

# St Paul's Egham Hythe

21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

## Holy Communion

With Rebecca's first Communion

The Lord be with you

*All*     **And also with you**



## Introduction

### Hymn: Brother, sister let me serve you

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

## **Introduction**

### **Confession**

The kingdom is yours, but we turn away from your just rule:  
Lord, have mercy.     **Lord, have mercy.**

The power is yours, but we trust in our own power and strength:  
Christ, have mercy.     **Christ, have mercy.**

The glory is yours, but we fall short of the glory of God:  
Lord, have mercy.     **Lord, have mercy.**

### **Absolution**

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

### **Collect** *(a prayer for the day)*

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.     **Amen.**

### **Bible Reading: Revelation I: 4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace  
from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven  
spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful  
witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the  
earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## **Reflection**

**Hymn: King of Kings, majesty** (*Jarrod Cooper, Hillsong*)

King of kings, Majesty,  
God of Heaven living in me  
Gentle Saviour, closest friend,  
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end  
All within me falls at Your throne

*Your Majesty, I can but bow, I lay my all before You now  
In royal robes I don't deserve I live to serve Your Majesty.*

Earth and Heaven worship You  
Love eternal, Faithful and True  
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls  
Brought this sinner near to Your throne  
All within me cries out in praise.

*Your Majesty, I can but bow, I lay my all before You now  
In royal robes I don't deserve I live to serve Your Majesty.*

## 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.**

## Prayers

Lord in your mercy                      *All*                      **Hear our prayer**

Brothers and sisters, today we are welcoming Rebecca to Holy Communion. As parents and godparents, and as the community of St Paul's, we share the responsibility of encouraging her in her worship, and of supporting her by our friendship, our example and our prayers. Will you help Rebecca to grow in faith and love?

**All: We will.**

Rebecca, you love God, you follow Jesus, and you live the Christian life. Do you wish to receive Holy Communion?

**Rebecca: Yes.**

As Rebecca receives today the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, let us pray that we may all know and reflect the love of Christ.

God of life, you invite us to eat at your table; may we know your love as we share your heavenly food, and shine with your light all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized 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

**All and also with you.**

*We make a sign of the peace to one another from where we are.*

**Hymn: How great is our God** *as the holy table is prepared*  
*Chris Tomlin © Universal Music Publishing Group*

The splendour of a King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the Earth rejoice, all the Earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
*How great, how great is our God.*

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb.

*How great is our God, sing with me*  
*How great is our God, and all will see*  
*How great, how great is our God.*

Name above all names, worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing, how great is our God  
You're the name above all names  
You are worthy of our praise  
And my heart will sing, How great is our God.

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

*All*     **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All*     **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*     **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us but came to meet us in your Son.

*All*     **You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

*All*     **He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

*All*     **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
His body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

*All*     **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
His blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

*All*     **As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us  
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

*All*     **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*We receive the bread or a blessing, and respond **Amen.***

## **After Communion**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we offer you our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

**Amen.**

To a troubled world	<b>peace from Christ.</b>
To a searching world	<b>love from Christ.</b>
To a waiting world	<b>hope from Christ.</b>

Let us go into the world, seeking and sharing Christ's peace.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Hymn: I the Lord of sea and sky** © 1981, Daniel L Schutte,

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send? *Here I am, Lord...*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Here I am, Lord...*