

St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe  
**Holy Communion**



What does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God.  
*(Micah 6, verse 8)*

# The Gathering

## Hymns or songs are played as we prepare to worship

*(A time to reflect and pray)*

*The president greets the people using these or other words:*

The Lord be with you  
All **and also with you.**

## Introduction

### Prayer of Penitence

*A minister introduces the confession with appropriate words.*

All **Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

### 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.**

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

## The Gloria

*We may stand to say the Gloria together.*

**All**     **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### **Bible Reading(s)** *(we sit)*

*The following words may be used at the end*

This is the word of the Lord     **All Thanks be to God**

*The Gospel may be announced as follows*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

**All**     **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*and at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All**     **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*The sermon may be followed by a time of silence or reflective music*

## **The Creed** *(we may stand)*

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** *(we sit or kneel)*

*We may use this response*

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

*and at the end*

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

## **The Peace** *(we may stand)*

*This or another seasonal peace may be used.*

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.

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

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

## **A hymn may be played as the table is prepared** *(we sit)*

*The bread and wine are placed on the table*

*This or another prayer may be used*

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **Eucharistic Prayer** *(we remain seated to pray)*

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.**



You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being. You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace. As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and saying:

*All*     **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your Creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Silence may be kept*

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.

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

*The following may be said*

**All      Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
            have mercy on us.  
            Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
            have mercy on us.  
            Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
            Grant us peace.**

*The president says this or another invitation to communion*

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## Prayer after Communion

*The Post Communion prayer is said after which we pray together:*

*All*     **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of  
your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him 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.**

## *The Dismissal*

### Notices

**The Blessing** *(we stand)*

**Hymn** *(we may go outside to sing)*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*     **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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