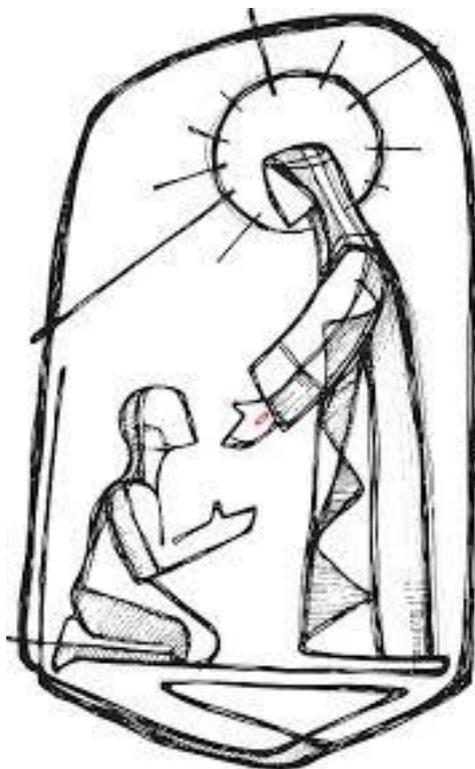


**St. Michael and All  
Angels**



**Amersham on the  
Hill**



**Sung Healing Eucharist**

**Eucharists with Healing are held nine times a year at St. Michael's across the weekday and Sunday services. They are special times of reflection, restoration and wholeness, especially when one is busy or stressed.**



During today's service, there will be "laying on of hands" by a commissioned member of St. Michael's Healing Team, whose hands will lightly rest on each person's head as this, or a similar prayer, is quietly spoken:

***"May the healing power of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - fill you with his peace and meet you today at your point of need in body, mind and spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."***

Following the laying on of hands, a priest will anoint with oil blessed specially for healing and wholeness, making the sign of the cross on each person's forehead and hands as this, or a similar prayer, is quietly spoken:

***"I anoint you in the name of the Father who loves you, the Son who redeems you, and the Spirit who gives you life."***



Laying on of hands and anointing are practices which date back to the very early church and are mentioned many times in the Bible. They are offered at today's service but are not imposed. For some, the sacramental healing of the Eucharist alone may be preferred, and this option is always available.

## **Introit**

### **Processional Hymn**

*Please stand, if able.*

### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you.**

*A healing team member comes forward and lights the candles  
as the Deacon says.....*

We light these candles for the Trinity of love:  
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us:  
God at our centre, God on the edge, God with us.



### **Prayer of Invocation**

*President*

We prepare a place for you.

Come to us in the difference of every life gathered.

Come to us in song.

Come to us in word.

Come to us in stillness.

Come to us in bread and wine.

Come to us in flesh and blood.

Reach out across time.

Be present in all time.

*We keep a time of silence.*

*All* **Come Jesus, be our guest,  
stay with us this *day/night*,  
with friend and stranger,  
with young and old,  
with the lost and found.  
Be among us this *day/night*,  
our guest, our host,  
the one who says all are welcome here.**

*All Sing*

**Soothe away our pain and sorrow,  
hold us in love;  
grace we cannot buy or borrow,  
hold us in love.  
Though we see but dark and danger,  
though we spurn both friend and stranger,  
though we often dread tomorrow,  
hold us in love.**

**Prayers for Forgiveness**

*Please sit or kneel.*

*Deacon*

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings. Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Because the world is beautiful, but beauty is easily destroyed,  
we need you.

*All* **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.**

Because we are weak and frail,  
because we cannot live without love  
but often walk in darkness,  
we need you.

*All* **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.**

Because we often abandon you  
and turn away and walk past  
and are afraid,  
and countless times fall short of your goodness,  
but you love us to the end  
and win victory over all hatred,  
we need you.

*All* **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.**

Because we have your message to proclaim,  
because we have your kingdom to build,  
because there are so many in need of your love,  
because we have your life to live,  
we need you.

*All* **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.**

## **Absolution**

*President*

And Jesus said, 'Your sins are forgiven'.  
In the name of the Father who created you and waits to  
welcome you home,  
in the name of the Son who searches for you,  
in the name of the Spirit who brings the healing of  
forgiveness  
and calls you to do the same,  
you have been set free.

**Amen.**

## **The Gloria**

*Please stand, if able.*

*All Sing*

To God we sing on high  
with worship, thanks and praise;  
His glory reigns beyond the sky:  
brings peace to human days.

In Christ we see the face  
of love, the only Son,  
the Lamb of God whose saving grace  
O'er sin and death has won.

Receive our prayer O Lord,  
the high and holy one -  
in Jesus Christ and Spirit poured  
the Father's glory's done!

## **Collect**

*The priest gathers together, or collects, our prayers.*

## **Gradual Hymn**

*Please stand, if able.*

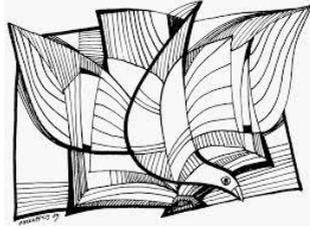
## **Gospel Reading**

*Please turn to face the Gospel.*

*The choir or minister may herald the Gospel reading.....  
When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**



*At the end.*

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

*Please sit.*

## **Reflection**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please remain seated or kneel*

*A member of the congregation offers prayers to which  
this response is sung:*

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,  
When I call answer me.  
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,  
Come and listen to me**

A prayer of thanksgiving  
*All* **Sung response**

A prayer of concern  
*All* **Sung response**

A prayer of hope  
*All* **Sung response**

## **The Peace**

*Please stand, if able.*

*For those who would like to, you are welcome to join hands as we sing the peace.*

*All*

**Shalom, Shalom, may peace be with you, Shalom, Shalom.**

**In all that you do, may peace be with you, Shalom, Shalom.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Deacon

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*Please stand, if able.*

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

*Please remain standing, if able.*

## **Preparation of the Table**

President

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have invited us to come to this table.

