



# Experience Hope

## Communion Service at gam 10 October 2021



### **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 the Agape Meal*

### ***Organ Music***

#### ***Welcome***

*You can find the latest Newsletter on our Website and Facebook Group. To keep up to date with events and news, please find us and follow us on Social Media.*

#### ***Opening Doxology***

Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge!  
How impossible it is for us to understand  
his decisions and his ways!

For who can know the LORD's thoughts?

Who knows enough to give him advice?

And who has given him so much  
that he needs to pay it back?

**For everything comes from him and exists by his power  
and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever!**

**Amen.**

*Romans 11.33-36*

#### ***Opening Hymn***

**Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation!**

O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation!

Come ye who hear,

Brothers and sisters draw near,

Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend  
thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew  
All the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before  
Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore Him!

Joachim Neander 1650-1680

### ***Prayers of Confession***

Brothers and Sisters, as we seek  
to be shaped for the Kingdom of Christ,  
let us also lay aside the sin that clings so closely,  
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

**God of amazing grace,  
you have asked us to give of ourselves,  
wholly and completely.  
We have heard your call**

and want to respond with great affirmation and joy.  
Yet there are times when we fall short.  
Times when we forget.  
Times when we focus on the wrong things.  
Times when we treat our money  
and our resources as our achievement,  
Rather than your blessing.  
Help us to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.  
Amen

***Absolution***

The almighty and merciful Lord  
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

***Reading:*** 2 Corinthians 8.1-24 **Geoff Wickes**

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

***Sermon:*** Christian giving must be carefully supervised  
**Esther Prior**

***Response Song***

**Lord, be the strength within my weakness;**  
Be the supply in every need,  
That I may prove Your promises to me,  
Faithful and true in word and deed.  
*All that I am I lay before You;*

*All I possess, Lord, I confess  
Is nothing without You.  
Saviour and King, I now enthrone You;  
Take my life, my living sacrifice to You.*

Into Your hands I place the future;  
The past is nailed to Calvary,  
That I may live in resurrection power,  
No longer I but Christ in me.

James Wright © 1994 Kingsway Thankyou Music

***Intercessions:*** Simon Fraser  
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.**

*Let us offer one another the varied signs of peace. Please be aware of the Traffic Light system that will show you who you can approach for a physical greeting.*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.  
Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

**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 of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love  
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.  
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all

for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
**May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**



### ***Lord's Prayer***

**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**

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***

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.

### ***Anthem or Organ***

*As we remember Jesus together in our scattered gathering*

***Post Communion Prayer***

**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.**

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

***Closing Sentences and Blessing***

***Closing Hymn***

**O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou for ever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my guide.**

O let me feel Thee near me;  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to re-assure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak and make me listen,  
Thou Guardian of my soul.

O let me see Thy footmarks,  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in Thy strength alone.  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,  
My Saviour and my Friend.

J E Bode 1816-1874

### ***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***

