



St Michaels and All Angels, Galleywood, 24th September, 2023

Service of the Word: Michaelmas – St Michaels 150th Anniversary

Welcome and introduction

Happy birthday St Michael's: the foundation stone was laid in 1872 and the Church was consecrated by the Bishop of Rochester on Michaelmas Day, 29th September, 1873.

Song: Come on and celebrate (MP99)

Come on and celebrate
His gift of love, we will celebrate
The Son of God who loved us
And gave us life.

We'll shout your praise, O King,
You give us joy nothing else can bring,
We'll give to you our offering
In celebration praise.

Come on and celebrate,
Celebrate,
Celebrate and sing,
Celebrate and sing to the King.
Come on and celebrate,
Celebrate,
Celebrate and sing,
Celebrate and sing to the King.

Song: I behold your power and glory

I behold your power and glory,
Bring an offering, come before You;
Worship You, Lord,
In the beauty of Your holiness. **(Repeat)**

Whenever I call, You're there,
Redeemer and Friend;
Cherished beyond all words,
This love never ends.
Morning by morning
Your mercy awakens my soul.

I lift up my eyes to see
The wonders of heaven
Opening over me,
Your goodness abounds;
You've taken my breath away
With Your irresistible love.

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Song: For I'm building a people of power (MP151)

For I'm building a people of power
And I'm making a people of praise,
That will move through this land by My Spirit,
And will glorify My precious name.

Build Your Church, Lord
Make us strong, Lord
Join our hearts, Lord, through Your Son;
Make us one, Lord, in Your body,
In the kingdom of Your Son.

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Confession and absolution

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.

Hebrews 12.22-24

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith:

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Christ, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Testimony 1

The Collect of the day is said

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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

Song: All I have and all I am is Yours

All I have and all I am is Yours
There's nothing that I have on earth
That doesn't come from You.
I lay aside my pride and worldly worth;
To serve You is the greatest thing
That I could ever do.

*For unless You build this house,
I am building it in vain.
Unless the work is Yours,
There is nothing to be gained.
I want something that will stand
When Your holy fire comes;
Something that will last,
And to hear You say 'Well done',
Giving glory to You, Lord,
Glory to You, Lord.*

So easy to desire what others have
Instead of seeing all the gifts
That You have given me.
So help me fan the flame which You began,
And burn in me a love for You
That all will clearly see.

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Testimony 2

Bible reading: Matthew 7: 24-29 (Dan)

The Wise and Foolish Builders

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon (David)

The wise man built his house upon the rock

The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
And the rain came tumbling down.

The rain came down and the floods came up,
The rain came down and the floods came up,
The rain came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the rock stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
And the rain came tumbling down.

The rain came down and the floods came up,
The rain came down and the floods came up,
The rain came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the sand went "SPLAT!"

So, build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,
Build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,
Build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the blessings will come down.

The blessings will come down as the prayers go up,
The blessings will come down as the prayers go up,
The blessings will come down as the prayers go up,
So, build your life on the Rock.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

Intercessions (Barbara)

Lord's prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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.

Song: The greatest day in history (MP1224)

The greatest day in history,
Death is beaten, You have rescued me.
Sing it out, Jesus is alive.
The empty cross, the empty grave
Life eternal, You have won the day.
Celebrate, Jesus is alive, He's alive.

*And oh, happy day, happy day,
You washed my sin away.
Oh, happy day, happy day,
I'll never be the same.
Forever I am changed.*

When I stand, in that place,
Free at last, meeting face to face.
I am Yours, and Jesus, You are mine.
Endless joy, perfect peace,
Every pain finally will cease.
Celebrate, Jesus is alive, He's alive.

*And oh, happy day, happy day,
You washed my sin away.
Oh, happy day, happy day,
I'll never be the same.
Forever I am changed.*

Oh, what a glorious day,
What a glorious way
That You have saved me.
And oh, what a glorious day,
What a glorious way.
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

*And oh, happy day, happy day,
You washed my sin away.
Oh, happy day, happy day,
I'll never be the same.
Forever I am changed.
I'll never be the same.*

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Conclusion and blessing

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.