

To the Visitor within our Doors

Welcome to Saint Michael's Anglican Church, a mission of the Anglican Province of America. We hope you will enjoy your worship experience with us and perhaps desire to learn more about our liturgy, our discipline of daily prayer and our commitment to spread the Gospel through the traditions and formularies of the ancient Anglican Church.

Saint Michael's is not an exclusive club. Our church is a family of proficient Christians believing that a commitment to Jesus Christ provides stability in an otherwise unstable world. We invite you, therefore, to become part of our community and share in this experience within the context of traditional Anglican liturgy, ritual and music.

Naturally we want you to feel comfortable with us, so relax, follow the order of service outlined in this Service Booklet and do what others do.

Note: This Order for Morning Prayer is taken from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

Responses by the Congregation are in bold type. A **X** in the text of this Booklet refers to the act of making the sign of the Cross.

Please take a moment to review this Booklet prior to the Service.

After the candles have been lit, please remain seated, or kneel for private prayer. The Service begins at the sound of the bell.

Officiant's Entrance

Opening Hymn

The Officiant shall begin Morning Prayer by reading one or more Sentences of Scripture, then he shall say

The Exhortation

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying—

Or he shall say

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A General Confession

To be said by the whole Congregation, after the Minister, all kneeling

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;

All We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we

ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

The Officiant says

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Opening Versicles

Then the Officiant shall chant

O Lord, open thou our lips.

All And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

All standing, the Officiant chants

Glory be to the Father (bow), and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord.

All The Lord's Name be praised.

The Venite

The Precentor will sing

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

All Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God; * and a great King above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the earth; * and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it; * and his hands prepared the dry land. (*Genuflect*) O come, let us worship and fall down, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker. (*Stand*) For he is the Lord our God; * and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth stand in awe of him. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; * and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father (*bow*), 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.*

The Psalm(s) of the Day

The Psalm is listed on the Hymnal Board, and is found in the Insert and/or Prayer Book.

The Officiant will read the odd-numbered verses, the congregation will read the even-numbered verses, all sitting after the first verse.

After the Psalm reading, the Officiant says

Glory be to the Father (bow), and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. *Amen.*

The Old Testament Lesson

The readings are governed by authorized lectionary provision.

The Reader says

Here beginneth the ... verse of the ... chapter of

At the end

Here endeth the Lesson.

All Thanks be to God.

The Office Hymn

The Te Deum Laudamus

The Officiant says

WE praise thee, O God;

All We acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
(Bow) Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;
The Father, of an infinite Majesty;
Thine adorable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
(Bow) When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou

didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
(Genuflect) We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
(Stand) Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O LORD save thy people, and bless thine heritage.
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

(Bow) And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

The Epistle

The Reader says

The Epistle is written in the ... chapter of ... beginning at the ... verse.

At the end

Here endeth the Epistle.

All Thanks be to God.

The Benedictus es, Domine

The Precentor will sing

BLESSED art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: * praised and exalted above all for ever.

All Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty: * praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness: * praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim: * praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom: * praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Glory be to the Father (*bow*), 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.*

The Holy Gospel

The Officiant says

The Holy Gospel is written in the ... chapter of the Gospel according to Saint beginning at the ... verse.

All may respond

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At the end the Officiant will say

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All may respond

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Benedictus

The Precentor will sing

BLESSED **X** be the Lord God of Israel; * for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

All And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, * in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, * which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies, * and from the hand of all that hate us.
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, * and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, * that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies * might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him, * all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: * for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people * for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God; * whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father (*bow*), 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.*

The Apostle's Creed

The Officiant says

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,

All Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ (*bow*) 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 Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: ~~X~~ And the Life everlasting.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Officiant will chant

The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

OUR Father,

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

The Suffrages

Then the Officiant will chant

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

All And grant us thy salvation.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

*Then the Officiant shall chant the proper **Collect for the Day**, along with any other Collects commemorating Octaves or Feast Days, and after that the Fixed Collects following*

A Collect for Peace

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

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, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Announcements and Homily

Offertory Sentence

One of the following or another sentence of Scripture is used

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
Matthew 5. 16

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth; where the rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. *Matthew 6. 19*

All things come of thee, and of thine own do we give thee.
1 Chronicles 29. 14

Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? *1 John 3. 17*

Music is played while the collection is taken.

The Doxology

All standing, the Officiant presents the alms basin while everyone sings

All Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise (*bow*) Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers and Intercessions

The Officiant then offers prayers and intercessions on behalf of the congregation and the church, saying

All The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

A Prayer for The President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold and bless thy servant **The President of the United States**, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or this

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to The President of the United States, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Clergy and People

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer for all Conditions of Men

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; 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. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired*;

** This may be said when any desire the prayers of the Congregation; the People may say names silently, or aloud, at this point.*

The Officiant continues

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 all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. ***Amen.***

Officiant's Prayers

The Officiant may here offer various prayers as he desires in consideration of the needs of the People and the Church.

The Officiant then says

A General Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God,

All **Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men;**

The Officiant continues

Particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praise and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.

The Congregation may offer brief, audible, or silent, prayers of thanksgiving at this time, after which the Officiant says

We bless thee,

All **For our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. ***Amen.*****

The Officiant then says

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. ***Amen.***

All standing, the Officiant says

The Grace

THE grace **X** of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn

Please remain seated, or kneel for private prayer, until the candles have been extinguished.