ST HILDA’S ASHFORD

THE EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 2023

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THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing,
Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word

Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day.

[Eleanor Farjeon]
The Greeting

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

All   Amen

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All   and also with you.

Words of welcome are said; we pray with Junior Church.

Prayer of Preparation

All   Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace with all.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

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
Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,

All 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 Collect - The Collect for the Week is said after a moment of silence

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

All Amen.
Praise the Lord!
   Happy are those who fear the Lord,  
   who greatly delight in his commandments.
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures for ever.
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.
For the righteous will never be moved;  
they will be remembered for ever.
They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;  
their righteousness endures for ever;  
their horn is exalted in honour.
The wicked see it and are angry;  
they gnash their teeth and melt away;  
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.
New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 2 vv 1 - 16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him’—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.
Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny.

‘For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?’

But we have the mind of Christ.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5 vv 13 - 20

Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before
others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon – All sit

The Creed – All Stand

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.
Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

*The prayers end with the following:*

Merciful Father

All accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace – *All stand*

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

He 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

During this hymn a collection will be taken

Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
   Lord of lords and King of kings,
With thy living fire of judgment
   Purge this realm of bitter things:
Solace all its wide dominion
   With the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
   For the hour that brings release:
And the city's crowded clangour
   Cries aloud for sin to cease;
And the homesteads and the woodlands
   Plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavour;
   Cleave our darkness with thy sword;
Feed the faithless and the hungry
   With the richness of thy word:
Cleanse the body of this nation
   Through the glory of the Lord.

[Henry Scott Holland]

The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

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

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

The Lord be with you

All and also with you

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing Sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

All 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.

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.

Let us proclaim the miracle of faith:

*All*  
**Christ has died:**
**Christ is risen:**
**Christ will come again.**

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.

All Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
and as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All 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.
Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

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

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God,  
*All* 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.

Giving of Communion

*The president says the 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.*
Communion Hymns

Anthem: Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes
(by Thomas Attwood
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There's a wideness in God's mercy,
   Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice,
   Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
   Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
   Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
   Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
   Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
   By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
   With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
   In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
   In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
   Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
   In that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple,
   We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
   In the joy of Christ our Lord.

[F. W. Faber]

Take my life, and let it be
   Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
   Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
   At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
   Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
   Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
   Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
   Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
   Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
   It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own;
   It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
   At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
   Ever, only, all for thee.

[Frances Ridley Havergal]
Prayers after Communion
Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All Amen.

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

Blessing
The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All \textit{In the name of Christ. Amen}

\textbf{Recessional Hymn}

Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And, where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
Life giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move o'er the waters' face
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.

Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide,
Let there be light. \hspace{1cm} \textit{[John Marriott]}
SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 8th February 11.00am
Sunday 12th February 10.00am

The Sunday service is livestreamed and can be viewed later our Facebook page

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:
Michael Brown  Vicky Hall  Bernice Ross
Lizio Cassar  Melvyn Jansen  Betty Vince
Ros Clifton  Pat Kyle  Barbara Warne
Joan Davies  Pauline Milton  Lisa
Wilfred Galloway  Ray Nation  Nic

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:
Fr Marco Lopes  Cedric Harris  Collin Taylor
Dan Blanchford  Roy Stone  Ken Clark

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK
John David Smith  Gwyneth Newman
Jane Mitchell  Stanley E P Talbot
Warren F Darling  Kathleen Townend
M Dorothy C Pritchard  Megan Northcott
Lawrence Alford  Michael John Furniss
Samuel James Williamson  Howard George Fox

Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula
NOTICES

The Parish Office is available by phone or email. Visitors by appointment only.

Following the teaching of ‘Loving thy Neighbour’ - If you feel unwell, we ask that you do not attend so that we can maintain the health and safety of all who attend the services.

Community Lunch - Wednesday at 12 noon
Join us in church for the Community Lunch at midday
If you are able to come forward and help, even once a month, please do liaise with Bobbie.

