

St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

**Zoom Gathering
24th January 2021**

**Patronal Festival
(3rd Sunday of Epiphany)**



Introduction and opening prayer

Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: Sing to God new songs of worship

After Psalm 98, Michael Baughen (born 1930) © Michael Baughen/Jubilate Hymns

https://www.jubilate.co.uk/songs/sing_to_god_new_songs_of_worship

1 Sing to God new songs of worship
all his deeds are marvellous;
he has brought salvation to us
with his hand and holy arm.
He has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving power;
he recalled his truth and mercy
to his people Israel.

2 Sing to God new songs of worship
earth has seen his victory;
let the lands of earth be joyful
praising him with thankfulness.
Sound upon the harp his praises,
play to him with melody;
let the trumpets sound his triumph,
show your joy to God the King!

3 Sing to God new songs of worship
let the sea now make a noise;
all on earth and in the waters,
sound your praises to the Lord.
Let the hills rejoice together,
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
he will come to judge the earth.

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

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

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

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

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

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

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

Absolution

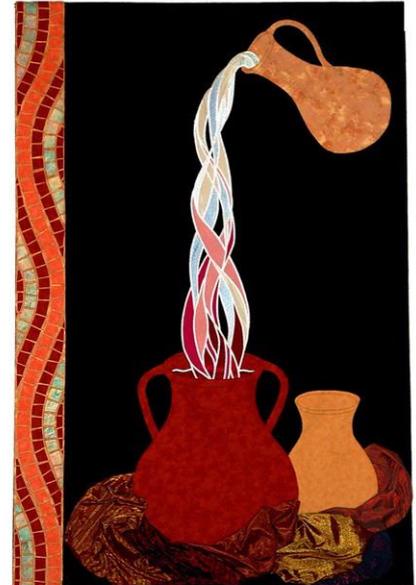
May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God, whose son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 forever. **Amen**

Reading: John 2: 1-11: The Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹ 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 ¹⁰ 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.” ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



Reflection

Song: Great is the Lord

Steve McEwan c 1985 Body Songs

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,
the city of our God the holy place
the joy of the whole earth.
Great is the Lord in whom we have the victory
He aids us against the enemy
we bow down on our knees

And Lord, we want to lift Your name on high,
and Lord, we want to thank You, for the works You've done in our lives
and Lord, we trust in Your unfailing love
for You alone are God eternal
Throughout earth and heaven above.

An affirmation of faith and commitment *(from the Iona Community)*

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. 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

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We make a sign of peace.

Hymn: One more step along the world I go

1. One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me traveling along with you:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.*

3. As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me traveling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.*

5. You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me traveling along with you:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.*

2. Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.*

4. Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me traveling along with you:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.*

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The Blessing

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory: and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you this day and evermore. **Amen.**



This, the first of his signs,
Jesus did at Cana in Galilee,
and manifested his glory.
And his disciples
believed in him.
John 2:11