

St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

Zoom Gathering 16th August 2020

Kindness and Faith

Introduction and opening sentences

As God's people we have gathered:

let us worship him together.

Be with us, Spirit of God;

nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God

fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

bring strength, healing and peace.



Hymn: Lord of all Hopefulness

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Prayer of Penitence *(a time to say sorry to God)*

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have willfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful: **forgive us our sin.**

Absolution

May the God of love bring *us* back to himself, forgive *us our* sins,
and assure *us* of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect *(10th Sunday after Trinity)*

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples
to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage
to never lose hope, but always to bring our prayers to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.



Reflection

Song: The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

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The Creed

Let us declare our faith and trust in God.

**All: 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.**

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

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.

We share the Peace

God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's mercy

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more keenly felt than heaven:
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.

3 There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that Christ has shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the head.

4 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

5 If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be illumined,
by the glory of the Lord.

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Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you this day and
evermore. **Amen.**