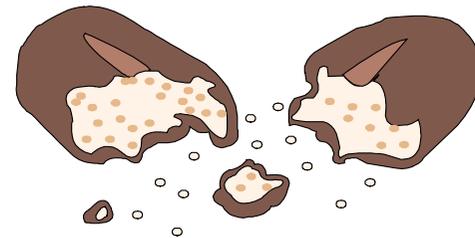


# Parishes of Elstead, Thursley, Shackleford and Peper Harow

## Feast of St Michael and All Angels Holy Communion

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**Common Worship  
Order One  
Said Service**

## ¶ *The Gathering*

### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Notices and announcements are given out, and Banns may be called.*

### **Prayers of Preparation**

*This prayer may be said*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



### **Prayers of Penitence**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'  
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.  
**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*A hymn may be sung  
and Notices may be given out*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*All*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*All*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said,  
then all may say*

*All*

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.  
Amen



### ¶ *The Blessing and sending out*

God keep you in the fellowship of his 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.  
Amen

### ¶ *The Dismissal*

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.

*Silence is kept.*

Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.

*Absolution:*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer.  
The Collect is said, and all respond*

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 Lord's Prayer

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.

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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.

## Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

*All* Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*The president and people receive communion.*

he broke 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.  
In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

*All* Christ is the bread of life:  
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole  
world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of St. Michael and of all the  
saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

### Readings

*Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the  
Gospel reading.*

*At the end of each the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### First Reading: Hebrews 1: 5-14

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you"?  
Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again,  
when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's  
angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels  
winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says,  
"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter  
is the scepter of your kingdom.  
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore  
God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond  
your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the  
earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish,  
but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you  
will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you  
are the same, and your years will never end."  
But to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand  
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? Are not all an-  
gels<sup>1</sup> spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those  
who are to inherit salvation?

*A psalm, canticle or hymn follows each reading.*

## **Second Reading:** Revelations 12:7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

## **Gospel Reading**

*Gospel Acclamation [see opposite page]*

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

### **Matthew 9: 35-38**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer B)**

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

And now we give you thanks  
and praise your holy name  
because the splendour of your faithful angels and archangels shows us your greatness,  
which surpasses in goodness the whole of creation.  
So as the hosts of angels rejoice in your glory,  
we give you, their Creator, glory and worship.  
In adoration and joy we make their hymn of praise our own:  
*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **The Peace**

*The president introduces the Peace as follows [or see opposite]*

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

*and then says*

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

### **Prayer at Preparation of the Table**

*A Hymn may be sung and a Collection may be taken*

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.  
**Amen**

### **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before  
you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.*

*At the end of each the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*A psalm, canticle or hymn follows each reading.*

### **Sermon**

### **The Creed**

**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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

In the power of the Spirit,  
and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Father in heaven,  
by his blood your Christ has ransomed us to you,  
and has made us a kingdom and priests to you our God.  
As the angels minister to you in heaven,  
strengthen your Church to serve you here on earth.  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**



Father in heaven,  
when the angels greeted the birth of your Son

they sang for joy 'Glory to God and peace on earth'.  
Bless with Christ's peace the nations of the world.  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven,  
your Son has promised to your children  
the care of the guardian angels who look upon your face.  
Protect by your mercy our neighbours, families and friends.  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven,  
you give your angels charge over those who trust in you  
to guard them in all their ways.  
Be with those in trouble...,  
rescue them and show them your salvation.  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven,  
your angel declares 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.'  
'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit,  
'for they may rest from their labours,  
for they take with them the record of their deeds.'  
Enfold in your love [... and] all who come in faith  
to your judgement seat in heaven.  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in 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, who contends by our side,  
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, we give you glory,  
we sing your praise and exalt you for ever.  
**Amen.**