



**Experience
Hope**

Communion Service at 9am
23rd 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

**All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew,
Me through change and chance He guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be His own.**

Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray His trust;
What with care and toil He buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power
Hour by hour
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep His wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light, and life attend Him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
From His store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty Giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At His hand;
Joy doth wait on His command.

Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ His Son.
Christ doth call
One and all;

Ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges 1844-1930

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: Genesis 1 **Chris Matthews**

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: God most Good **Michael Callaghan**

Response Song:

Ascribe greatness to our God, the Rock,
His work is perfect and all His ways are just.
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His work is perfect and all His ways are just.

A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
Good and upright is He;
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
Good and upright is He.

Peter West, Mary Kirkbride & Mary Lou Locke © 1979 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

Intercessions: Kim Callaghan

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.**

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

Closing Sentences and Blessing

Closing Hymn

Glorious things of Thee are spoken.
Zion, city of our God!
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,

Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See! The streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove;
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name.
Fading is the worldling's best pleasure,
All its boasted pomp and show,
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.

John Newton 1725-1807

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