**Parish of St Mary the Virgin**

**Great Shelford**

A black and purple swirly design

Description automatically generated



**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**Parish Communion**

**19 January 2025**

**10am**

**THE GATHERING**

#### Please stand to sing

**THE OPENING HYMN**

1. **The God of Abraham praise**

**Who reigns enthroned above,**

**Ancient of everlasting days,**

**And God of love:**

**To him uplift your voice,**

**At whose supreme command**

**From earth we rise and seek the joys**

**At his right hand.**

1. **There dwells the Lord our King,**

**The Lord our Righteousness,**

**Triumphant o'er the world and sin,**

**The Prince of Peace:**

**On Sion's sacred height**

**His kingdom he maintains,**

**And glorious with his saints in light**

**For ever reigns.**

**3. Before the great Three-One**

**They all exulting stand,**

**And tell the wonders he has done**

**Throughout the land:**

**The listening spheres attend,**

**And swell the growing fame,**

**And sing in songs which never end**

**The wondrous name.**

**4. The God who reigns on high**

**The great archangels sing,**

**And 'Holy, holy, holy' cry**

**'Almighty King!**

**Who was, and is the same,**

**And evermore shall be:**

**Eternal Father, great I AM,**

**We worship thee.'** *Thomas Olivers (Hebrew Yindal) Tune LEONI*

#### The president says

In the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

#### The president greets the people

## Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

##### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**All Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

*Please sit or kneel to pray*

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. *cf Titus 2:11-14*

All Most merciful God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

we confess that we have sinned

in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;

that we may do justly, love mercy,

and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness

draw you to himself,

and cleanse you from all your sins,

that you may behold the glory of his Son,

the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

#### We stand and pray together as the children prepare to leave for their activities in the Community Room:

**All Creator God, we thank you for giving us Jesus as our Saviour: he blessed the children who came to him and welcomes those who come to him now. Look with love upon these children and protect them with your care. May they grow in wisdom, age and strength in your presence and in the sight of all. We ask this through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### We remain standing to sing

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

#### Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth.

#### Lord God, Heav’nly King, Almighty God and Father,

#### We worship you, we give you thanks,

#### we praise you for your glory.

#### **Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

#### 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.

#### **Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

#### 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.

#### **Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

#### David Thorne

**THE COLLECT**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer*

I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

*Isaiah 49.6*

**All Almighty God,**

**in Christ you make all things new:**

**transform the poverty of our nature**

**by the riches of your grace,**

**and in the renewal of our lives**

**make known your heavenly glory;**

**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**

#### Please sit for the readings

**FIRST READING Isaiah 62.1-5**

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.   
You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

**PSALM 36. 5 – 10**

**5 Thy mercy O Lord reacheth ‘ unto the ‘ heavens : and thy ‘ faithfulness ‘ unto the ‘ clouds.**

**6 Thy righteousness standeth like the ‘ strong ‘ mountains : thy judgements are ‘ like the ‘ great ‘ deep.**

**7 Thou Lord shalt save both man and beast, How excellent is thy ‘ mercy O ‘ God: and the children of men shall put their trust under the ‘ shadow ‘ of thy ‘ wings.**

**8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness ‘ of thy ‘ house : and thou shalt give them drink of thy ‘ pleasures as ‘ out of the’ river.**

**9 For with thee is the ’ well of ‘ life : and in thy ‘ light shalt ‘ we see ‘ light.**

**10 O continue forth thy loving – kindness unto ‘ them that ‘ know thee : and thy righteousness unto ‘ them that are ‘ true of ‘ heart.**

**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 without ‘ end ‘ A ‘ men.**

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12.1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the word of the Lord

