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CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

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THE GATHERING

Priest In the name of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Introduction

¶ *The **priest** offers an informal welcome to the congregation and introduces the service and invites us to confess our sins.*

Priest Dear friends, last month we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth, and forward to the coming days of his passion.

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

'I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.'

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

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**

¶ *The priest then pronounces the absolution.*

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
+ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm
and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in
life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Gloria is said by 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

Priest Let us pray

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Reading

¶ *Hebrews 2.14-end*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading

¶ *A period of SILENCE may precede the Gospel reading.*

¶ *The priest's acclamation heralds the Gospel reading:*

Alleluia, alleluia. This child is the light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

All **Alleluia.**

¶ *When the Gospel is announced the priest says:*

All The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¶ *Luke 2.22-40*

¶ *At the end of the Gospel:*

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

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Priest Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Priest Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Priest Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known to the world?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Priest This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

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

Prayers of Intercession

Priest Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.

¶ *The response to Lord have mercy, is **Christ have mercy.***

¶ *The prayers conclude:*

Priest Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna, and showed them the infant King. Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises, and the patience to wait for their fulfilment; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Peace

¶ *The Peace is introduced in these words:*

Priest In the tender mercy of our God the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

¶ *Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

Priest Father in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous; accept the offering of your Church and grant that Christ may shine in us to the praise and glory of your name.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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 indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and
praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you
from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the Temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to
lighten the nations,
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your
redemption.
Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.
And now we rejoice and glorify your name

that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

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:
**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 [*N 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. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

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

¶ The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says

Priest 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.**

¶ The priest invites us to receive Holy Communion.

Priest 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.**

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.**

¶ A prayer for Spiritual Communion

Priest Heavenly Father: as we participate with your people in these holy mysteries, we pray you now to grant to those who seek it your gift of spiritual communion, with trust in your faithfulness and your abiding love, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

¶ The priest elevates the ciborium and says:

Priest The Body and Blood of Christ.

All **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

¶ *Silence is kept. The priest says:*

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 Sending Out

¶ *Announcements and notices for the week are given.*

¶ *The priest says this blessing:*

Priest Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

¶ *The **priest** dismisses the people with the words,*

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

¶ *A HYMN or piece of music follows, during which people light a candle in their homes and the priest says:*

Priest Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by the kindling of these flames may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal temple where you live and reign, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

¶ *The Nunc Dimittis is sung by a cantor:*



A light to light - en the Gen - tiles;



and the glo - ry — of thy peo-ple Is - ra - el.



1. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in *peace*: accord-*ing* to thy word.
2. For mine eyes have *seen*: - *thy* sal-*va*-tion.
3. Which thou hast pre-*par*-ed: before the face of *all* people.
4. To be a light to lighten the *Gen*-tiles: and to be the glory of thy -
peo-ple Is-*ra*-el.

Glory be to the Father and to the *Son*: and *to* the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* be: world
with-*out* end. Amen.

¶ *The antiphon is then repeated once at the end of the canticle.*