



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



**HOLY EUCHARIST
EPIPHANYTIDE**

A warm welcome to this service

This booklet is designed for use throughout the Epiphany season and includes guidance notes. Do please ask a “Welcomer” if you need any further help.

Despite it being the darkest time of the year, for forty days we will journey in light. In contrast to Christmas, when the focus is on Christ as human, as a tiny baby, the season of Epiphany reveals Christ as divine, God made manifest.

At the Feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the Magi – wise ones from the east – bringing gifts to the Christ child and revealing him as King of all nations, Jewish and Gentile alike.

The following Sunday, we mark Christ's baptism, when God reveals the gift of the Holy Spirit on Jesus, empowering and enabling his ministry of healing, teaching and preaching.

Some third Sundays of Epiphany give us the story of the Wedding at Cana, when Jesus first reveals his ministry to all, when he promises, for those who share his life, a richness of incredible abundance, symbolised through water turned into wine.

The Gathering

Introit

Processional Hymn

Please stand, if able.

The Greeting

All Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!
**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**
The Lord of glory be with you.
All **The Lord bless you.**

Please sit.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Invitation to Confession

Deacon The grace of God has dawned upon the world.
Let us confess our sins.

(cf Titus 2.11-14)

Please remain seated or kneel.

Confession

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

President May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,

and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Please stand, if able.

Gloria in Excelsis

All

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

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

The Collect

The priest gathers together, or collects, our prayers.

The Liturgy of the Word

(Readings and Psalm on Notice Sheet)

Please sit.

Old Testament Reading

All

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Choir – all sing responses.

New Testament Reading

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

Gradual Hymn

Please stand, if able.

Gospel Reading

Please turn to face the Gospel.

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

(cf 1 Timothy 3.16)

or

For the Baptism of Christ:

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

This is my son, the Beloved, in whom I am well pleased.

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

(Matthew 3.17)

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

The Gospel is proclaimed.

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



Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand, if able.

All

**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

Please sit or kneel to pray.

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy *or*
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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.

Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

(2 Corinthians 5.17)

or

For the Baptism of Christ:

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.

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

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

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.

On the Feast of the Epiphany:

And now we give you thanks
for, by the leading of a star,
you have revealed your only Son to the world,
that in following him
we are led from darkness into his marvellous light.

On Epiphany 1 – The Baptism of Christ:

And now we give you thanks
because, by water and the Holy Spirit,
you have made us a holy people
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you renew that mystery in bread and wine
to show forth your glory in all the world.

From Epiphany 2 onwards:

And now we give you thanks
because, in the wonder of the incarnation,
your eternal Word has brought to the eyes of faith
a new and radiant vision of your glory.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see.

or

And now we give you thanks
because, in the mystery of the Word made flesh,
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts
to give the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying/singing:

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.**

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.

Deacon
All

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

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.

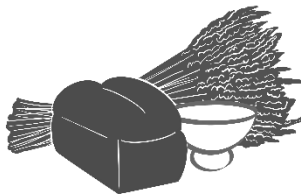
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St. Michael and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

Please sit or kneel.



The Lord's Prayer

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

All We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

All **Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

or

All **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 peace.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All **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.*

Post Communion Hymn

Please stand, if able.

Post Communion Prayer

The president leads.

Prayer after Communion

All I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

All And I heard a great voice from the Throne, saying:
Behold, the dwelling of God is with his people.

All He will dwell with them and they shall be his own:
And God himself shall be with them.

All Behold, I make all things new:
I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

All To the thirsty I will give water without price:
From the fountain of the water of life.

Notices and Banns

The Dismissal

Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
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

We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.

All

Amen.

Recessional hymn verse

**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.**

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