



# Experience Hope

Midnight Communion

24 December @ 11pm



## 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

## ***Organ Carols Medley***

### ***Welcome***

### ***Lighting of the Advent Candles***

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

**We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### ***We Worship Him Together***

**Born in the night, Mary's child**, a long way from Your home;  
Coming in need, Mary's child, Born in a borrowed room.  
Clear shining light, Mary's child, your face lights up our way:  
Light of the world, Mary's child, dawn on our darkened day.

Truth of our life, Mary's child, you tell us God is good:  
Prove it is true, Mary's child, Go to Your cross of wood.  
Hope of the world, Mary's child, you're coming soon to reign:  
King of the earth, Mary's child, walk in our streets again.

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**Silent night! Holy night!**

Round yon virgin and her child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quail at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams Thy holy face  
With the dawn of saving grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

**Reading:** Isaiah 53.2-4 / John 13.12-17 **Geoff Martin**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** A Suffering Servant **Simon Fraser**

**Response Carol: In the Bleak Mid-Winter**

**In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan**

Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone:  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

Angels and archangels, may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim, thronged the air  
But only his mother, in her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the Belovèd, with a kiss.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart.

### ***Intercessions***

In this holy night Christians the world over are celebrating his birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.  
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn.  
Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.  
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

In this holy night Mary in the pain of labour brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in any kind of pain or distress today.  
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

In this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world.  
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

In this holy night shepherds in the fields heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.  
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

In this holy night the angels sang "Peace to God's people on earth". Strengthen those who work for your peace and justice in all the world.

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

In this holy night strangers found the holy family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love, and help us to live like the holy family.

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

In this holy night angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with your saints around the world.

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

*These words may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

***The Peace***

To us a child is born, to us a child is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you:  
**And also with you.**

*If you are able to – send someone a quick message of peace or determine to do so after the Service*

***We Remember Jesus...***

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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

**In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.**

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

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

You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and proclaim

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.

He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.

Do this to remember me.

**We do this to remember him.**

After the meal,

Jesus took the cup of wine.

He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you.

This is my blood, the new promise  
of God's unfailing love.

Do this to remember me.

**We do this to remember him.**

Let us proclaim the great  
mystery of faith

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring  
this bread and wine, and remember  
his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts may be fed  
by Christ's body and his blood.

**Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory. Amen.**

Let us pray for the coming of his kingdom  
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.**

### ***Breaking of the bread***

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.**

### ***Invitation to Communion***

Come to the table of Jesus our Redeemer!  
Jesus invites you here to be part of the people of God.  
Come to the table humbly,  
not because you have earned a place here,  
but because you need mercy and help.  
Come because you love God,  
and want to love God more.  
Come because Jesus first loved us,  
and gave himself for us.  
Come because you want  
to be filled with the Holy Spirit.  
Come because you want  
to experience hope.

**I will come, for love bids me welcome. Amen**

### ***Organ Carols Medley***

*(I invite you to share in an Agape Meal in your homes and as you do, take a moment to reflect on what you are remembering/what stood out to you in particular, then either now or later you could share this with someone else so you can encourage each other?)*

### ***Post Communion Prayer***

**God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever.**

*In the stillness we invite the Holy Spirit to fill us anew*

### ***Closing Prayers and Blessing***

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn:**

**O Come, O ye Faithful**, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, in the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

### ***Dismissal***

Go to your community (virtual or physical) and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you.

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

*(cf. Mark 5.19)*

Our **Christmas offering** will be for Besom which 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. Please go to the following link to make a donation by card <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/a04a89a6-0dd0-43e3-84aa-089ecf98be2c>

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