

St Paul's, Egham Hythe

# Holy Communion



*Do stay for refreshments after the service.*



# Lent

Welcome to our service today,  
especially if you are new or here  
for the first time.

If you need any help finding  
your way through the service  
do ask one of the people  
handing out the books at the back.

You may find it helpful  
to spend a little time  
in quiet prayer or reflection  
before the service begins.

Please pray for those helping  
to lead worship today.



## Common Worship

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This service uses Eucharistic Prayer E

*The president breaks the  
consecrated bread.*

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 sung*

**Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins 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.

*The president and people  
receive communion.  
Authorized words of distribution  
are used and the communicant  
replies **Amen.***

## Prayer after Communion

*The Post Communion prayer is said .*

*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

### Hymn

### Notices

### Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow  
in holiness, to deny yourselves,  
take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace  
to love and serve the Lord.

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

On the night before he died  
he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them  
and said: Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you; do this in  
remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took  
the cup of wine. Again he praised  
you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus  
did, in him we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the  
cross. Bringing before you the bread of  
life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his  
death and resurrection until he comes  
in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

*All*     **Lord, by your cross  
and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour  
of the world.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together  
for that day when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen  
in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ,  
and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving 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.**

## The Gathering

### Processional Hymn *(we stand)*

In the name of the Father, and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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



### Confession

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.

*All*     **Father eternal,  
giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance,  
through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your  
Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

*We may sing:*

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

### Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who  
truly repent, have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your  
sins, confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness, and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Collect

*A special prayer for the day*

## The Liturgy of the Word



### First Reading *(we sit)*

*At the end the reader may say:*

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

### Hymn or Psalm

## Gospel Reading *(we stand)*

*The Gospel is announced:*

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

*(this may be followed by time of reflection)*

## The Creed *(we stand)*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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 of Intercession

*(we sit or kneel)*

*This response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

*At the end we may use this response:*

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The president may introduce the peace  
with this or another suitable sentence*

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  
**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of  
peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Offertory Hymn

*The gifts of the people are gathered  
and presented. The table is prepared  
and bread and wine are placed on it.*

*This or another prayer may be said.*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory, the splendour,  
and the majesty; for everything in  
heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## 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 indeed right and good to give you  
thanks and praise, almighty God and  
everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ  
your Son.

For in these forty days you lead us into  
the desert of repentance that through a  
pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace and learn to be  
your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of  
service you bring us back to your  
generous heart. Through study of  
your holy word you open our eyes  
to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.



As we prepare to celebrate the Easter  
feast with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood  
of your dear Son.