

St Michael and All Angels Mill Hill



The first Sunday after Epiphany **The Baptism of Christ**



Sunday 9th January 2022

10:30 am



The Processional Hymn (NEH 52)

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.

Reverend Heather 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 All Choir

Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy. Christ have mer-cy,

Choir

Christ havemer-cy, Christ havemer-cy. Lord havemer-cy. Lord havemer-cy, Lord havemer-cy ^{GW}

Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the High-est and peace to His peo-ple on Earth.
Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, Al-might-y 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
sin of the World, have mer-cy on us. You are sea-ted 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. CW

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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

Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,

and honoured, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up',

and to the south, 'Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.'

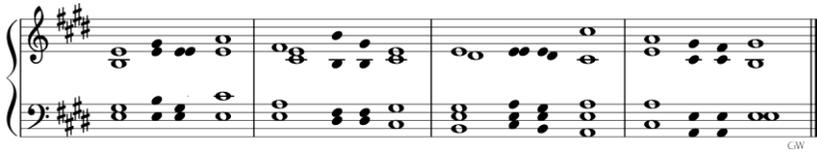
This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 v1-28



The voice of the Lord is u-pon the wa-ters; the God of glo-ry thunders.



R The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders.

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you | powers of | heaven, •
ascribe to the Lord | glory and | strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his | name; •
worship the Lord in the | beauty of | holiness. **R**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is up|on the | waters;
the God of glory thunders; •
the Lord is upon | the mighty | waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in oper|ation; •
the voice of the Lord is a | glorious | voice. **R**
- 5 The voice of the Lord | breaks the | cedar trees; •
the Lord breaks the | cedars of | Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a | calf •
and Sirion like a | young wild | ox. **R**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the | flash of | lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; •
the Lord shakes the | wilderness of | Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the | forests | bare; •
in his temple | all cry, | 'Glory!' **R**
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the | water flood; •
the Lord sits enthroned as | king for | evermore.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his | people; •
the Lord shall give his people the | blessing of | peace. **R**

Second Reading

Acts 8: 14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn (NEH 425)

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 Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

Water is poured into the font with these words:

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All: Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

The president stands before the water and says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All: who keeps his promise for ever.

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,
bringing light and life;
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit
move upon these waters.

Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptized
to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,
anoint your children with power from on high,
and make them one with Christ in the freedom of your kingdom.
For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,
now and for ever.

All: Alleluia. Amen.

I saw water flowing from the threshold of
the temple.

**All: Wherever the river flows
everything will spring to life. Alleluia.**

On the banks of the river grow trees
bearing every kind of fruit.

All: Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail.

Their fruit will serve for food,
their leaves for the healing of the nations.

**All: For the river of the water of life
flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb.**

*The Prayer over the Water is followed by this act of
penitence and dedication*

God of truth,
you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us;
look in mercy on your people.
From all our sins, O Lord:

All: wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have broken the pledges of our baptism,
and failed to be your disciples.
From all our sins, O Lord:

All: wash us, and we shall be clean.

Though we are saved by Christ
and dead to sin through the deep waters of death,
we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.
From all our sins, O Lord:

All: wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have shown indifference to those in need
and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth.
From all our sins, O Lord:

All: wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have been slow to forgive,
and have failed to remember
your repeated forgiveness of our sins.
From all our sins, O Lord:

All: wash us, and we shall be clean.

Today we rejoice and give thanks
because your Son humbled himself to be
baptized in the Jordan.
Through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism
for the remission of our sins.
From all our sins, O Lord:

All: wash us, and we shall be clean.

Through water and Spirit
you give us new life as the people of God,
and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.
From all our sins, O Lord:

All: wash us, and we shall be clean.

Almighty God,
in our baptism you have consecrated us
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.
May we, whom you have counted worthy,
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,
and worship you with upright lives;
through Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

*The water may be sprinkled over the people,
or they may come and sign themselves with the cross
in it as the president says*

‘Come,’ say the Spirit and the Bride.
‘Come forward, you who are thirsty,
receive the water of life,
the free gift to all who desire it.’
May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ
let us make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

All: Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us
Hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound

We remember by name:

*Andrew Bevans, Anil Ameer Subryan, Anna Morison, Anne King,
Ashraf Jafari, Beryl, Chandralakha and Scott Singh, Christine,
Christopher Brown, Claire, Clifford Brown, Crystal, Devon White,
Di Mason, Edd Heimrich, Edward, Edna Currell, Fr Alan Chidwick,
Fr Desmond Tillyer, Father Steven, Helen Cloke, Howard Longman,
Jenny Wardle, John, Johnny, Julian, Lauren Reeves, Lisa Sweet ,
Liz Lightbown, Mark, Mary Akpieyi, Mary Prosser-Haries, Mandy,
Mina and Reginald Apiafi, Nicola, Nicole, Pam Harmer,
Pamela Ashcroft, Pavol Husar, Peter and Janet Young,
Princeworth Davidson, Rachel, Rahema Charles, Ray, Rella Persaud,
Remi Babatunde, Robert Winston, Rod Sparrow, Saffron Leigh,
Sam Theodore, Sandra, Sarah, Shilpa, Susan and Vanessa Husarov,
Susan Paterson, Taiwo Odebode, Terry McCabery, Thelma Martin,
Tim, Trina Cowton, Victoria.*

We remember those who have recently departed this life:
Peter Merchant and Molly Ashdown.

And those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:
Rose Ama Tandoh, Edna Owen, Katherine Russell and Leslie Frank Rice.

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

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

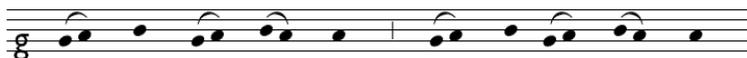
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to offer you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life

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 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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;

he put an end to death by dying for us;
 and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
 so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.
 Therefore with angels and archangels,
 and with all the company of heaven,
 we proclaim your great and glorious name,
 for ever praising you and singing:

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! CW

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:

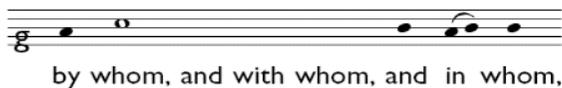


Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen; Christ will come a - gain. GW

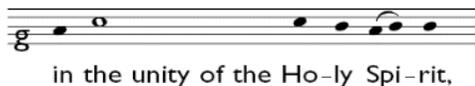
And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

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.

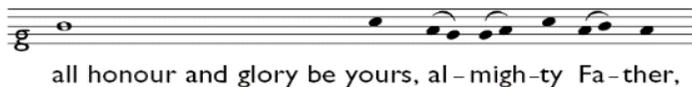
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Michael and all the angels and saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;



by whom, and with whom, and in whom,



in the unity of the Ho-ly Spi-rit,



all honour and glory be yours, al-migh-ty Fa-ther,



for ev-er and ev-er. **A - men.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and 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, *All:* 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. CW

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

The Communion Hymns (NEH 48)

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.

(NHWS 155)

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum,
omnes gentes, alleluia!

The Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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 bright 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 - Tuesday to Friday 10:00am
on Zoom only**
- *There will be no midweek Mass this week*
- **Sunday 16th January – second Sunday after Epiphany
8:00am said Mass in the church only
10:30am Family Mass in the church
also streaming on Zoom**



**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 20th March 2022
10.30am

**The Rt Revd Robert Wickham
The Bishop of Edmonton
presides, preaches, baptises
and confirms at this service.**