communion is administered in both kinds i.e. the consecrated Bread and Wine. During the current pandemic, this can only be offered by intinction i.e. the consecrated wafer dipped in the consecrated wine, as the sharing of the Common Cup (Chalice) by sipping the consecrated wine is not advised.*

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Richard Dering *Factus est silentium*

*Factum est silentium in caelo, dum committeret bellum draco cum Michaele Archangelo.  
Audita est vox millia millium dicentium: Salus, honor et virtus omnipotenti Deo. Alleluia.*

There was silence in heaven when the dragon fought with the Archangel Michael.  
The voice of a thousand thousand was heard saying: salvation, honour and power be to almighty God. Alleluia.

¶ *Please stand*

*THE COMMUNION HYMN NEH 29 It came upon a midnight clear*

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace - ful wings un - furled;  
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf - fered long;  
4. For lo! the days are has - tening on, by pro - phet bards fore - told,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold;  
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
be - neath the an - gel - strain have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
when, with the ev - er - cir - c - ling years comes round the age of gold;

"Peace on the earth, good - will to men, from heav'n's all - gra - cious King!"  
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on ho - v'ring wing:  
and man, at war with man, hears not the love - song which they bring:  
when peace shall ov - er all the earth its an - cient splen - dours fling,

The world in so - lemn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the an - gels sing.  
and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

¶ Please kneel or sit

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**O**UR Father  
which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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 PRAYER OF OBLATION**

**O**LORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

¶ Please stand

*THE GLORIA (the song of the angels, sung by all)*



Cantor All

Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good-will to-wards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glor-ry, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al-migh-ty. O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-su Christ;

O Lord God, lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,

that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

Thou that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us,

Thou that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.

For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord;

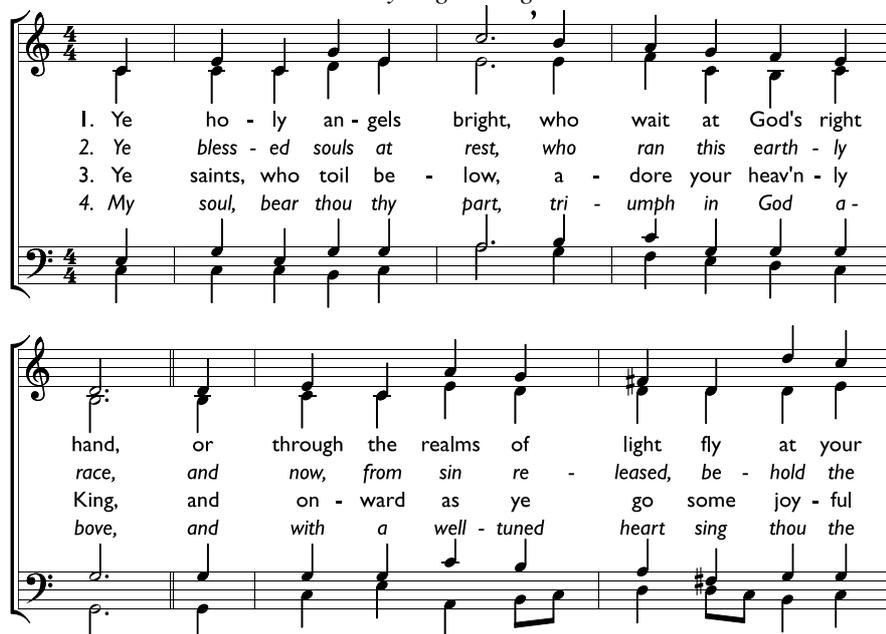
thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

*THE BLESSING*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN NEH 475 Ye holy angels bright*



1. Ye ho-ly an-gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or through the realms of light fly at your race, and now, from sin re-leased, be-hold the King, and on-ward as ye go some joy-ful bove, and with a well-tuned heart sing thou the

Lord's com - mand, as - sist our song,  
 Sa - viour's face, his prais - es sound,  
 an - them sing; take what he gives  
 songs of love; let all thy days

for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.  
 as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.  
 and praise him still, through good and ill, who ev - er lives.  
 till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

**Closing organ voluntary**

**J Stanley** *Voluntaries IX & X from Ten Organ Voluntaries Opus 7*

**Music for Personal reflection**

**'The Angels sing to the glory of God'**

**J S Bach** Weihnachts-Oratorium, BWV 248: 21 Chor *Ehre sei in der Höhe*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2zMkianbus>

## NEXT SUNDAY

### Harvest Thanksgiving

11.00 am **Sung Eucharist**

(Preacher Ben O'Neill)

followed by the Parish Lunch

3.00pm **Solemn Evensong**

(Preacher Fr Stephen)

followed by Tea & Coffee

This will be Fr Stephen's final Sunday as Rector, when we will have an opportunity to thank him for all he has done for the Parish during his ministry at St Botolph's. We hope as many members of the congregation as possible will join us for all or part of the day.

Choir music and organ voluntaries at both services will include works specially requested by Fr Stephen. The lunch will comprise Sarah's legendary Chicken Casserole, Harry Sword's special rice recipe and various puddings contributed by members of the congregation.

**SATURDAY 16 October**



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# BOOK & PLANT SALE

Tea, coffee and cake



**11.00–4.00pm**