St Michael and All Angels Mill Hill



Sunday third before Lent





Sunday 16th February 2025



10:30 am

The Processional Hymn (NEH 333)

Please stand

All my hope on God is founded; He doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth, Only good and only true. God unknown, He alone Calls my heart to be his own.

2 Pride of man and earthly glory, Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth, Tower and temple, fall to dust
But God's power, Hour by hour, Is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness aye endureth, Deep his wisdom, passing thought: Splendour, light and life attend him, Beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore From his store New-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Daily doth th'Almighty giver Bounteous gifts on us bestow; His desire our soul delighteth, Pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand At his hand; Joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from man to God eternal Sacrifice of praise be done, High above all praises praising For the gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth call One and all: Ye who follow shall not fall.

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

The priest introduces the service

Prayer of Preparation

All: 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

In a moment of quietness, let us prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries by calling to mind the ways in which we have failed God and our neighbour, and then let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

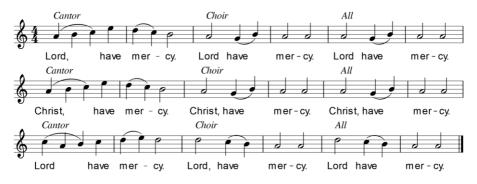
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, All: we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

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

All: Amen.

Kyrie



Gloria

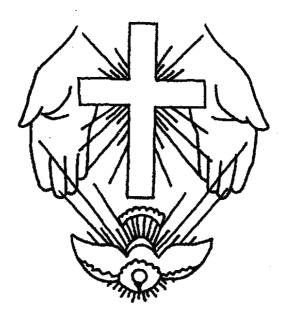




Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.

All: Amen.



First Reading

Please be seated

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

⁵ Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

- ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.
- ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.
- It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;
- in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.
- ⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—

who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the Lord test the mind and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm I



- Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the ¹ way of ¹ sinners : and hath not ¹ sat · in the ¹ seat of the ¹ scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the ' law of the ' Lord : and in his law will he exercise him'self ' day and ' night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted ¹ by the ¹ water-side : that will bring forth his ¹ fruit in ¹ due ¹ season.
- 4 His leaf also ¹ shall not ¹ wither : and look, whatsoever he ¹ doeth ¹, it shall ¹ prosper.
- 5 As for the ungodly, it is not ' so with ' them : but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth a'way · from the ' face of the ' earth.
- 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to ' stand · in the ' judgement : neither the sinners in the congre¹gation ¹ of the ¹ righteous.
- 7 But the Lord knoweth the 'way · of the 'righteous : and the 'way of · the un'godly shall 'perish.

Glory be to the Father, and ' to the ' Son : and ' to the ' Holy ' Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ' ever ' shall be :

world without $^{\rm I}$ end. $^{\rm I}$ $A^{\rm I}men.$

Second Reading

I Corinthians 15: 12-20

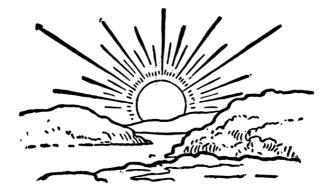
¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?
¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.
¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ— whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.
¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.
¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



The Gradual Hymn (NEH 388)

Please stand

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

- People and realms of every tongue
 Dwell on his love with sweetest song, And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on his name.
- Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
 The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
 The weary find eternal rest,
 And all the sons of want are blest.
 - Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honours to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the long Amen.

The Gospel



The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 6: 17-26

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
'I 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
²²'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you,

and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy,

for surely your reward is great in heaven;

for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please Stand

ΔII: 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

Please be seated, or kneel if you prefer In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ let us make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us All: Hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound We remember by name:

