



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



**SOLEMN EUCHARIST  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF Fr. PETER AS A PRIEST**

**SUNDAY JUNE 28<sup>th</sup> 2026**

*A warm welcome to this service*

St. Michael's is delighted to celebrate Fr. Peter's milestone 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination as a priest, and to welcome you all to this special service. We are very grateful for all the years of service Fr. Peter has given to St. Michael's, to Amersham and to the other local churches where he has ministered.

You are welcome to keep this booklet as a memento of the occasion, and we hope you will be able to stay after the service for celebratory drinks and a light buffet.

## The Gathering

### Introit

*Choir* Christ is the world's true light,  
its captain of salvation,  
the daystar clear and bright  
of ev'ry race and nation;  
new life, new hope awakes,  
where'er we own his sway:  
freedom her bondage breaks,  
and night is turned to day.

### Processional Hymn 349

*Please stand, if able.*

*All* **New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life and power and thought.**

**New mercies, each returning day,  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**

**If on our daily thoughts our mind  
be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.**

**The trivial round, the common task,  
will furnish all we need to ask,  
room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.**

**Only, O Lord, in thy dear love  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.**

### The Greeting

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

*Please sit.*

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## **Acclamation**

- All* There are varieties of gifts:  
**but the same Spirit.**
- All* There are varieties of service:  
**but the same Lord.**
- All* There are different kinds of working:  
**but the same God is at work in all.**
- All* There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call:  
**one Lord, one faith, one baptism.**
- All* There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all:  
**to whom Christ ascended on high.**
- All* And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:  
**some are apostles, some are his prophets;**
- All* evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us:  
**so that we can minister together**
- All* to build up his body:  
**to be mature in the fulness of Christ.**

## **Invitation to Confession**

*Please remain seated or kneel.*

- Deacon* We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
to ask his forgiveness and peace.

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends.  
Lord, have mercy.

- All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit.  
Christ, have mercy.

- All* **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your faithful witnesses.  
Lord, have mercy.

- All* **Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

- President* May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
- All* **Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Please stand, if able.*

*All*      **We join with the angels, our voices we raise,  
to give you the glory, and sing forth your praise.  
We pray for the peace you alone can bestow,  
to fall down like rain on your people below.**

**O Lord God almighty, and heavenly King,  
accept the thanksgivings and praises we bring,  
for though you are mighty, the Lord God above,  
for us you are also the Father we love.**

**Christ Jesus, Messiah, and God's only Son,  
the Lamb who was slain, who now sits on heav'n's throne.  
Your death conquered evil and cancelled our sin,  
in mercy, receive all the prayers that we bring.**

**All glory to God in the highest of heaven,  
the Father, the Son, and the Spirit be given.  
To you and you only our praises we sing,  
our Lord God and Father, our heavenly King.**

*(Tune: St Denio – "Immortal, invisible, God only wise")*

## **The Collect**

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

*President*      **O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and geode  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

*All*      **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit.*

### Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 28.5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles.

But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.'

For the word of the Lord

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 89.8-18

**Response: My soul shall proclaim your steadfast love, O Lord.**

*Choir*

Who is like you, Lord God of hosts?  
Mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around you.

*All*

**Response**

*Choir*

You rule the raging of the sea; you still its waves when they arise.  
You crushed Rahab with a deadly wound  
and scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

*All*

**Response**

*Choir*

Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours;  
you established the world and all that fills it.  
You created the north and the south;  
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.

*All*

**Response**

*Choir*

You have a mighty arm;  
strong is your hand and high is your right hand.  
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before your face.

*All*

**Response**

*Choir*

Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph:  
they walk. O Lord, in the light of your countenance.  
In your name they rejoice all the day long  
and are exalted in your righteousness.

*All*

**Response: My soul shall proclaim  
your steadfast love, O Lord.**

*Choir*

For you are the glory of their strength,  
and in your favour you lift up our heads.  
Truly the Lord is our shield;  
the Holy One of Israel is our king.

*All*

**Response**

### **New Testament Reading: Romans 6.12-end**

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*All*

**Gradual Hymn 334**

*Please stand, if able.*

*All*        **May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and pow'r controlling  
all I do and say.**

**May the word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that I may triumph only  
in his saving power.**

**May the peace of God my Father  
rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me,  
as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self-abasing,  
this is victory.**

**May I run the race before me,  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus,  
as I onward go.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 10.40-end**

*Please turn to face the Gospel.*

*Deacon*    Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follow me will  
never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

*All*        **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve: 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,  
and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.  
Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive  
a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in

the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

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

## **Sermon**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand, if able.*

*President* Let us affirm our faith in God.

