



The Parish Church of St Mary  
and St Ethelflaeda



Parish Eucharist  
for the  
Season of Epiphany  
2021

# Welcome to Romsey Abbey

**For those attending the Abbey, please take extra care to observe Covid safety guidelines:**

**Face coverings to be worn apart from those with an exemption; hand sanitising on arrival and departure; attendance and seating as part of a single household or two linked households;**

**Please remember to leave your order of service on the seat you have been sitting on.**

## EPIPHANY

The word Epiphany means "showing forth" or "manifestation". The Feast of the Epiphany is the occasion on which the Church celebrates the showing forth of the child Jesus to the Gentiles. But the Epiphany season recalls two other significant "manifestations". One is the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. The other is Jesus' first miracle or "sign" - the turning of water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee. Each of these "manifestations" shows us something of who Jesus is: His meeting with the Wise Men reveals him as Saviour of the world, his baptism confirms his identity as God's Son, and the miracle at Cana points to Jesus as the one who brings about the New Creation.

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## WELCOME

## HYMN

*Please stand as the ministers enter*

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

*Words of introduction may follow*

## PRAYERS OF PREPARATION

*Please sit or kneel.*

**All**        **Almighty God,**  
**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hid;**  
**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.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen**

***The Absolution***—*We hear words assuring us of God's forgiveness*

May the God of love and power  
Forgive you your sins  
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit  
And raise you to new life  
Through Christ our Lord  
**Amen**

**THE GLORIA**—*we listen to the choir or cantor*

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 PRAYER

*Please sit*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*One or two scripture readings precede the Gospel.*

*At end* This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

*We stand and face the Gospel reader as we listen to the good news of Jesus Christ*

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to *N*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## THE SERMON

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Please stand*

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the creed.

**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*

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

*At the end*

Merciful Father  
**Accept these prayers  
For the sake of your Son  
Our saviour Jesus Christ,**

## 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*We share a socially distanced sign of peace*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

### PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Lord, accept your people's gifts,  
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,  
but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Please stand.. Our prayer of thanks to God.*

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

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**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:

**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.**

*Please sit or kneel*

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary 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**

Rejoicing in the gift of Jesus, made present in our midst, let us pray as he has taught us.

**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**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We break this bread  
To share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many  
We are one body  
For we all share in the one bread.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

**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.**

*Communion will be distributed in one kind only, that is the wafer and not the wine. Everyone is welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Whether it has been a long time or less, this altar is open to all who wish to receive. Come! The sidespersons will direct you..*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*A Post Communion prayer is said.*

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise that, when we were  
still far off, you met us in your Son and brought us  
home. Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us  
so we and all your children shall be free and the  
whole earth live to praise your name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## NOTICES & PHOTOBOOTH

## POST COMMUNION HYMN

## BLESSING

Christ the Son of God  
Perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden  
your hearts with the good news of his kingdom.  
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with  
you always. **Amen**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY