

St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe
Zoom Gathering 10am Sunday 9th August 2020

Together, apart

Welcome and Introduction

As God's people we have gathered:
let us worship him together.
Be with us, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your love.
Breathe on us, breath of God
fill us with your saving power.
Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing and peace.



Hymn: Eternal Father strong to save

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm restrains the restless wave,
who told the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed bounds to keep:
we cry, O God of majesty,
for those in peril on the sea.

3 Creator Spirit, by whose breath
were fashioned sea and sky and earth;
who made the stormy chaos cease
and gave us life and light and peace:
we cry, O Spirit strong and free,
for those in peril on the sea.

2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at your word,
who walked across the surging deep
and in the storm lay calm in sleep:
we cry, O Lord of Galilee,
for those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power,
preserve their lives in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, flood and flame,
protect them by your holy name,
and to your glory let there be
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

https://www.jubilate.co.uk/songs/eternal_father_strong_to_save_jubilate_version

Jubilate Hymns version of Eternal Father, strong to save William Whiting © Jubilate Hymns Ltd

Prayer of Penitence *(a time to say sorry to God)*

We use the following response

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Absolution *(Hear God's words of forgiveness)*

May the Father forgive you by the death of his Son and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days. **Amen.**

Collect (9th Sunday after Trinity)

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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. **Amen.**

Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."



Reflection

Song: Take my life (Matt Osgood)

Take my life and let it be dedicated to your praise,
Lord I freely give to you every moment of my days.
Take my hands to show your love for the broken and the lost
guide my feet to follow Christ in the shadow of the cross.
Take my voice and let me sing, always only for my King.
Take my lips and may they always bring you praise.

*I'm all yours, I'm all yours, my Lord all I am, every part.
I'm all yours, I'm all yours, my Lord take my life, take my heart.*

Take the things that I possess I surrender all I own.
Lord, I give my every thought to be ruled by Christ alone.

The Creed

Let us declare our faith and trust in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven
and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Intercessions



You might like to have a bowl of water and some items that could float on it to use as a visual aid for our prayers.

We may use the following response

We hear Christ's invitation:

All Be at peace. Do not be afraid.

Help us to know, O God,
that the one who calmed the dangerous sea
is present with us, cares for us,
and can calm the stormy waters of our lives.
Help us to trust more fully
and more deeply in you.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
who invites us to be at peace. **Amen.**

**All 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.**

The Sharing of the Peace

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

(if you want to see a reminder of how to share the peace in British Sign Language see:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ColRm5HQGFg>)

Hymn: He came down that we might have love

1. He came down that we might have love (x3)
Hallelujah for evermore.
2. He came down that we might have peace (x3)
Hallelujah for evermore.
3. He came down that we might have joy (x3)
Hallelujah for evermore.

Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and evermore.

UK Blessing (Makaton Version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=va048-XxFTI>