*All* **We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel to pray.*

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom,  
we pray for all Christian people;  
for all those who teach and guard the faith....  
May the word of God dwell richly in our hearts,  
and knit us together in the bond of your love.  
Hear us.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations,  
and for those in authority under them....  
Give them the gift of your wisdom,  
and a right discernment in all things.  
Hear us.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for Amersham,  
for those who live and work here,  
and for those who visit this place...  
Speak your word of peace in our midst,  
and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.  
Hear us.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for those bowed down with grief or sickness....  
May your living word bring comfort and healing  
to all those in need.  
Hear us.

*All* **Hear us, good Lord.**

We give thanks for those who have died in the faith of Christ....  
and we rejoice with St. Michael and all the saints,  
trusting in the promises of your word fulfilled.

Lord of the Church,  
hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever.

*All* **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.*

*All sing* **Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me,  
spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free.  
Let it flow through me, let it flow through me,  
let the mighty peace of God flow out through me.  
Let it flow through me, let it flow through me,  
let the mighty peace of God flow out through me.**

*President* The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace. If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

*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 200**

*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.*

**Hark, the sound of holy voices,  
chanting at the crystal sea:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Lord, to thee;  
multitude, which none can number,  
like the stars in glory stands,  
clothed in white apparel, holding  
palms of victory in their hands.**

**Patriarch and holy prophet,  
who prepared the way of Christ,  
king, apostle, saint, confessor,  
martyr and evangelist,  
saintly maiden, godly matron,  
widows who have watched to prayer,  
joined in holy concert, singing  
to the Lord of all, are there.**

**They have come from tribulation,  
and have washed their robes in blood,  
washed them in the blood of Jesus;  
tried they were, and firm they stood;  
gladly, Lord, with thee they suffered;  
gladly, Lord, with thee they died,  
and by death to life immortal  
they were born and glorified.**

**Now they reign in heavenly glory,  
now they walk in golden light,  
now they drink as from a river,  
holy bliss and infinite;  
love and peace they taste for ever,  
and all truth and knowledge see  
in the beatific vision  
of the blessed Trinity.**

**God of God, the one-begotten,  
Light of Light, Emmanuel,  
In whose body, joined together  
all the saints forever dwell;  
pour upon us of thy fulness,  
that we may for evermore  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
truly worship and adore.**

### **Preparation of the Table**

*President* Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation'  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

*All* **Blessèd be God for ever.**

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

*All* **Blessèd be God for ever.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer D**

*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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.

And now we give you thanks  
because your Son Jesus Christ  
after his resurrection sent forth his apostles and evangelists  
to preach the gospel to all nations  
and to teach us the way of truth.

Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

*All*

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

*All sing*

This is his story.  
**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

*All sing*

This is his story.  
**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

*All sing*

This is our story.  
**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

*All sing* This is our story.  
**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

*All sing* **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Please sit or kneel.*

As our Saviour taught us, in our own language, 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**

*All* God of promise, you prepared a banquet for us in your kingdom.  
**Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb!**

### **Agnus Dei**

*All* **O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts  
and take our sins away.  
O Lamb of God, your grace impart,  
and let our guilty fear depart,  
have mercy, Lord, we pray,  
have mercy, Lord, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, our lives restore,  
our guilty souls release.  
Into our lives your Spirit pour  
and let us live for evermore  
in perfect heav'nly peace,  
in perfect heav'nly peace.**

### **Giving of Communion**

*All* God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*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.*

*During Communion, the choir will sing a setting of Psalm 150.*

### **Post Communion Hymn 424**

*Please stand, if able.*

**Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,  
worship, thanks, devotion voicing:  
glory be to God on high!  
Christ, your Cross and Passion sharing,  
by this Eucharist declaring  
yours the eternal victory.**

**Scattered flock, one Shepherd sharing,  
lost and lonely, one voice hearing,  
ears are open to your word;  
by your Blood new life receiving,  
in your Body firm, believing,  
we are yours, and you the Lord.**

**Send us forth alert and living,  
sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,  
in your Spirit strong and free.  
Finding love in all creation,  
bringing peace in every nation,  
may we faithful followers be.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*President* Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

*All sing* **Lord, you have shown to us life that is real;  
Jesus made known to us, sharing a meal.  
Now in our every day, in all we do or say,  
human in every way, yourself reveal.**

*Notices and Banns*

## **The Dismissal**

### **Blessing**

*President* God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace;  
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 to love and serve the Lord  
*All*            **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### **Recessional hymn**

**When Christ was lifted from the earth,  
his hands outstretched above  
to every culture, every birth,  
to draw an answering love.**

**Still east and west his love extends,  
and always, near or far,  
he calls and claims us as his friends  
and loves us as we are.**

**Thus freely loved, though fully known,  
may I in Christ be free  
to welcome and accept his own  
as Christ accepted me.**

And have a nice Sunday!



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