

St John's Harpenden



Parish Eucharist

23rd January 2022

'the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it' John 1:5

WELCOME AND NOTICES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 104 – Songs of thankfulness and praise

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding-guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.

4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the Judge appear:
thou by all wilt be confest,
God in man made manifest.

5 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany;
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.

✠ **IN** the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The president introduces the Eucharist.

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us kneel and confess our sins.

Kneel

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.

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be forgiven ✠ from all your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand for the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

When the Choir is absent another form of the Gloria may be used, which can be found on the Pew Sheet.

***Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the Highest.***

**Glory to God in the Highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, Heav'nly King,
almighty God and Father.**

**We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the Highest.***

**Lord, Jesus Christ,
only son of the Father.**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;**

**You are seated at the right hand
of the Father, receive our prayer.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the Highest.***

**For you alone are the Holy one,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in the Glory of God the father.**

***Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the Highest.***

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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
Amen.

Sit

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 12.1-11.

12Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. 4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 383 – Lord, thy word abideth

1 Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

2 When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

3 When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

4 Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

5 Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

6 O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!

please stand

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Stand and turn towards the Gospel

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 2.1-11
Glory to you, O Lord.

2On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." 5His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 9When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit for the SERMON

A short silence follows.

Stand

THE NICENE CREED

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 (*bow*) 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

The president introduces the prayers and the people sit or kneel.

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers,

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Stand for THE PEACE

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you:

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We shake hands with those immediately around us saying 'Peace be with you'.

OFFERTORY HYMN 238i - Come down, O love divine

1 Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Normally a collection is gathered and the gifts processed to the altar. If you would consider offering a gift to the Church to support our ministry, please do so.
Thank you for your gift.*

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
Amen

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
and was born of the Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

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:

HOLY, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
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.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with our Lady Mary, John, Alban
and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with
confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**OUR Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses;
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in
one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

**LAMB of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

✠ BEHOLD the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

*All Baptised Christians who normally receive Communion in their own church are
welcome to do so here. If you were prefer a blessing, please bring your order of service
with you.*

COMMUNION HYMN 449i – I hunger and I thirst

1 I hunger and I thirst:
Jesu, my manna be;
ye living waters, burst
out of the rock for me.

2 Thou bruised and broken Bread,
my life-long wants supply;
as living souls are fed,
O feed me, or I die.

3 Thou true life-giving Vine,
let me thy sweetness prove;
renew my life with thine,
refresh my soul with love.

4 Rough paths my feet have trod
since first their course began:
feed me, thou Bread of God;
help me, thou Son of Man.

5 For still the desert lies
my thirsting soul before:
O living waters, rise
within me evermore.

A time of silent prayer is kept after Communion.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Stand for the FINAL HYMN 476 – Forth in thy name

1 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know,
in all I think or speak or do.

2 The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.

3 Preserve me from my calling's snare,
and hide my simple heart above,
above the thorns of choking care,
the gilded baits of worldly love.

4 Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labour on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.

5 Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to thy glorious day;

6 For thee delightfully employ
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

Remain standing

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers in the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you now and always. **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Remain standing as the RECESSION takes place and a VOLUNTARY is played.

Mass Setting	Mass of St Thomas
Processional:	104 – Songs of thankfulness and praise Words: Charles Wordsworth (1807-1885) Music: Charles Stegall (1826-1905)
Gradual:	383 – Lord, thy word abideth Words: Henry Williams Baker (1823-1877) Music: Mediaeval German Melody, adapted and harmonised by William Henry Mnk (1823-1889)
Offertory:	238i - Come down, O love divine Words: Discendi, amor santo. Bianco da Siena (d.1434) translated by Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890) Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) © OUP.
Communion:	449i – I hunger and I thirst Words: John Samuel Monsell (1821-1875) Music: Psalteriolum HArmonicum, 1642.
Final:	476 – Forth in thy name Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Melody and Bass by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

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