

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.*

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

<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and forget not | all his benefits.

<sup>3</sup>He forgives | all your sins\*  
and heals all | your infirmities;

<sup>4</sup>he redeems your life | from the grave\*  
and crowns you with mercy and | lovingkindness;

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

<sup>6</sup>The LORD ex- | ecutes righteousness\*  
and judgment for all who | are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>He made his ways | known to Moses\*  
and his works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

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

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

<sup>10</sup>He has not dealt with us according | to our sins,\*  
nor rewarded us according | to our wickedness.

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

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

<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 ex- | cellent 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 tim- | brel and dance;\*  
praise him with | strings and pipe.

<sup>5</sup>Praise him with re- | sounding cymbals;\*  
praise him with loud- | clanging cymbals.

<sup>6</sup>Let everything | that has breath\*  
praise the LORD. | Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON

*Praise God for his | mighty acts;\**  
*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*

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