

St Michael and All Angels Mill Hill



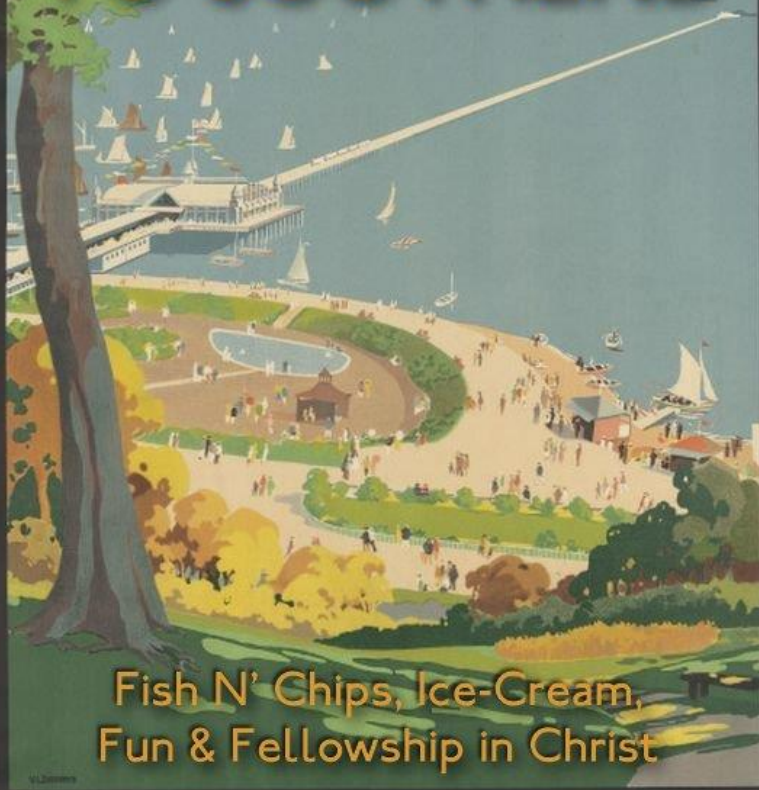
Ascension Sunday

Sunday 1st June 2025

10:30 am



DAY TRIP TO SOUTHEND



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Saturday 12th July

Adults £25 Children £15

The Processional Hymn (NEH 130)

Please stand

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your head, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!
Far above yon azure height, Alleluia!
Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!
Seeking Thee beyond the skies. Alleluia!

There we shall with Thee remain, Alleluia!
Partners of Thine endless reign; Alleluia!
There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heaven of heavens in Thee. Alleluia!



The Gathering

God has gone up with a shout,
All: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen
All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for over forty days
we have been celebrating with joyful hearts
the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ,
his bursting from the tomb
and his defeat of the power of sin and death.
He appeared to his disciples many times
and told them about the kingdom of God.
Today we recall how he left this earth
and returned to his Father,
ascending into heaven to take his throne
over all dominions and powers.
Trusting in his reign over all creation,
and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule,
let us hear the story of his parting.

The Ascension Reading

Please be seated

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father.

“This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayer of Penitence

As brothers and sisters in God's family,
we come together to ask for our Father's forgiveness.
God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
Lord we have sinned against you and against our neighbour.

All: Lord have mercy

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

All: And grant us your salvation

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal us and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life.

All: Amen.



Gloria



- 1, Glory to | God | in the | highest,
and | peace to his | people on | earth.
Lord God, heavenly | King, almighty | God and | Father,
we worship you, we give you | thanks, we
praise you for your | glory. **R**
2. Lord Jesus | Christ, only | Son of the | Father,
Lord | God, | Lamb of | God,
you take away the sins of the | world; have | mercy · on | us;
you are seated at the | right hand of the Father; re|ceive our | prayer.
R
3. For you a|lone are the | Holy | One,
you a|lone | are the | Lord,
you alone are the Most | High, | Jesus | Christ,
with the Holy | Spirit, in the glory of God the | Father. A|men. **R**

Collect

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life.

Silence is kept.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

All: Amen.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1: 15-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all."

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn (NEH 131)

Please stand

O King most high of earth and sky
On prostrate death thou treadest,
And with thy blood dost mark the road
Whereby to heaven thou leadest.

