

Holy, Holy, Holy

Old Orchard Church

June 26, 2011—10:15 to 11:50 a.m.

When the Son of Man
comes in glory with
all his angels with him....

—Matthew 25:31—

Celebrating Jesus Christ, Lord of Ministering Angels

Of the eternal and incarnate Son
The Father says,

“Let all the angels of God worship him.”

For he has inherited a Name higher than theirs;
By the depth of his love,
Shown in the bitterness of his suffering,
Christ has been exalted above every angelic spirit
in the universe.

Now they serve him, now they submit to him,
Rendering their help as bodiless spirits
Sent from the unseen world to serve God’s elect children
in the seen world.
Thanks be to God, Lord of all creatures!

Thanks be to Christ,
Who bore up our humanness
To the Central Heights of glory in the world invisible,
Past even angels,
That we might become like God forever.
Alleluia!



Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 3:19-28

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 1:6-14

Sermon

“The Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth”
Colossians 1:3-8

Drew Burdette, seminary intern, preaching

What Is An Angel?

O.K., so I'm browsing through this book and wondering: why should I buy it? What can you tell me about angels in one page?

1. They really exist. Not just in our minds, or our myths, or our symbols, or our culture. They are as real as your dog, or your sister, or electricity.
2. They're present, right here, right now, right next to you, reading these words with you.
3. They're not cute, cuddly, comfortable, chummy, or “cool”. They are fearsome and formidable. They are huge. They are warriors.
4. They are the real “extra-terrestrials”, the real “Super-men”, the ultimate aliens. Their powers are far beyond those of all fictional creatures.
5. They are more brilliant minds than Einstein.
6. They can literally move the heavens and the earth if God permits them.
7. There are also evil angels, fallen angels, demons, or devils. These too are not myths. Demon possessions, and exorcisms, are real.
8. Angels are aware of you, even though you can't usually see or hear them....
9. You really do have your very own “guardian angel”....
10. Angels often come disguised. **“Do not neglect hospitality, for some have entertained angels unawares”**—that's a warning from life's oldest and best instruction manual.
11. We are on a protected part of a great battlefield between angels and devils, extending to eternity.
12. Angels are sentinels standing at the crossroads where life meets death. They work especially at moments of crisis, at the brink of disaster—for bodies, for souls, and for nations.

—Peter Kreeft in *Angels* (1995)

We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**
