

St Michael and All Angels Mill Hill



Third Sunday of Epiphany



Sunday 25th January 2026

10:30 am



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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 wouldest 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!
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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

Choir
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
All
Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

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.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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?**

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then ' shall I ' fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I ' be a'fraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
' one thing · I ' seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the ' days of · my ' life;

6 [2nd] To behold the fair ' beauty of · the ' Lord
and to seek him ' in his ' temple. **R**

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

8 Even now he lifts ' up my ' head
above my enemies ' round a'bout me.

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

¹⁰ Hearken to my voice, O Lord, ' when I call,
have mercy on ' me and ' answer me.

¹¹ You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, O Lord, ' will I ' seek.

¹² Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant ' in dis'pleasure. **R**

Second Reading

I Corinthians I: 10-18

¹⁰Now 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.

¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

¹²What 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.'

¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For 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.

¹⁸For 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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al -
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Jones

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

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

¹⁵ ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the
Gentiles—

¹⁶ 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.’

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

¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

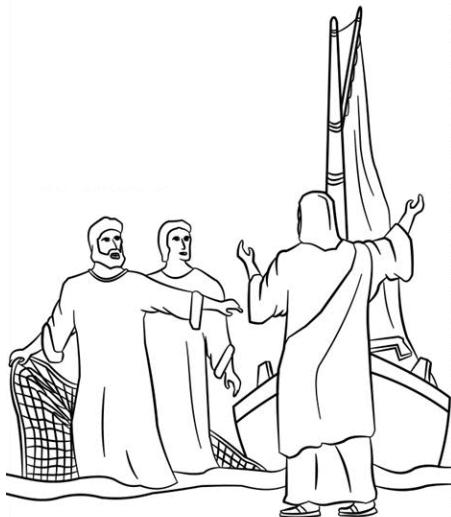
²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ 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 Dalgliesh, 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 piercèd 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

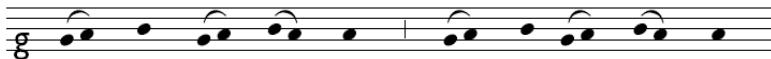
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to offer you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life

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 also 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

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:



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

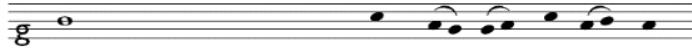
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Michael and all the angels and saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;



by whom, and with whom, and in whom,



in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,



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

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, 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.

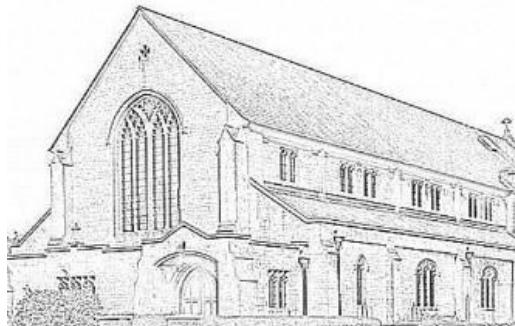
5 In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.

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 1st February – The Presentation of Christ
in the Temple (Candlemas)
10:30am Family Mass in the church
also streaming on Zoom**

