

Turn our hearts toward those
who hunger in any way,
so that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

*Today the Bulletin, Wine and Host of the Eucharist,
are in loving memory of Laurie and Gordon Drain
from their daughter Susan.*

Hymn during Communion: CP 360

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*
Source: The Taizé Community

Sending Hymn CP 381 Praise, My Soul

Tune: Praise, My Soul

Postlude: *Songs Without Words, Op. 53, No. 3*
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

COVER IMAGE:

JACOB'S LADDER is a new sculpture by Gerry Judah for Gibbs Farm Sculpture Park in New Zealand. Gibbs Farm is a thousand-acre open-air sculpture park in Kaipara Harbour, near Auckland on the North Island of New Zealand. It features over thirty monumental sculptures from a roll-call of top international contemporary artists including Richard Serra, Anish Kapoor and Andy Goldsworthy. All works are commissioned by Alan Gibbs, a New Zealand businessman, entrepreneur and art collector who has been assembling the Gibbs Farm collection for twenty-six years.

JACOB'S LADDER is 34 meters (112 feet) high and made out of square-sectioned steel tube weighing 46 tonnes. It is made from 480 lengths of steel, stacked one on top of each other. Each layer is slightly different in length and size, shifted and rotated relative to the layer below, ultimately producing the final gracefully curving shape – this despite the components themselves all being straight steel sections.

The Cathedral Church of All Saints

September 29, 2024



He (Jacob) dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

St. Michael & All Angels

Prelude Music: *Songs Without Words, Op. 30, No. 1*
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809=1947)

Opening Hymn: CP 320

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Children's Message



Collect

**God who created all things,
seen and unseen,
make us messengers of your compassion,
so that with Michael and the hosts of heaven
we may end ancient conflicts
and pave the way for justice, kindness and humility;
through Christ, the firstborn of creation. Amen.**
A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989) alt.

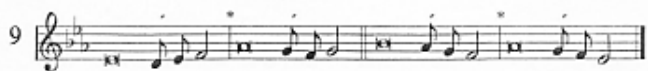
The Proclamation of the Word

Reader A reading from Genesis [28:10-17]

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:19-22 (Congregation joins bold text)



The Lord has set his / throne in heaven,*
 and his kingship has dominion / over all.

**Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
 you mighty ones who / do his bidding,*
 and hearken to the voice / of his word.**

Bless the Lord, all / you his hosts,*
 you ministers of his who / do his will.

**Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
 in all places of / his dominion,*
 bless the Lord, / O my soul.**

Reader A reading from Revelation [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!'

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The Gradual Hymn [See insert]

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Tune: Spiritual

The Gospel

All stand, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [1:47-51]

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come 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.'

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Deacon says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Preparation Hymn CP 61

As We Gather at Your Table

Tune: Ecce Deus

The Prayer over the Gifts

All **Holy God, gracious and merciful,
 you bring forth food from the earth
 and nourish your whole creation.**