

# St Michael and All Angels Mill Hill



## Third Sunday of Epiphany



**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**10:30 am**





## The Processional Hymn (NEH 52)

*Please stand*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness  
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
He will accept for the name that is dear;  
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

5 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!



## **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.**

## **Introduction**

*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.

**All:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
 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

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of two staves. The first staff has three measures, each with a vocal part label above it: *Choir*, *All*, and *Choir*. The lyrics are: Lord\_ have mer-cy. Lord\_ have mer-cy. Christ\_ have mer-cy. The second staff has three measures, each with a vocal part label above it: *All*, *Choir*, and *All*. The lyrics are: Christ\_ have mer-cy. Lord\_ have mer-cy. Lord\_ have mer-cy. The music is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with a line under the first syllable of each word.

## Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - nly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther. We

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. You are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord.

You a - lone are the most high Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther A - men. A - men. A - men.

## Collect

Almighty God,  
 whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
 the wonder of your saving presence:  
 renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
 and in all our weakness  
 sustain us by your mighty power;  
 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*

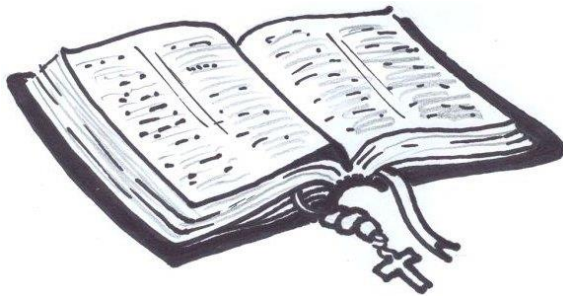
### Isaiah 9: 1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.  
In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun  
and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make  
glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations.

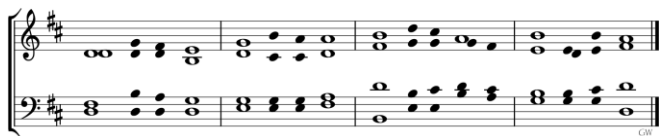
- <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.
- <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.
- <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 27 v1, 5-12



**R The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then <sup>1</sup> shall I <sup>1</sup> fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I <sup>1</sup> be a'fraid?

<sup>5</sup> One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
<sup>1</sup> one thing · I <sup>1</sup> seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the <sup>1</sup> days of · my <sup>1</sup> life;

<sup>6</sup> [<sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup>] To behold the fair <sup>1</sup> beauty of · the <sup>1</sup> Lord  
and to seek him <sup>1</sup> in his <sup>1</sup> temple. **R**

<sup>7</sup> For in the <sup>1</sup> day of <sup>1</sup> trouble  
he shall keep me <sup>1</sup> safe in · his <sup>1</sup> shelter;  
he shall hide me in the secrecy <sup>1</sup> of his <sup>1</sup> dwelling  
and set me high up<sup>1</sup> on a <sup>1</sup> rock. **R**

<sup>8</sup> Even now he lifts <sup>1</sup> up my <sup>1</sup> head  
above my enemies <sup>1</sup> round a'bout me.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with <sup>1</sup> sounds of · great <sup>1</sup> gladness;  
I will sing and make music <sup>1</sup> to the <sup>1</sup> Lord. **R**

- <sup>10</sup> Hearken to my voice, O Lord, <sup>1</sup> when I <sup>1</sup> call,  
have mercy on <sup>1</sup> me and <sup>1</sup> answer me.
- <sup>11</sup> You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."  
Your face, O Lord, <sup>1</sup> will I <sup>1</sup> seek.
- <sup>12</sup> Hide not your face from me,  
nor turn away your servant <sup>1</sup> in dis<sup>1</sup>pleasure. **R**

## **Second Reading**

### **I Corinthians 1: 10-18**

- <sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose.
- <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.
- <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.'
- <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,
- <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.
- <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)
- <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.
- <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## The Gradual Hymn (NEH 425)

*Please stand*

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!  
How passing thought and fantasy  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake.

2 He sent no angel to our race  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame,  
And he himself to his world came.

3 For us baptized, for us he bore  
His holy fast, and hungered sore;  
For us temptations sharp he knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.

4 For us to wicked men betrayed,  
Scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns arrayed;  
For us he bore the cross's death;  
For us at length gave up his breath.

5 For us he rose from death again,  
For us he went on high to reign,  
For us he sent his Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

6 All honour, laud, and glory be,  
O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee,  
All glory, as is ever meet,  
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

## The Gospel



The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Matthew 4: 12-23

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested,  
he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home  
in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,  
<sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah  
might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the  
Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.'

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim,  
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.

