

Welcome to Matins for **The Festival of St. Michael and All Angels**. The Service for Matins can be found on p131-141 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalm for this morning is **Psalm 103 found on page 264**. The hymn is **“Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright”**. This hymn is not found in the Lutheran Book of Worship.

PSALM 103 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all his benefits.*

¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name.

²Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and forget not | all his benefits.

³He forgives | all your sins*
and heals all | your infirmities;

⁴he redeems your life | from the grave*
and crowns you with mercy and | lovingkindness;

⁵he satisfies you | with good things,*
and your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

⁶The LORD ex- | ecutes righteousness*
and judgment for all who | are oppressed.

⁷He made his ways | known to Moses*
and his works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

⁸The LORD is full of compas- | sion and mercy,*
slow to anger and | of great kindness.

⁹He will not al- | ways accuse us,*
nor will he keep his an- | ger forever.

¹⁰He has not dealt with us according | to our sins,*
nor rewarded us according | to our wickedness.

¹¹For as the heavens are high | above the earth,*
so is his mercy great upon | those who fear him.

- ¹²As far as the east is | from the west,*
so far has he removed our | sins from us.
- ¹³As a father cares | for his children,*
so does the LORD care for | those who fear him.
- ¹⁴For he himself knows whereof | we are made;*
he remembers that we | are but dust.
- ¹⁵Our days are | like the grass;*
we flourish like a flower | of the field;
- ¹⁶when the wind goes over it, | it is gone,*
and its place shall know | it no more.
- ¹⁷But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures forever on | those who fear him,*
and his righteousness on | children's children;
- ¹⁸on those who | keep his covenant*
and remember his command- | ments and do them.
- ¹⁹The LORD has set his | throne in heaven,*
and his kingship has dominion | over all.
- ²⁰Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who | do his bidding,*
and hearken to the voice | of his word.
- ²¹Bless the LORD, all | you his hosts,*
you ministers of his who | do his will.
- ²²Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of | his dominion;*
bless the LORD, | O my soul.

ANTIPHON

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all his benefits.*

PSALM 150 (The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)

ANTIPHON

Praise God for his | mighty acts;
praise him for his ex- | cellent greatness.*

¹Hallelujah! Praise God in his | holy temple;*
praise him in the firmament | of his power.

²Praise him for his | mighty acts;*
praise him for his ex- | cellent greatness.

³Praise him with the blast | of the ram's horn;*
praise him with | lyre and harp.

⁴Praise him with tim- | brel and dance;*
praise him with | strings and pipe.

⁵Praise him with re- | sounding cymbals;*
praise him with loud- | clanging cymbals.

⁶Let everything | that has breath*
praise the LORD. | Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON

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praise him for his ex- | cellent greatness.*

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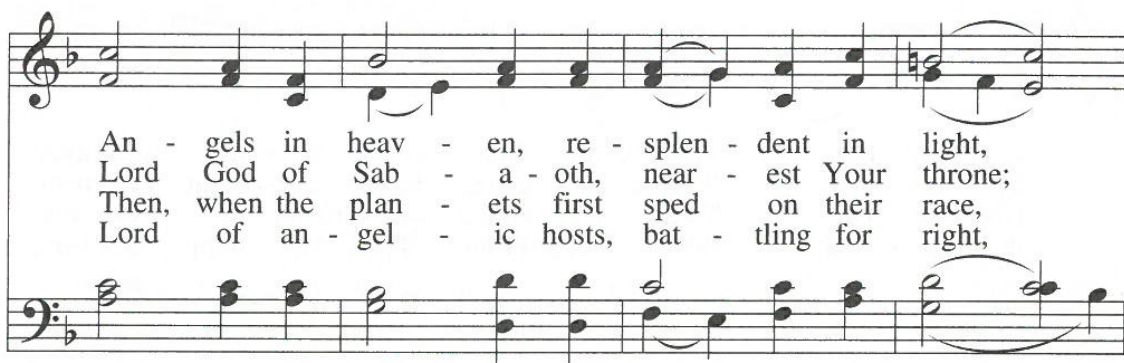
Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright

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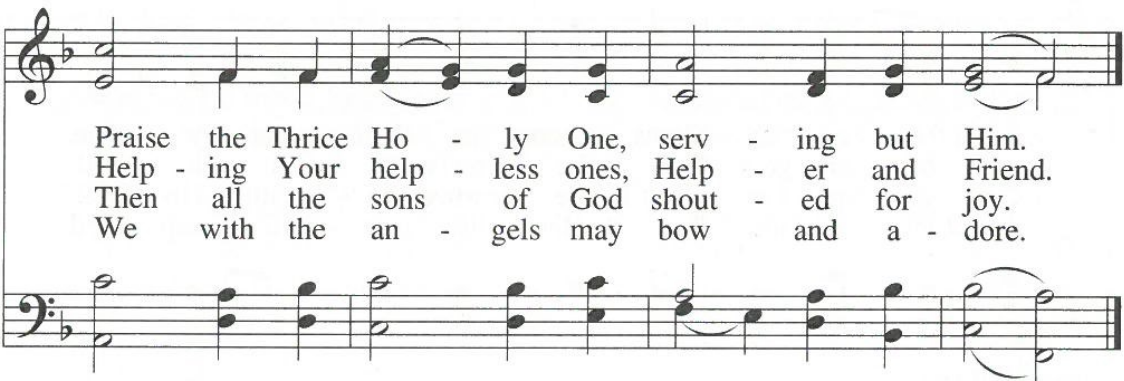
1 Stars of the morn - ing, so glo - rious - ly bright,
2 These are Your min - is - ters, these are Your own,
3 Then, when the earth was first poised in mid - space,
4 Still let them aid us and still let them fight,



An - gels in heav - en, re - splen - dent in light,
Lord God of Sab - a - oth, near - est Your throne;
Then, when the plan - ets first sped on their race,
Lord of an - gel - ic hosts, bat - tling for right,



These, where no dark - ness the glo - ry can dim,
These are Your mes - sen - gers, these whom You send,
Then, when were end - ed the six days' em - ploy,
Till, where their an - thems they cease - less - ly pour,



Praise the Thrice Ho - ly One, serv - ing but Him.
Help - ing Your help - less ones, Help - er and Friend.
Then all the sons of God shout - ed for joy.
We with the an - gels may bow and a - dore.

St. Michael and All Angels

Text: Joseph the Hymnographer, c. 810–86; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681; setting: John B. Dykes, 1823–76, alt.

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