



# Experience Hope

## Christmas Day Agape Celebration



### **Our Vision:**

To be a loving and growing community released and empowered to join in God's work of proclaiming and demonstrating the good news to Egham and beyond

***Pre-Service Carol: Come and Join the Celebration***

***Welcome***

***Opening Sentences***

Light looked down and saw darkness

**I will go there, said Light**

*Christmas Lights are lit*

Peace looked down and saw war

**I will go there, said Peace**

*(Dove Balloons are released)*

Love looked down and saw hatred

**I will go there, said Love**

*(Heart Confetti are released)*

Hope looked down and saw despair

**I will go there, said Hope**

*(Rainbow Balloons are released)*

So he, the Lord of Light, the Prince of Peace,  
the King of Love, The Hope of the Nations  
**came down and crept in beside us**

## ***Children's Song: Light of the World***

***We Worship Him Together***  
***Come and join the celebration,***  
*It's a very special day;*  
*Come and share our jubilation,*  
***There's a new King born today!***

See the shepherds  
Hurry down to Bethlehem;  
Gaze in wonder  
At the Son of God who lay before them.

Wise men journey,  
Led to worship by a star,  
Kneel in homage,  
Bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so

'God is with us,'  
'round the world the message bring;  
He is with us,  
'Welcome!' all the bells on earth are pealing.

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**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

**Reading: John 1.9-14 Jackie Bridgman**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Sermon: All God, All Man by Esther Prior***

***Response Song***

**You were the Word at the beginning**

One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

*What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is*

*Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus*

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

*What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign

Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

*What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus*

What a powerful Name it is  
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### ***Intercessions***

***We remember Jesus: (Prayer from 1 Corinthians 11.23-26)***

The Lord is here:  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts:  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

“The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took *bread*, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said:

‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’

“In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying,

‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’

**For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.”**

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

**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 our sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven,  
forever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as he has taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

We are invited to come together  
around this table as those  
who belong to the household of Christ.

Come, when you are fearful,

**I will come to be made new in love.**

Come, when you are doubtful,

**I will come to be made strong in faith.**

Come, when you are regretful,

**I will come to be made whole**

Come, old and young,  
**There is room for us all**

*Carol during Communion*  
**See amid the winter's snow**

*Post Communion Prayer*  
**We praise and thank you, Creator God,  
for you have not left us alone.  
Every year we celebrate your coming  
as Emmanuel, our God  
who is forever with us.  
And every Communion celebrates  
your death in the bread we break  
and the cup we share, until you come again  
and we see you face to face. Amen.**

*Blessing*

*Closing Carol:*  
**Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'  
Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.**

Christ by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb;  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace,  
Hail the Sun of righteousness;  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild, he lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.

### ***Dismissal***

Heaven touched earth when Jesus came  
So that we might have hope that does not disappoint. Be  
cloaked in this hope as you go into the world. **Amen**

***Finale:*** We Wish you a Merry Christmas

***Post Service Children's Carol: See Him lying on a bed of straw***

**Our Christmas offering will for Besom. Besom helps people make a difference, providing a bridge between those who want to give time, money, things or skills and those who are in need.**

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