

# St Michael and All Angels Mill Hill



**Christmas Morning 2020**

**10:30 am**



## The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**All: and also with you.**

## The Blessing of the Crib

Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us pray that God will bless this crib, that all who worship his Son, born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

God our Father,  
on this holy day your Son Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation:  
bless this crib,  
which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth;  
may all who see it be strengthened in faith  
and receive the fullness of life he came to bring, who is alive and reigns for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## The lighting of the final candle on the Advent Wreath

God our Father, today the Saviour is born  
and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light. Help us,  
who greet the birth of Christ with joy to live in the light of your  
Son and to share the good news of your love. We ask this through  
Jesus Christ,  
the light who has come into the world.

**All: Amen.**

**All: Lord Jesus, Light of light,  
you have come among us.  
Help us who live by your light  
to shine as lights in your world.  
Glory to God in the highest.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

The sun of righteousness has dawned  
with healing in his wings.  
Let us come to the light of Christ,  
God our Father,  
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:  
forgive our failure to receive him.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour,  
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:  
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

**All: Christ have mercy.**

Spirit of love,  
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:  
forgive the hardness of our hearts.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw you to himself,  
that you may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
and be cleansed from all your sins,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Gloria

**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.**

## Collect

Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas celebration that our joy  
in the birth of Christ will last for ever.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
you have given us your only-begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him  
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that we, who have been born again  
and made your children by adoption and grace,  
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;  
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 9: 2, 6-7

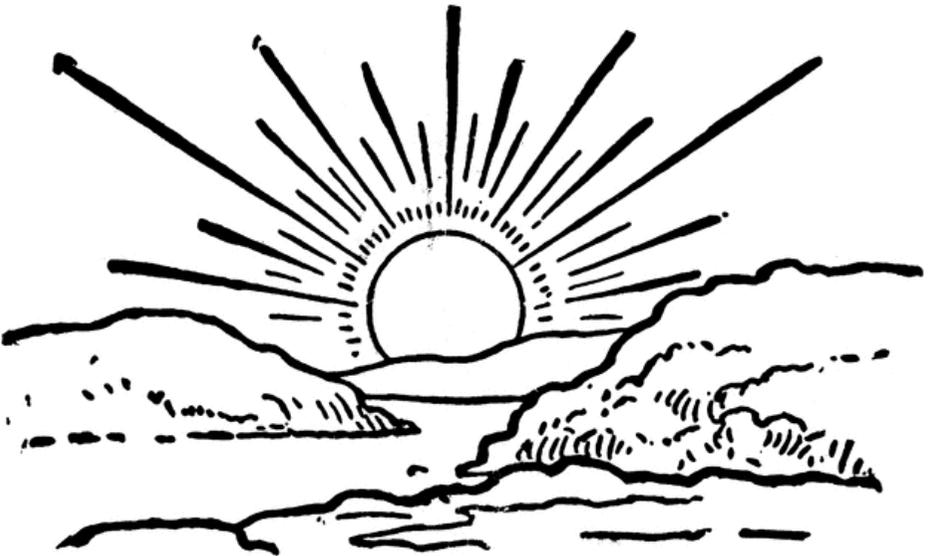
<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 96 v1 - 6

**R Ascribe to the Lord honour and power.**

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his name;  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples. **R**
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 O the majesty and magnificence of his presence!  
O the power and the splendour of his sanctuary . **R**

## Second Reading

### Titus 2: 11-14

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,  
<sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly,  
<sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
<sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# The Gospel

Alleluia!

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 2: 1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

<sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

<sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

## The Creed

**All: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

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

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

*Please pray for those who are sick or housebound*

We remember by name:

*Andrew and Sarah Bevans, Anil Ameer Subryan, Anna Morison, Anne King, Ashraf Jafari, Beryl, Beryl Swaddle, Chandralakha and Scott Singh, Christine, Christopher Brown, Claire, Clifford Brown, Crystal, Devon White, Di Mason, Edd Heimrich, Eddie and Jenny Wardle, Edward, Fr Alan Chidwick, Fr Desmond Tillyer, Helen Cloke, Jean Kemp, Jessica, Joan Wrigley, John, Johnny, Julian, Juliana, Lauren Reeves, Liz Lightbown, Margaret Barker, Mark, Mary Akpieyi, Mary Prosser-Haries, Mina and Reginald Apiafi, Pam Harmer, Pamela Ashcroft, Pavol Husar, Peter Merchant, Rachel, Rahema Charles, Ray, Rose, Saffron Leigh, Sam Theodore, Sandra, Shilpa, Susan and Vanessa Husarov, Susan Paterson, Taiwo Odebode, Thelma Martin, Tim, Trina Cowton.*

We remember those who have recently departed this life:  
*Jeremy St John.*

and all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:  
*Winifred Gowan, Pat Hunt, James Reginald Robins, Mary Mead, Margery Wilkinson, Vera Alice Browne and Bill Lafferty.*

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord;  
**All: And let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
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

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

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 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

**All: And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All: It is right to give him 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 saying:

**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.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**All: 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 John the Baptist, 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 Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

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

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us so we pray:

**All: Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory.  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## 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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**All: have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**All: have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**All: grant us peace.**

## 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 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.**

**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.**

## **The Blessing**

May the Father,  
who has loved the eternal Son  
from before the foundation of the world,  
shed that love upon you his children.

**All: Amen**

May Christ,  
who by his incarnation gathered into one  
things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with joy and peace.

**All: Amen**

May the Holy Spirit,  
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,  
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

**All: Amen**

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 Dismissal**

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

For  
Unto  
us a  
CHILD  
is born  
Unto us a Son  
is given, and the  
Government shall be  
Upon His shoulders,  
and His Name shall be called,  
Wonderful Counsellor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace!

Isaiah 9:6