2 O Christ, behold thine orphaned fold,
Which thou hast borne with anguish,
Steeped in the tide from thy rent side;
O leave us not to languish!

3 The glorious gain of all thy pain
Henceforth dost thou inherit;
Now comes the hour--then gently shower
On us thy promised Spirit!



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 24: 44-53

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,

⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,

⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵²And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please be seated

The Affirmation of Faith

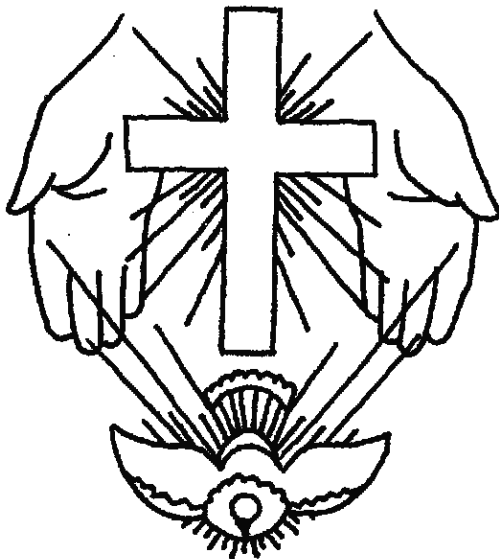
Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God
All: We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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 Dalglish, 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, Mary Akpieyi, Mandy, Mina and Reginald Apiafi, Muriel Doris Bloch, Nicola, Nicole, 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, Venita Delpino, Victoria.

We remember those who have recently departed this life:

Funmilola Animashaun and Henry Tennant Pashley

and all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Ivy Langley, Helena Maude Colquhoun, Albert Hylton Rawstrom and Grace Clottey.

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

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.'

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 128)

Eternal Monarch, King most high,
Whose blood hath brought redemption nigh,
By whom the death of Death was wrought
And conquering grace's battle fought:

2 Ascending to the throne of might,
And seated at the Father's right,
All power in heaven is Jesu's own,
That here his manhood had not known.

3 Yea, angels tremble when they see
How changed is our humanity;
That flesh hath purged what flesh had stained,
And God, the flesh of God, hath reigned.

4 Be thou our joy and strong defence,
Who art our future recompense:
So shall the light that springs from thee
Be ours through all eternity.

5 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One. Amen.

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



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R.** We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

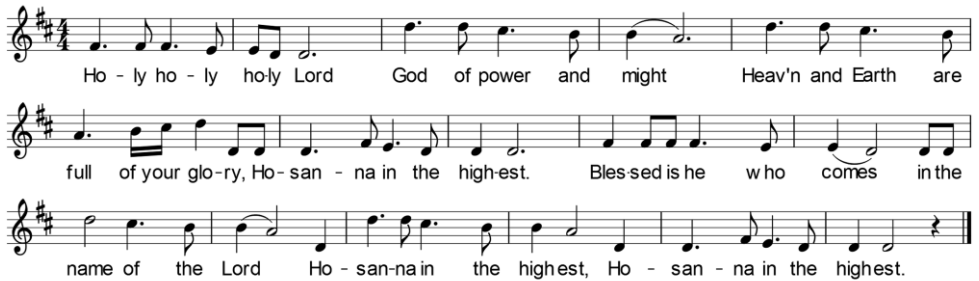


R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ the King of glory.
Born of a woman,
he came to the rescue of our human race.
Dying for us, he trampled death and conquered sin.

By the glory of his resurrection
he opened the way to life eternal
and by his ascension,
gave us the sure hope
that where he is we may also be.
Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy
and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

Sanctus



Father of all, we give you thanks,
For every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
He touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**All: This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
Yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
He came to table with his friends
To celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**All: This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
He took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
For the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**All: This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
On which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
And is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**All: This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with open eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:



Our Fa - ther who art in hea - ven, hal - lowed be thy name; thy king - dom come,
 thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread.
 And for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.
 And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion; but de - li - ver us from e - vil.
 For thine is the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry, for e - ver and e - ver. A - men...

The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of_ God you take away the sin_ the sin of the World_ have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of_ God you take away the sin_ the sin of the
 world_ have mer - cy on us. Lamb of_ God you take away the
 sin_ the sin of the World_ Grant_ us Peace.

