



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



### **HOLY EUCHARIST TRANSFIGURATION**

#### ***A warm welcome to this service***

*This booklet is designed for use on the Sunday next before Lent and on the Feast of the Transfiguration on August 6<sup>th</sup>, and includes guidance notes. Do please ask a "Welcomer" if you need any further help.*

The Transfiguration, which follows directly upon Peter's confession of faith at Caesarea Philippi, recalls the event when Jesus goes up a mountain, with Peter, James and John. Here Jesus is transformed by a heavenly radiance, and a heavenly voice attests his mission. It prepares for Christ's suffering, passion, death and resurrection, and therefore represents a turning point in the gospel narratives.

As at his baptism, Jesus' Sonship is proclaimed by a voice from heaven, so that voice is heard at the decisive halfway stage of his ministry. It is a story full of symbolism, which gives the disciples a glimpse of who Jesus is and how his ministry is to develop.

## The Gathering

### Introit

### Processional Hymn

*Please stand, if able.*

### The Greeting

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

*Please sit.*

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

### Acclamation

*President* By the appearance on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
*All* **God has broken the power of death  
and brought life and immortality to light.**

*All* Arise, shine, for your light has come  
**and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

*All* For though darkness shall cover the earth  
**and thick darkness the nations,**

*All* the Lord will rise upon you  
**and his glory will be seen upon you.**

*All* By the appearance on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
**God has broken the power of death  
and brought life and immortality to light.**

### Invitation to Confession

*Please remain seated or kneel.*

*Deacon* When Christ appears we shall be like him,  
because we shall see him as he is.  
As he is pure,  
all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure.  
So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

*All* Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens,  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
and your justice as the great deep:  
Christ, have mercy.

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

For with you is the well of life  
and in your light shall we see light:  
Lord, have mercy.

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

### **Absolution**

*President* Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive you your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Please stand, if able.*

*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.*

### ***On the Sunday next before Lent:***

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

### ***On the feast of the Transfiguration (August 6th):***

Father in heaven,  
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured  
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,  
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:  
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross  
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;  
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.*

*(Readings and Psalm on Notice Sheet)*

### **Old Testament Reading**

For the word of the Lord

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm**

*Choir – all sing responses.*

### **New Testament Reading**

For the word of the Lord

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn**

*Please stand, if able.*

**Gospel Reading**

*Please turn to face the Gospel.*

*Deacon*

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

*(cf John 8.12)*

*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**

*Please sit.*

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand, if able.*

*President*

Let us declare 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.*

Lord of glory, it is good that we are here.  
In peace we make our prayer to you.  
In trust we confirm our faith in you.  
Help us to set our faces steadfastly where you would go with us.

*All* Lord, look with favour.  
**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, look with favour on your Church,  
proclaiming your beloved Son to the world  
and listening to the promptings of his Spirit...  
May it be renewed in holiness that it may reflect your glory.

*All* Lord, look with favour.  
**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, look with favour on the nations of the world,  
scarred by hatred, strife and war,  
and crying out to be changed by the touch of your hand...  
May they hear the good news like a lamp shining in a murky place.

*All* Lord, look with favour.  
**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, look with favour on those in need and  
distress, suffering as your Son has suffered  
and waiting for the salvation of your promise...  
May the day break  
and Christ the Morning Star bring them the light of his presence.

*All* Lord, look with favour.  
**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, it is good that we suffer with you  
so that we shall be glorified with you.  
According to your promise  
bring all Christ's brothers and sisters...  
to see him with their own eyes in majesty  
and to be changed into his likeness from glory to glory.

*All* To him be praise, dominion and worship  
now and for all eternity.  
**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.*

*President* Christ will transfigure our human body  
and give it a form like that of his own glorious body.  
We are the Body of Christ.  
We share his peace.

*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

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

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

### Eucharistic Prayer F

*Please remain standing, if able.*

*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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth,  
for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word,  
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image  
and placed us in the garden of your delight.  
Though we chose the path of rebellion  
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.  
You gave your people the law and taught us by your  
prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,  
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
evermore 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 God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

*All*

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own,  
he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

*All*

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he 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.

*All*

**Amen. Lord, we believe.**

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.

*All*        **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

*All*        **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

*All*        **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth,  
heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

*All*        **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with St. Michael and all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in 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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Please sit or kneel.*

Living in his light, and sharing his glory, 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.**

## **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 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**

*President* Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

*All* **Assist us, gracious Lord,  
as we listen to the voice of your Son;  
that as we now meet him under a veil,  
so we may come to the vision of his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Notices and Banns*

## **The Dismissal**

### **Blessing**

*President* Blessed are you, Sovereign God, enthroned in majesty,  
giver of freedom, unveiler of light;  
your spirit opens our eyes to your glory,  
uncovers the faces of those shamed by sin,  
and wonderfully transforms the weakness of our nature  
that we may bear the image of the risen Christ.

On the mount of transfiguration  
your bore witness to your Son,  
revealed the glory of his being,  
the urgent authority of his teaching  
and his call as the kingly servant  
who would liberate your people by his death.

In suffering the spirit of glory rests upon us;  
in worship the spirit of love makes us free;  
in the new age your glory shall be shown forth in us.  
Tender in mercy, awesome in holiness,  
blessed are you, Sovereign God, giver of glory.

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*     Our worship is finished; let our service begin.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*        **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### **Recessional hymn verse**

**The prophets stand and with great joy  
give witness as they gaze;  
the Father with a sign has sealed  
our trust, our hope, our praise.**

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