

# St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

## Zoom Gathering 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

### Lent 5



#### Prayer and Introduction

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. (*John 12: 26*)

#### Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord

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Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;  
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:  
In him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:  
How awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -  
No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

#### Prayers of Penitence

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness:**

**I confess to you, I confess with my whole heart  
My neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,  
My wrong doing, thinking and speaking;  
The hurts I have done to others,  
And the good I have left undone.**

**O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;  
And raise me to newness of life;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Reading: John 12: 20-33

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

<sup>27</sup> 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people<sup>[a]</sup> to myself.' <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

## Reflection

### Affirmation of Faith: This I Believe

*Hillsong Worship (sung by Fenella)*



I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.



## Prayers of Intercession

*Please bring a recent food shopping receipt/list as a visual aid*

- *Hallowed by thy name*
- *Give us this day our daily bread*
- *Forgive us our trespasses*

*A time to pray for people particularly on our heart today and as we approach the National Day of Reflection on Tuesday. We'll be invited to put names into the 'chat' on zoom.*



God of Love, as we think about all that has changed this year, help us to trust that you are always with us. As we remember those who have died, help us to trust they are at peace with you. As we reach out to others with kindness and care, may hope shine out in every heart and home. **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.**

## The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Let us offer one another a sign of peace.*

## Hymn: Just as I am, without one plea

*Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871) (sung by St Martin's Voices)*

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| 1 | Just as I am, without one plea<br>but that thy blood was shed for me,<br>and that thou bidst me come to thee,<br>O Lamb of God, I come.    | 2 | Just as I am, though tossed about<br>with many a conflict, many a doubt,<br>fightings within and fears without,<br>O Lamb of God, I come.          |
| 3 | Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;<br>sight, riches, healing of the mind,<br>Yea, all I need, in thee to find,<br>O Lamb of God, I come. | 4 | Just as I am, thou wilt receive,<br>wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:<br>because thy promise I believe,<br>O Lamb of God, I come.            |
| 5 | Just as I am (thy love unknown<br>has broken every barrier down),<br>now to be thine, yea, thine alone,<br>O Lamb of God, I come.          | 6 | Just as I am, of that free love<br>the breadth, length, depth,<br>and height to prove,<br>here for a season, then above,<br>O Lamb of God, I come. |

## Blessing

God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and always. Amen.