**We have come from many places and experiences;**

**we have come with all our differences;**

**we have come to the place where journeys meet.**

**You have reached out to all on the edge**

**and called us into the heart of God.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer One**

*(Eucharist Prayer Two – Pg 11)*

On the night that Jesus was betrayed he told us to prepare a place for him. And then he offered us a sign, a sign of how he would give himself to us to give us new life. He had always loved us, and now he showed us how perfect his love was.

While his disciples were eating, Jesus took a piece of bread in his hands, like this, and he blessed it:  
Blessed are you Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made,  
it will become for us the bread of life.  
And then he said to them:  
This is my body broken for you,  
do this in remembrance of me.

*Silence*

And then Jesus took a cup of wine, like this, and gave you thanks:  
Blessed are you Lord God of all creation,  
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the cup of salvation.  
And then he said to them:  
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 in remembrance of me.

*Silence*

## Deacon

His disciples did not understand these words; how could they understand?

But later they would see Christ's body broken, his love poured out – his death for us so that we might share his risen life.

The life he gave then, he shares with us now.

## President

Lord Jesus Christ,  
as we do in this place what you did once and for all,  
breathe your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and wine that they may be heaven's  
food,  
renewing, transforming, sustaining and making us whole;  
so that we may be your body on earth,  
loving and caring for your creation,  
where all are welcome and the poorest are fed.

**All Bless the earth, heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free,  
and fill each one of us with your love from on high.  
Gather your people from the ends of the earth to  
feast at your table with all your saints.**

*Please turn to page 13...for The Lord's Prayer.*



## **Eucharistic Prayer Two**

Creator God, we thank and praise you,  
for by your Holy Spirit you parted the waters in creation  
and in the paths of liberation you journey with us through  
deep and shallow waters.

On the great night of Passover your children ate the  
bread of affliction, unleavened and unfinished,  
before they journeyed into the desert.  
In your Son Jesus, our friend and brother,  
you journeyed from heaven to earth,  
and from life to death to life again.

When your Son Jesus Christ met with his disciples on the  
night before he died, they recalled how, once before,  
the bread of affliction had become the bread of hope.  
Send down your Holy Spirit upon your Church, that in its  
affliction of body, mind or spirit it may discover in you the  
God of hope.

Sanctify this bread and cup, that they may be for us the  
body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who at supper with his disciples  
took bread, and 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.

Broken yet healing God,  
gather us together from many dwelling places  
to feast together at one table.

Through this meal unite us with Jesus,  
with one another,  
and with the whole of creation.

Make your church, nourished by this bread and wine,  
a place of common voice with room for all.

Embolden your people to step out into the waters too  
deep for human understanding,  
that they may spread their nets with the whole of  
creation.

Wounded as you are,  
show us again how to walk a rising road.

Bring together the fresh water of healing and the salt  
water of justice in your Kingdom,  
prepared for us through Jesus the way,  
the truth and the life.

Hasten the day when all hopes are fulfilled,  
all fears erased and all pain assuaged  
in the fullness of your Son and the power of your Spirit,  
Holy Father.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
All **In memory of Christ, broken for us.**



## Sung Communion Verse

*All* **When the bread is raised and broken,  
fill us with love;  
words of consecration spoken,  
fill us with love.  
As our grateful prayers continue,  
make the faith that we have in you  
more than just an empty token,  
fill us with love.**

## Giving of Communion

Come to this table just as you are.  
Come to meet the incarnate, broken Jesus.  
Come, bring your strengths for healing and your  
brokenness in celebration.  
Come, for it is Christ who invites you as you are.

*All are invited to come to the communion rail to receive  
the bread and wine or a blessing. If you would like a  
blessing, please place your hands across your chest.*

*Laying on of hands and anointing is offered after  
communion. If you would prefer to have communion or a  
blessing without laying on of hands and anointing, please  
go to the side rail which is to the left as you face the altar.*



## Post Communion Hymn

*Please stand if able.*

## Prayer after Communion

*All* **Gentle and gracious God, we thank you for situations you create where people can flourish, and space you make where we can heal each other.**

**We humbly praise you that you have so wonderfully created us and made a place for each one of us.**

**We treasure before you the gift of healing, of new life, and of a Kingdom in which the weak are strong and the strong are weak.**

**You make all things new, meet us in our brokenness and begin again with us today; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Notices and Banns.*

## The Blessing

*Please stand, if able.*

Now all of us must go out into the world and live God's love there.

Look for Jesus in the oppressed and burdened.

Look for Jesus in those who have lost hope.

Look for him among the poor in heart, among the merciful, among the peacemakers, among the persecuted for the sake of right.

Look for Jesus on the edge.

And the blessing of God Almighty,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and all those whom you love, wherever they may be, now and for all eternity.

**Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

Deacon

Go simply, lightly, gently.

Go with obedience.

Go with love.

Go in the peace of Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn Verse**

*All*

Help us live for one another,

bind us in love;

stranger, neighbour, father, mother,

bind us in love.

All are equal at your table,

through the Spirit make us able

to embrace as sister, brother,

bind us in love.

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