Bible Study – every Wednesday
Bible Study group meet in Church at 7.30pm. All welcome.
We are starting to looking at various Old Testament characters. Each of these studies is self-contained, so this would be a good opportunity to come and see what we do.

Jumble Sale - Saturday 11th February at 2pm in church
Admission £1. Please bring goods to the church from 10am.
Helpers will be very welcome in the morning to sort the donations and in the afternoon to selling them!

Mothers' Union Lunch - Tuesday 14th February at 12 noon

St. Hilda's Breakfast - Saturday 18th February at 9:30am
There is now no planned speaker: Meet the Beat is postponed until March, but do come along and enjoy good food and fellowship.
Please book via the link on the church web site, or through the office.
Suggested donation £5, payable on the day.

Ash Wednesday - 22nd February
In addition to the morning service, there will be an evening service at 7pm.
Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 28th February at 2.30pm
Do come and join us. We meet on the 4th Tuesday from 2.30pm – 4pm in Church with tea, coffee and cake, to explore topics on Christian themes. A donation of a £1 is welcomed to cover the cost of the refreshments.

The programme for the first half of the year is:
- Feb 28th: Pick and Mix
- Mar 28th: Hymn Writers
- Apr 25th: Tyndale and the English Bible
- May 23rd: Names for Jesus
- June 27th: Jargon Busting
- July 25th: Popes – part 2

Ambling through Acts course – Thursday 2nd March
(7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month)
Everyone is very welcome to attend. There will be refreshments at the end. We finish by saying Compline (Night Prayer) together round about 9pm. I hope to see you there. Please bring a bible – ideally the NRSV, but any version will do.

World Day of Prayer Service - Friday 3rd March at 10.20am
This year’s service is organised by the women of Taiwan, with the theme 'I have heard about your faith' (Ephesians 1:15-19.)
The Service will be held at St Nicholas Church, Shepperton and will be followed by refreshments.
All are warmly welcome!

Reports for APCM by Sunday 5th March
The Annual Church Parochial Meeting will be held on Sunday 30th April.
Would all group leaders please ensure that they get reports to me by Sunday 5th March. Please send to lizbrian17@aol.com.

St Hilda’s News
Please send items for the Newsletter to kmroach45@gmail.com

Note that it makes the Editor’s job much easier if you submit an item as a Word document rather than in the body of an e-mail.
CAR POOL?
Can you offer a lift to church for someone who can no longer drive?
Do you need a lift to church?
Can you and a neighbour share a car journey to church?
Would you be prepared to co-ordinate a car sharing scheme?
For both practical and environmental reasons we would like to start a car sharing scheme. If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes", please see Rosemary Greenwood.

Parish administrator
Our parish administrator is Laura Goodman. Note that her office hours have changed to:
- Monday: 3.30-5pm
- Wednesday: 3.30-6.30pm
- Friday: 3.30-6.30pm
- Saturday: 9.45-11.15am
Any appointments in person must be booked.

WANTED - Clothing for Bronzefield
They are looking for leggings, leggings, leggings, winter coats, plain T-shirts and long-sleeved tops, and shoes and boots in sizes 5 and 6. Please put any donations in the blue bin at the back of church - they will be separated out from other donations.
Food Bank Donations
Please use the wooden chest at the rear of the Church to place any donations for the local food bank, such as tinned and dried goods and toiletries.
The Food Bank is currently short of:
  - Shower gel
  - shampoo
  - Kitchen & bathroom spray cleaners
  - J cloths
  - Small packs of washing powder and capsules
  - Toilet cleaner
  - Kitchen rolls and toilet rolls
  - and tinned vegetarian meals such as Macaroni cheese and
  - Vegetarian curry

Brass Band Concert - Saturday 22nd April at 7.30pm
A date for your diary: Staines Brass Band and Ascot Brass Band are planning a joint concert to be held in St. Hilda's Church. More details later.
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10 days based in Jerusalem & Galilee

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With Father Steve Gayle & Father Joseph Fernandes
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