



**St. Michael and All Angels
Amersham on the Hill**



HOLY EUCHARIST ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

Happy Christmas!

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

Isaiah 9.6

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

Please stand, if able.

The Greeting

All Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.
Now he is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.

All From eternity to eternity you are God,
and now we see you as a new-born child.

Please sit.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Invitation to Confession

Deacon Welcome all wonders in one sight!
Eternity shut in a span.
Summer in winter, day in night,
heaven in earth, and God in man.

Great little one whose all-embracing birth
brings earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

We pause for confession

Confession

Please remain seated or kneel.

All We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

All We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

All We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

President May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peruvian Gloria

Please stand, if able.

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our maker.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our maker.

All To God be glory for ever.
To God be glory for ever.

Refrain:

Alleluia, Amen!

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Alleluia, Amen!

All Glory to Christ, glory to Christ, glory to our brother.
Glory to Christ, glory to Christ, glory to our brother.

All To Christ be glory for ever.
To Christ be glory for ever.

Refrain

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the spirit.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the spirit.

All Give us your freedom for ever.
Give us your freedom for ever.

Refrain

The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9.2-7

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.

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.

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.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

All

Gradual Hymn

Please stand, if able.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.8-20

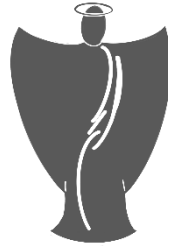
Please turn to face the Gospel.

All Today Christ is born:
alleluia,

All Today the Saviour has come:
alleluia,

All Today the angels sing on earth:
alleluia. Glory to God in the highest.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.



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



In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Sermon

Please sit.

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.**

Prayers of Intercession

Christ, born in a stable,
give courage to all who are homeless.
Jesus, Saviour,
All **hear our prayer.**

Christ, for whom the angels sang,
give the song of the kingdom to all who weep.
Jesus, Saviour,
All **hear our prayer.**

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds,
give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.
Jesus, Saviour,

All **hear our prayer.**

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt,
give humility and wisdom to all who govern.
Jesus, Saviour,

All **hear our prayer.**

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger,
give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you.
Jesus, Saviour,

All **hear our prayer.**

All **Lord Jesus Christ, child of Mary,
you know us and love us,
you share our lives
and hear our prayer.
Glory to you for ever.
Amen.**



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand, if able.

For those who would like to, you are welcome to join hands as we sing or say the Peace.

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

Isaiah 9.6

All 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

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

Preparation of the Table

The peace of earth to Him;
the joy of heaven to Him.
The homage of a King be His,
King of all victory;
the welcome of a Lamb be His.
Lamb of all glory:
the Son of glory down from on high.
All hail, let there be joy.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

All **You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

All **He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he 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.

(Pause)

All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

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 for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

(Pause)

All **Father, we do this is remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

All **As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, in our own language, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Giving of Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All

Lord, give us this bread always.

*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.
After receiving the bread and the wine please respond "Amen"
or, if you would like a blessing, please place your hands across
your chest.*



Post Communion Hymn

Please stand, if able.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

All

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Son of Mary, Son of God,
we have joined the worship of the angels;
may we never lose that heavenly vision.
Like the shepherds,
we have rejoiced at the news of your birth;
help us to proclaim that message in word and deed,
to your praise and glory.

Notices and Banns

The Dismissal

Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Deacon

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All

Glory, thanks and praise to God.

Recessional hymn verse

All

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee, be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**



We wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas.

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