### **All Thanks be to God**

*Short silence. Please stand to sing*

**THE GRADUAL HYMN**

1. **Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!**

**Brothers and sisters, with one voice**

**Make all men know he is your choice: *Alleluya.***

1. **The first Apostles round them drew**

**Thousands of faithful men and true,**

**Sharing a faith for ever new: *Alleluya.***

1. **Then magnify the Lord and raise**

**Anthems of joy and holy praise**

**For Christ's brave saints of ancient days: *Alleluya.***

1. **O Christian women, Christian men,**

**All the world over, seek again**

**The Way disciples followed then: *Alleluya.***

1. **Christ through all ages is the same;**

**Place the same hope in his great name,**

**With the same faith his word proclaim: *Alleluya.***

1. **Let Love's unconquerable might**

**God's people everywhere unite**

**In service to the Lord of light: *Alleluya***

*George Bell 1883-1958 Tune. GELOBT SEI GOTT (VULPIUS)*

**GOSPEL READING John 2. 1-11**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations

and believed in throughout the world. *cf 1 Tim 3:16*

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’

And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

*Short silence*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**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**

*Please sit or kneel to pray. The president says:*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ

let us pray to the Father.

#### At the end

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*The children return and join their families*

### **THE PEACE**

#### Please stand

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*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN**

*The gifts of the people are gathered. The gifts of bread and wine and our offerings will be brought to the altar.*

**Hymn**

1. **Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
   Christ, the true, the only light,  
   Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
   Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
   Dayspring from on high, be near;  
   Daystar, in my heart appear.**
2. **Dark and cheerless is the morn  
   Unaccompanied by thee;  
   Joyless is the day's return,  
   Till thy mercy's beams I see;  
   Till they inward light impart,  
   Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**
3. **Visit then this soul of mine,  
   Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
   Fill me, radiancy divine,  
   Scatter all my unbelief;  
   More and more thyself display,  
   Shining to the perfect day.**

*Words. Charles Wesley. Tune HEATHLANDS.*

*Please remain standing*

**PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

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.

All **Amen.**

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord is here

**All His Spirit is with us.**

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, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.** *David Thorne*

*Please sit or kneel*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;

and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,

that broken bread and wine outpoured

may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,

in him we plead with confidence

his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

##### Bringing before you the bread of life

and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection

until he comes in glory.

*Deacon* Jesus Christ is Lord

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set**

**us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,

help us to work together for that day

when your kingdom comes

and justice and mercy will be seen

in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,

gather us in your loving arms

and bring us with Mary

and all the saints

to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours,

O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

## 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 president breaks the consecrated 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.**

###### **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.**

**AGNUS DEI**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**grant us peace.** *David Thorne*

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ

which he gave for you,

and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts by faith

with thanksgiving.

*****If it is your normal practice to receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to receive it with us. If you would like instead to receive a blessing please carry this Booklet. Gluten Free and wafers which are prepared with wine are available on request.*

**THE COMMUNION HYMN: 48, Bethlehem, of noblest cities**

1. **I come with joy, a child of God**

**forgiven, loved and free**

**the life of Jesus to recall**

**in love laid down for me.**

1. **I come with Christians far and near**

**to find, as all are fed**

**the new community of love**

**in Christ's communion bread.**

1. **The spirit of the risen Christ**

**unseen, but ever near**

**is in such friendship better known**

**alive among us here.**

1. **Together met, together bound**

**by all that God has done**

**we'll go with joy, to give the world**

**the love that makes us one.** *B Wren. Tune. ST BOTOLPH (Slater)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.

**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.**

NOTICES AND SUNDAY CLUB FEEDBACK

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand.*

1. **Father, Lord of all creation,  
   ground of being, life and love;  
   Height and depth beyond description,  
   only life in you can prove:  
   You are mortal life's dependence:  
   thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
   Yours is every hour's existence,  
   sovereign Lord of time and space.**
2. **Jesus Christ, the man for others  
   we, your people, make our prayer  
   help us love, as sisters, brothers  
   all whose burdens we can share  
   where your name binds us together  
   you, Lord Christ, will surely be  
   where no selfishness can sever  
   there you love the world may see.**
3. **Holy Spirit, rushing, bringing  
   wind and flame of Pentecost  
   fire our hearts afresh with yearning  
   to regain what we have lost  
   may your love unite our action  
   nevermore to speak alone  
   God, in us, abolish faction  
   God, through us, your love make known.**

*Words: Stewart Cross Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH*

THE DISMISSAL

**THE BLESSING**

Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory

and pour upon you the riches of his grace;

And the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England. Copyright © The Archbishops’ Council 2008