<sup>19</sup> And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

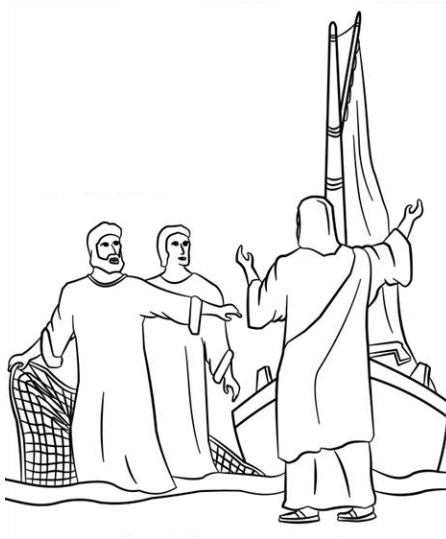
<sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

<sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**



## The Sermon

*Please be seated*

## The Creed

*Please Stand*

**All: 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 Dalglish, Chandralakha and Scott Singh, Christine,  
Christopher Brown, Chris Robins, Colin Izzard, Claire, Clifford Brown, Crystal,  
Daniel Ejelonu, Daniel Whittard, David Mulloy, Fr David Sharpe,  
Fr Desmond Tillyer, Deirdre Mullooly, Devon White, Edd Heimrich,  
Edna McGregor, Edward, Evelyn Semlyen, Gail Sparrow, Helen Cloke,  
Iren Fabian-Toth, Janet B, Jenny Wardle, John, Johnny, Jordan,  
Judi Bryant, Julian, Katherine Barker, Laura Newbury, 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, Richard Johnson, Robert Winston, Saffron Leigh, Sandra,  
Sarah, Sebastian, Susan and Vanessa Husarov, Susan Paterson,  
Taiwo Odebode, Venita Delpino, Victoria.*

We remember those who have recently departed this life:

and all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

*Norah Simpson, Frank Cordingley, Peggy Paish, Doris MacWhannell  
and Frederick Harmer,.*

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 352)**

Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Rose,  
As of that Rose the Stem;  
The Root whence mercy ever flows,  
The Babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown him the Lord of love!  
Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

4     Crown Him the Lord of peace,  
       Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
       Absorbed in prayer and praise:  
       His reign shall know no end,  
       And round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of Paradise extend  
       Their fragrance ever sweet.

5     Crown him the Lord of years,  
       The Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
       Ineffably sublime.  
       Glassed in a sea of light,  
       Where everlasting waves  
Reflect his throne--the Infinite!  
Who lives--and loves--and saves.

## **The Preparation of the Altar**

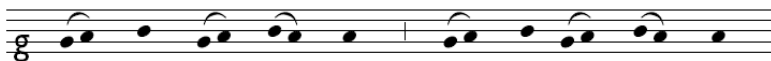
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to offer you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life

**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.**

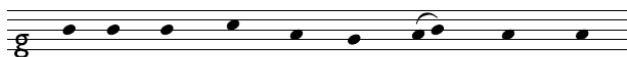
## The Eucharistic Prayer



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.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.  
In the coming of the magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.  
In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.  
In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.  
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

# Sanctus

The musical score for 'Sanctus' is written for a choir and all voices. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Choir' and the second 'All'. The third staff is labeled 'Choir' and the fourth 'All'. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: 'Ho ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God - of pow - er and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

*Choir*  
Ho ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God - of pow - er and might.

*All*  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the

*Choir*  
high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the

*All*  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.

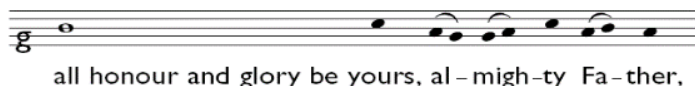
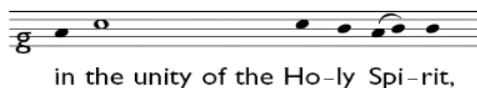
Great is the mystery of faith:



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;



# The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed 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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,  
 because we all share in one bread.**

# Agnus Dei

*Choir* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
 mer-cy on us. *Choir* Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. *All* Lamb of God, you  
 take a-way the sins 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.**

## 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 48)

*Please remain seated*

Bethlehem, of noblest cities  
None can once with thee compare;  
Thou alone the Lord from heaven  
Didst for us incarnate bear.

2 Fairer than the sun at morning  
Was the star that told his birth;  
To the lands their God announcing,  
Seen in fleshly form on earth.

3 By its lambent beauty guided  
See the eastern kings appear;  
See them bend, their gifts to offer,  
Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.

4 Solemn things of mystic meaning:  
Incense doth the God disclose,  
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,  
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

5 Holy Jesu, in thy brightness  
To the Gentile world displayed,  
With the Father and the Spirit  
Endless praise to thee be paid. Amen.

### **(NEH 306)**

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands  
That holy things have taken;  
Let ears that now have heard thy songs  
To clamour never waken.

Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang  
Keep free from all deceiving;  
The eyes which saw thy love be bright,  
Thy blessed hope perceiving.

The feet that tread thy holy courts  
From light do thou not banish;  
The bodies by thy Body fed  
With thy new life replenish.



## The Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for 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 338)

At the name of Jesus  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
We should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
Was the mighty Word.

2 At his voice creation  
Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
All the hosts of light,  
Thrones and dominations,  
Stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly orders,  
In their great array.

3 Humbled for a season,  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious  
When from death he passed:

4    Bore it up triumphant  
      With its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures,  
      To the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead,  
      To the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory  
      Of that perfect rest.

5    In your hearts enthrone him;  
      There let him subdue  
      All that is not holy,  
      All that is not true:  
He is God the Saviour,  
He is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped,  
      Trusted, and adored.

6    Brothers, this Lord Jesus  
      Shall return again,  
      In the Father's glory,  
      With his angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire  
      Meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him  
      King of glory now.

## **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:    Thanks be to God.**



## **Services and events this week**

- **Morning Prayer – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
10:00am on Zoom only**
- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – The Presentation of Christ  
in the Temple (Candlemas)  
10:30am Family Mass in the church  
also streaming on Zoom**

