

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

## Evening Prayer: Rite Two



## Wednesday in Ordinary Time Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

September 29, 2021 | 6:00pm Online Worship

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## **OPENING SENTENCE**

*The Officiant says*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. *Psalm 96:9*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us be in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest alone stands and says*


Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

# The Invitatory and Psalter

## VERSICLE S 58 *Preces*

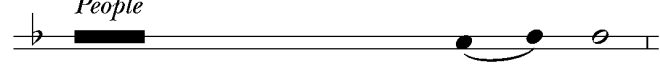
*All stand*

*Officiant*



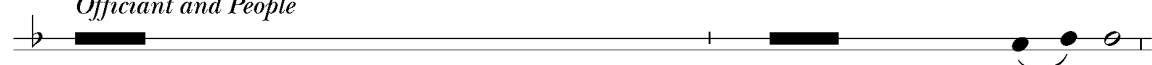
O God, make speed to save us.

*People*

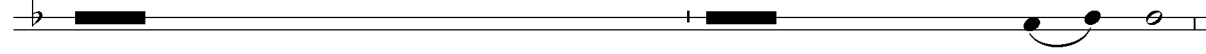


O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*




Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

*Except in Lent, add:*



Al - le - lu - ia.

## INVITATORYHYMN 26 *O Gracious Light* (tr. F. Bland Tucker) (BCP p. 118)




1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the  
 2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are  
 3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
 lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
 God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
 Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
 all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

*This melody may be sung in rhythmic form:* 

## PSALMS 19, 112

### 14 *Dixit insipiens*

- <sup>1</sup> The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
- <sup>2</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.
- <sup>3</sup> Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; \*  
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- <sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?
- <sup>5</sup> See how they tremble with fear, \*  
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup> Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
but the Lord is their refuge.
- <sup>7</sup> Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

### 150 *Laudate Dominum*

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- <sup>3</sup> Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp
- <sup>4</sup> Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.
- <sup>5</sup> Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- <sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord

Hallelujah!

*At the end of the Psalm is sung or said*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*The people sit.*

## The Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson: **2 Kings 6:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>Once when the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he took counsel with his officers. He said, “At such and such a place shall be my camp.” <sup>9</sup>But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, “Take care not to pass this place, because the Arameans are going down there.” <sup>10</sup>The king of Israel sent word to the place of which the man of God spoke. More than once or twice he warned such a place so that it was on the alert. <sup>11</sup>The mind of the king of Aram was greatly perturbed because of this; he called his officers and said to them, “Now tell me who among us sides with the king of Israel?” <sup>12</sup>Then one of his officers said, “No one, my lord king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.” <sup>13</sup>He said, “Go and find where he is; I will send and seize him.” He was told, “He is in Dothan.” <sup>14</sup>So he sent horses and chariots there and a great army; they came by night, and surrounded the city. <sup>15</sup>When an attendant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. His servant said, “Alas, master! What shall we do?” <sup>16</sup>He replied, “Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them.” <sup>17</sup>Then Elisha prayed: “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the Lord opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

FIRST CANTICLE S 242 *The Song of Mary (Canticle 15) (Plainsong/Ford) (BCP p. 119)*

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary

*Antiphon*

The Al - might - y has done great things for me,  
and ho - ly is his Name.

1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices

in God my Sav - ior; for he has looked with favor on his

low - ly ser - vant. 2. From this day all generations will

call me bless - ed: the Almighty has done great things for me,

and ho - ly is his Name. 3. He has mercy on those who fear him

in every gen - er - a - tion. 4. He has shown the strength of his arm,

he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit. 5. He has cast down

the might - y from their thrones, and has lifted up the low - ly.

6. He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way

emp - ty. 7. He has come to the help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el,  
 for he has remembered his promise of mer - cy, 8. The promise he  
 made to our fa - thers, to Abraham and his children for ev - er. [Ant.]  
*(Gloria Patri may be omitted)*  
 9. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:  
 10. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

## SECOND READING: **Mark 13:21-27**

<sup>21</sup>And if anyone says to you at that time, ‘Look! Here is the Messiah!’ or ‘Look! There he is!’ do not believe it. <sup>22</sup>False messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. <sup>23</sup>But be alert; I have already told you everything.

<sup>24</sup>“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**SECOND CANTICLE (BCP p. 119)**

*Antiphon*

These eyes of mine have seen the Sa - vior,  
whom you have pre - pared for all the world to see.  
1. Lord, you now have set your ser - vant free to go in peace as you  
have prom - ised; 2. For these eyes of mine have seen the Sa - vior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
3. A Light to enlight - en the na - tions, and the glory of your  
*(Gloria Patri may be omitted)*  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. [Ant.] 4. Glo - ry to the Father, and  
to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit: 5. As it  
was in the begin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,



creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 121)**

*Officiant and People*

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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

### **SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 121)**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

### **Collect of the Day: St Michael and All Angels**

Everlasting God, who have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

### **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of Republic of Kiribati.

### **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the Old Catholic Church.

*Other prayers and intercessions may follow:*

*Birthdays, Anniversaries, Recovery from sickness, Travelers, Those in trouble or bereavement, the departed, or other needs.*

### **For Protection**

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **For Those We Love**

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Quiet Confidence**

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we will be saved, in quietness and confidence will be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

### *Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

### *Officiant and People*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

## **CONCLUDING VERSICLE**

Alleluia. Alleluia, Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **CONCLUDING SENTENCE**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

### *About St. Michael and all Angels*

On the Feast of Michael and all Angels, popularly called Michaelmas, we give thanks for the many ways in which God's loving care watches over us, both directly and indirectly, and we are reminded that the richness and variety of God's creation far exceeds our knowledge of it.

Michael (the name means "Who is like God?") is said to be the captain of the heavenly armies. He is mentioned in the Scriptures in Daniel 10:13,31; 12:1 (where he is said to be the prince of the people of Israel); in Jude 9 (where he is said to have disputed with the devil about the body of

Moses); and in Revelation 12:7 (where he is said to have led the heavenly armies against those of the great dragon). He is generally pictured in full armor, carrying a lance, and with his foot on the neck of a dragon. (Pictures of the Martyr George are often similar, but only Michael has wings.)

Gabriel (the name means "God is my champion") is thought of as the special bearer of messages from God to men. He appears in Daniel 8:16; 9:21 as an explainer of some of Daniel's visions. According to the first chapter of Luke, he announced the forthcoming births of John the Baptist and of our Lord to Zachariah and the Virgin Mary respectively.

Jacob wrestling with the Angel, by Dore Raphael (the name means "God heals") is mentioned in the Apocrypha, in the book of Tobit, where, disguised as a man, he accompanies the young man Tobias on a quest, enables him to accomplish it, and gives him a remedy for the blindness of his aged father.

Uriel (the name means "God is my light" -- compare with "Uriah", which means "the LORD is my light") is mentioned in 4 Esdras.

It is thought by many scholars that the seven lamps of Revelation 4:5 are an image suggested by (among many other things) the idea of seven archangels.

What is the value to us of remembering the Holy Angels? Well, since they appear to excel us in both knowledge and power, they remind us that, even among created things, we humans are not the top of the heap. Since it is the common belief that demons are angels who have chosen to disobey God and to be His enemies rather than His willing servants, they remind us that the higher we are the lower we can fall. The greater our natural gifts and talents, the greater the damage if we turn them to bad ends. The more we have been given, the more will be expected of us. And, in the picture of God sending His angels to help and defend us, we are reminded that apparently God, instead of doing good things directly, often prefers to do them through His willing servants, enabling those who have accepted His love to show their love for one another.

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