Anil Ameer Subryan, Anna Morison, Arlen, Ashraf Jafari, Fr Barry Wright, Beryl, Catherine Dalgliesh, Chandralakha and Scott Singh, Christine, Christopher Brown, Chris Robins. Colin Izzard, Colin Power, Claire, Clifford Brown, Crystal, Daniel Ejelonu, Daniel Whittard, David Mulloy, Fr David Sharpe, Fr Desmond Tillyer, Devon White, Edd Heimrich, Edna McGregor, Edward, Evelyn Semlyen, Gail Sparrow, Helen Cloke, Janet B, Jenny Wardle, John, Johnny, Jordan, Judi Bryant, Julian, Katherine Barker, Lauren Reeves, Lisa Sweet, Logan, Mark, Mary Akpieyi, Mandy, Mina and Reginald Apiafi, Muriel Doris Bloch, Nicola, Nicole, Oliver Donald, Pamela Ashcroft, Pavol Husar, Rachel, Rahema Charles, Ray, Rella Persaud, Remi Babatunde, Robert Winston, Saffron Leigh, Sandra, Sarah, Sebastian, Susan and Vanessa Husarov, Susan Paterson, Taiwo Odebode, Thelma Martin, Valerie Snowden, Victoria.

We remember those who have recently departed this life: Liz Lightbown, Sam Theodore and Fr Hugh Moore.

and all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time: Ethel Margaret Scott, Reginald St John Nellie Cottrell, Doris Marriott and Eric Brown.

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord;

- All: And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace
- All: And rise in glory. Merciful Father,
- All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your son our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Please stand

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you **All: And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.



The Offertory Hymn (NEH 343)

Bright the vision that delighted Once the sight of Judah's seer; Sweet the countless tongues united To entrance the prophet's ear.

2 Round the Lord in glory seated Cherubim and seraphim Filled his temple, and repeated Each to each the alternate hymn:

- 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
 Earth is with its fullness stored;
 Unto thee be glory given,
 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.'
- 4 Heaven is still with glory ringing, Earth takes up the angels' cry, 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,
 'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'
- 5 With his seraph train before him, With his holy Church below, Thus unite we to adore him, Bid we thus our anthem flow:
 - Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
 Earth is with its fullness stored;
 Unto thee be glory given,
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'

The Preparation of the Altar

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

All: Blessed be God forever.

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

All: Blessed be God forever.

The Eucharistic Prayer



Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus



Please be seated, or kneel if you prefer

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; 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.

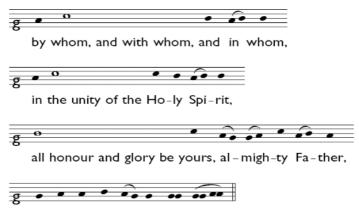
In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.



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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Michael and all the angels and saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;



for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

The Lord's Prayer



The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of ChristAll: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.



Agnus Dei

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The Communion

Communicant members of all Christian Churches are warmly welcome to receive Holy Communion. Any member of the congregation may receive a blessing. Those wishing to receive a blessing should please bring this order of service with them.

The Communion Hymns (NEH 294)

Please remain seated

Just as I am, without one plea But that thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
 With many a conflict, many a doubt,
 Fightings within, and fears without,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
 Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
 Yea all I need, in thee to find,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
 Because thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am (thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down), Now to be thine, yea thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am, of that free loveThe breadth, length, depth and height to prove,Here for a season then above,O Lamb of God, I come.

(NEH 298)

May the grace of Christ our Saviour, And the Father's boundless love, With the Holy Spirit's favour, Rest upon us from above.

2 Thus may we abide in union With each other and the Lord, And possess in sweet communion, Joys which earth cannot afford.

 To the God whose wisdom made us, To the Son who set us free, To the sanctifying Spirit, Glory, endless glory, be! Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

All: Almighty God, 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.

Notices

The Blessing

Please stand

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

The Recessional Hymn (NEH 377)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above
 Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

 3 To all life thou givest--to both great and small; In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
 We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
 Then wither and perish--but nought changeth thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; All praise we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

All:





Services and events this week

- Morning Prayer Monday to Thursday on Zoom only
- Midweek Mass Wednesday 10:30 on Zoom only Friday 10:00am in the Lady Chapel and on Zoom
- Sunday 23rd February second before Lent 8:00am said Mass 10:30am Parish Mass in the church also streaming on Zoom

