



**Experience  
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**Communion Service at 9am  
16 January 2022**

# **In His Image: Called to Reflect God's Character**

## **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.*

#### ***Prayer of Preparation***

**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.**

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

**God is Love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
Let creation sing before him,  
And exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
He who spread the heav'ns above,  
He who breathes through all creation,  
He is Love, eternal Love.**

God is Love: and he enfoldeth  
All the world in one embrace;  
With unfailing grasp he holdeth  
Every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
Under sorrow's iron rod,  
Then they find that selfsame aching  
Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness  
Sin afflicts the souls of all,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
Holds and guides us when we fall.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
O'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
O'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees 1874-1939

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

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

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,**

through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
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 lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.

***Absolution***

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,  
and restore *us* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

***Reading:*** Zephaniah 3.14-20 **Geoff Wickes**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Sermon:*** God Most Loving **Jörg Haustein**

***Response Song:***

**Hallelujah my Father,**  
For giving us Your Son;  
Sending Him into the world,

To be given up for men.  
Knowing we would bruise Him  
And smite Him from the earth.  
Hallelujah, my Father,  
In His death is my birth;  
Hallelujah, my Father,  
In His life is my life.

Tim Cullen © 1975 Celebration/Thankyou Music

***Intercessions:*** Alan Beer

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***

God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

*Cf. 2 Corinthians 8.9*

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

*Let us offer one another the sign of peace. In the building –*

*a smile and a wave 😊 If you are able to at home – send someone a quick message of peace or determine to do so after the Service*

***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.**

Father, you made the world  
and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free  
from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels 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.**

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.

**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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**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. 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**

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We break this bread to share in the one body

**Though we are many, we are one body**

**Because we all share in one bread.**

***Prayer of Humble Access***

We do not presume

to come to this your table, merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy

so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord

whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ

and to drink his blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through

his most precious blood,

and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

**Amen.**

***Post Communion Prayer***

**God of truth,**

**we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands the bread of life:  
strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you  
and for each other;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Organ Music***

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

***Closing Sentences and Blessing***

***Closing Hymn***

**Lord, for the years**

Your love has kept and guided,  
Urged and inspired us,  
cheered us on our way,  
Sought us and saved us,  
pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years,  
we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word,  
the word of life which fires us,  
Speaks to our hearts  
and sets our souls ablaze,  
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord for our land,  
in this our generation,  
Spirit oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
For young and old,  
for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord for our world, when we disown and doubt Him,  
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without Him,  
Lord of our world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves;  
in living power remake us -  
Self on the cross  
and Christ upon the throne,  
Past put behind us,  
for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives,  
to live for Christ alone.

Tim Dudley-Smith 1926

### ***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***