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.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 133)

The eternal gates lift up their heads,
The doors are opened wide,
The King of glory is gone up
Unto his Father's side.

And ever on our earthly path
A gleam of glory lies,
A light still breaks behind the cloud
That veils thee from the eyes.

Lift up our hearts, lift up our minds,
And let thy grace be given,
That, while we live on earth below,
Our treasure be in heaven;

That, where thou art at God's right hand,
Our hope, our love may be:
Dwell in us now, that we may dwell
For evermore in thee.

(NEH 129)

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
Redemption's only spring;
Creator of the world art thou,
Its Saviour and its King.

2 How vast the mercy and the love
Which laid our sins on thee,
And led thee to a cruel death
To set thy people free.

3 But now the bonds of death are burst,
The ransom has been paid;
And thou art on thy Father's throne
In glorious robes arrayed.

4 O may thy mighty love prevail
Our sinful souls to spare;
O may we come before thy throne,
And find acceptance there!

5 O Christ, be thou our present joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory may it be
To glory in the Lord.

6 All praise to thee, ascended Lord;
All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Through all eternity. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

**All: We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

Notices

Birthdays and Anniversaries in June

The Blessing

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 134)

- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now:
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal light;
- 3 The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love,
And grants his name to know.
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame.
With all its grace is given:
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heaven.
- 5 They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of his love.
- 6 The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

All are invited to follow the procession outside to the front steps of the church where we will conclude our service by letting our annual Ascension Day prayer balloon soar high over Mill Hill!

The Dismissal Reading

Acts 1: 12, 13a, 14

Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

As we wait

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we listen to your word,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your equipping,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

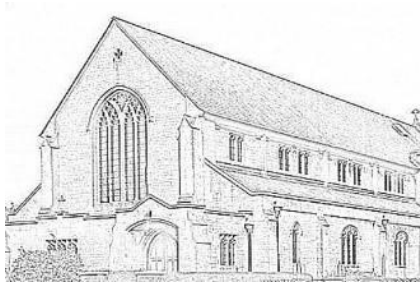
As we long for your empowering,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

The Dismissal

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



Services and events this week

- **Morning Prayer - Monday to Thursday 10:00am
on Zoom only**
- **Weekday Mass – Friday 10:00am in the church
and on Zoom**
- **Sunday 8th June – Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**
 - 8:00am said Mass in the church**
 - 10:30am Parish Mass in the church**
NOT streaming on Zoom
 - 6:30pm Be:Loved - a fresh expression of worship**
in the Hartley Hall foyer



Walsingham Pilgrimage



A party from St Michael's will be attending a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on the weekend of 10th-12th October
Places are available.

The cost is £182 per person (16 and over);
children £109.20 (5-15 years old).
Under 5 years old free.
All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

A deposit of £20 is required at the time of booking,
and a further payment of £20 by 11th August.
The balance can be paid in one, two or three instalments to help spread the cost.



THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK



Mill Hill Park Litter Pick



Join us for a Community
clean-up



Help keep our parks
and public spaces
litter-free.

Wear comfortable
clothing.
Equipment will be
provided.

Sunday, 8th June 10, 2025

12.30 AM - 2PM

Meet at St Michael & All Angels Church

Flower Lane, NW7 2JA



London Pro Arte Choir



Saturday 28 June 2025 at 7:30pm

St Michael's Church, Flower Lane, Mill Hill NW7 2JA

Vaughan Williams

Toward the unknown region
In Windsor Forest

and works by
Brahms and Schubert

Phoebe Tak Man Chow
Piano

Tom Winpenny
Conductor

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The background is an abstract painting with warm, vibrant colors like yellow, orange, and red. It features swirling, flame-like patterns and a central, faint figure that appears to be a person with arms raised, possibly in a gesture of praise or prayer. The overall effect is one of spiritual energy and warmth.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE BAPTISED
AND/OR CONFIRMED THIS YEAR?
SAVE THE DATE AND SPEAK TO FATHER STEVEN
TO FIND OUT MORE.**

Sung Eucharist **with** **Confirmation**

Sunday 9th November 2025
10.30am

**The Rt Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah
The Bishop of Edmonton
presides, preaches, baptises
and confirms at this service.**