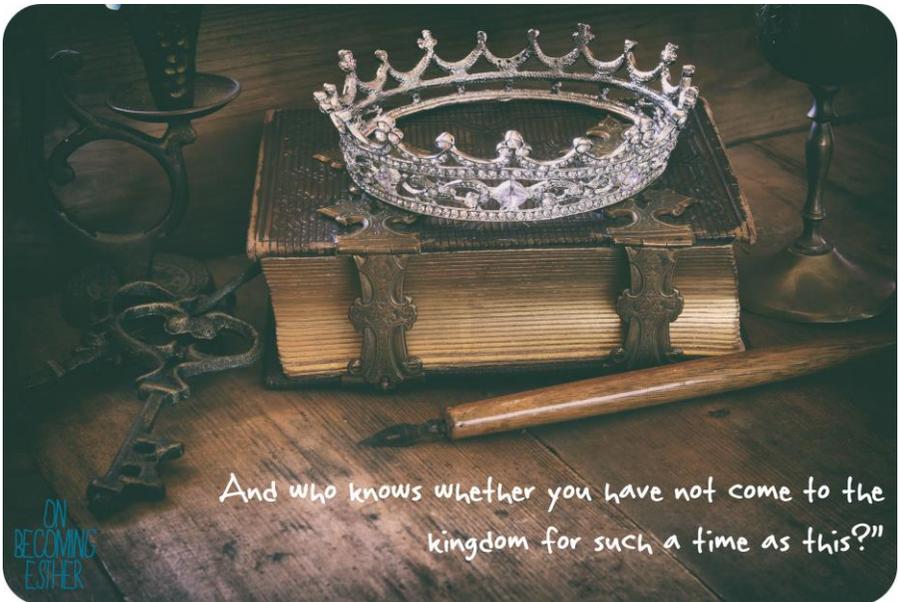


**Saint  
John's**  
Egham

# Experience Hope

Agape Meal @ 10am  
7 March 2021



*And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*

## 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

***If you are joining us at home, please have bread and Wine/Juice ready for our Agape Meal***

***Organ Music***  
***Welcome***

***We Worship Him Together***

**Over all the earth,**  
You reign on high,  
Every mountain stream,  
Every sunset sky.  
But my one request,  
Lord, my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again.

*Lord, reign in me,  
Reign in Your power;  
Over all my dreams,  
In my darkest hour.  
You are the Lord of all I am,  
So won't You reign in me again?*

Over every thought,  
Over every word,  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;  
'Cause You mean more to me  
Than any earthly thing,  
So won't You reign in me again?

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**Confession:**

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit. Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

**Song:**

**How great the chasm that lay between us**

How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Saviour I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me*

*You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope  
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***Reading:*** Romans 1.1-17 **Pia Balaam**  
**This is the word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Sermon:*** Gospel Power **Esther Prior**

***Response Song:***  
**Men of faith rise up and sing**  
Of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak  
In your brokenness complete

*Shout to the north and the south  
Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is saviour to all  
Lord of heaven and earth*

Rise up women of the truth  
Stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing pow'r  
Of our awesome King of love

Rise up church with broken wings  
Fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high  
By His grace again we'll fly

We've been through fire  
We've been through rain  
We've been refined  
By the pow'r of His name  
We've fallen deeper  
In love with You  
You've burned the truth on our lips

Lord of heaven and earth  
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***Intercessions: Geoff Wickes***

***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***

For I am convinced that neither death nor life,  
neither angels nor demons,  
neither the present nor the future,  
nor any powers, neither height nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us

from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8.38-39*

The peace and love 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 right where you are

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lord Jesus, your first miracle was turning water into wine at a wedding feast:

**Give us the gift of seeing the extraordinary in the ordinary.**

Lord Jesus, you took one boy's simple lunch and made a feast for thousands:

**Give us the imagination to see that, in your hands, what we have to offer is enough.**

Lord Jesus, you ate and drank with the marginalised and the outcast:

**Give us the courage to both give to them and receive from them.**

Lord Jesus, beneath the looming shadow of the cross, you shared a last meal with friends:

**Help us to face our own mortality, growing kinder and more able to savour life.**

Lord Jesus, you ate with your disciples to show the truth of your resurrection:

**Help us not to despise the physical things of life because you made them blessed.**

Lord Jesus, the Emmaus disciples knew you not in words,  
but in your breaking of bread:

**Help us to know you when we meet you,  
even if you don't do what we expect.**

Lord Jesus, you cooked breakfast for your friends  
before calling them again to follow you:

**We remember that you call us friends  
because we do what you command us.**

Lord Jesus, you were broken for us like bread:

**We remember you each time we eat,  
each time we are full and each time we feel broken.**

Lord Jesus, you were poured out for us like wine,

**We remember you each time we drink,  
each time we celebrate and each time we feel dry.**

Lord Jesus, you promise us a place  
at the banquet in heaven, with you forever.

**As we eat, as we drink, as we love you and one another,  
We remember all you have done and all you have promised, with  
thanksgiving. Amen.**

### ***Organ Music***

*(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?)*

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

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

**Closing Hymn:**

### **Crown Him with many crowns**

The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save:  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love;  
Behold His hands and side,  
Those wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
And all be prayer and praise;  
His reign shall know no end.  
And round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of Paradise shall blend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,  
The Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail  
Throughout eternity.

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***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)***

***Organ Music***

