



## St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

**Zoom Gathering  
25<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

### **Eyes, Hearts and Minds**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, we thank you for this opportunity to meet together and to worship you. Send your Holy Spirit that we may encounter you afresh as we hear your word and declare your praises and be inspired to a life of fruitfulness and joyful generosity in Christ. **Amen.**

#### **Song: How deep the Father's love for us**

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

## Confession

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’ and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself’”. *Luke 10: 27*

Lord, when we are too busy or too selfish to notice those in need;

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, when ‘compassion fatigue’ takes hold and our hearts grow cold;

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, when we pass by on the other side;

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Reading: Luke 10: 25-37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ <sup>26</sup> He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ <sup>27</sup> He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ <sup>37</sup> He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’



## Reflection: The Ven Paul Davies, Archdeacon of Surrey

<https://youtu.be/ikYjtWSDZjo>

Eyes that see

Hearts that are moved

Minds that apply wisdom

Loving Father, who taught through the parable of the Good Samaritan that we should use the resources you have given us to show mercy to our neighbour, show us to whom you are calling each of us to minister and help us to introduce the world to Jesus Christ through the generosity of your church. **Amen.**

## Song: This I Believe (The Creed)

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### Intercessions

Let us pray to the Father, in union with the Son and in the power of the Spirit.  
Father, we pray for your Church and for ourselves as members:  
Deliver us from covetousness and give us generous hearts.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we pray for those in your world who are hungry and in need:  
give us the will to live simply that they may simply live.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we pray for all who are sick in body, mind or spirit: touch each of us with the Holy and healing Spirit of Jesus and make us new creatures in your Kingdom.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we pray for all those who have yet to know Christ: may they discover the love of Jesus through all we say, all we do and all we give.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## 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

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

## Hymn: Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
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And now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
let the poor say 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us;  
and now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
let the poor say 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks...

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## Blessing

May God encourage you into a new ministry of joyful generosity and help you to trust His promises to those who give; may Jesus lead you in the next steps on your journey as a giver; may the Holy Spirit bless and multiply your gifts that they may help change the world and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and all whom you love this day and evermore. **Amen.**