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CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

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THE GATHERING

¶ *The priest and server process to the Crib. As each king and gift are presented by the server, these prayers are offered.*

¶ *At the offering of gold*

Priest Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe: to you be praise and glory for ever. As gold in the furnace is tried and purified seven times in the fire, so purify our hearts and minds that we may be a royal priesthood acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

¶ *At the offering of incense*

Priest Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe: to you be praise and glory for ever. As our prayer rises up before you as incense, so may we be presented before you with penitent hearts and uplifted hands to offer ourselves in your priestly service.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

¶ *At the offering of myrrh*

Priest Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe: to you be praise and glory for ever. As you give medicine to heal our sickness and the leaves of the tree of life for the healing of the nations, so anoint us with your healing power that we may be the first-fruits of your new creation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

¶ *The crib and gifts are sprinkled with holy water and censed.*

¶ *The Greeting*

Priest Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.
All **From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

Priest Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
All **and also with you.**

Priest The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on earth, your saving power among the nations. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations. Lord, have mercy.
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

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Reading

¶ *A portion of Scripture appointed for the day is read. At the end of the reading, the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading

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

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

All **Alleluia.**

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

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

¶ *At the end of the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **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

Today the wise men knelt before our Saviour. Let us
also kneel to worship him with great joy, and to
make our prayer to his heavenly father.

Father, the wise men came from the east to worship
your Son: grant to Christians everywhere a true spirit
of adoration. Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Father, your Son is the King of kings and Lord of
lords: grant an abundance of peace to your world.
Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Father, the Holy Family shared the life of the people
of Nazareth: protect in your mercy our neighbours
and families, together with the whole community of
which we are part. Lord in your mercy **hear our
prayer.**

Father, your Son was rich, yet for our sakes he
became poor: show your love for the poor and
powerless, and strengthen [...and all] those who
suffer. Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Father, the wise men presented to your Son gold,
incense and myrrh: accept the gifts we bring, and

the offering of our hearts at the beginning of this new year. Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Father, you are the King of heaven, the hope of all who trust in you: give to [... *and all*] the faithful departed the wonders of your salvation. Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, the wise men, the shepherds and Saint Michael and all the angels, we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love. Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Peace

¶ *The Peace is introduced in these words:*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

¶ *Please do not share the peace with physical touch, or move closer to those around you. However, please offer one another a sign of peace with a warm smile, nod or bow, and with the words 'peace be with you,' 'the peace of the Lord,' or similar.*

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 thanks and praise.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst.

In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful 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 Believing in the promises of God, as our Saviour 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

¶ *The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says*

Priest We break this 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.**

Priest 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 **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.**

¶ *We then receive Holy Communion SILENTLY in one kind only.*

Prayer after Communion

¶ *Silence is kept. The priest says:*

Priest Let us pray.

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 Sending Out

¶ *Announcements and notices for the week are given after which the Choir sing O come all ye faithful (vv 1,2 6&7).*

¶ *The priest says this blessing:*

Priest May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, give us a place with the saints in light in the kingdom of his beloved Son. **Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in your hearts and fill your lives with his joy and peace. **Amen.**

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 We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Glory, thanks and praise to God.**