

St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

Zoom Gathering 27th September 2020

Becoming

Introduction and opening sentences

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: I heard the voice of Jesus say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me, and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
and He has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water: thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
And now I live in Him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done.

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

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For not loving you with all our heart;

Father forgive us: **save us and help us**

For not loving you with all our soul;

Father forgive us: **save us and help us**

For not loving you with all our mind;
Father forgive us: **save us and help us**

For not loving you with all our strength;
Father forgive us: **save us and help us**

For not loving our neighbour as ourselves;
Father forgive us: **save us and help us**

Absolution

May God wash away our selfishness and sin, may he fill our hearts with his peace, and our lives with his praise, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Collect (*16th Sunday after Trinity*)

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Philippians 2, 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reflection



Song: All I once held dear

All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this
Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord
Now my heart's desire is to know you more
To be found in you and known as yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness
Oh, to know the power of your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like you in your death, my Lord
So with you to live and never die

Graham Kendrick

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 *prepared by Marilyn*

The 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.

We share the Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: O Lord all the world belongs to you

O Lord, all the world belongs to You and You are always making all things new.

What is wrong, You forgive, and the new life You give is what's turning the world upside down.

The world's only loving to its friends, but Your way of loving never ends,
loving enemies too; and this loving with You is what's turning the world upside down.

The world lives divided and apart, You draw us together, and we start in our friendship to see, that in
harmony we can be turning the world upside down.

The world wants the wealth to live in state, but You show a new way to be great:
like a servant You came, and if we do the same, we'll be turning the world upside down.

O Lord, all the world belongs to You and You are always making all things new.

What is wrong, You forgive, and the new life You give is what's turning the world upside down.

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Concluding prayer and Blessing

Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God, teach us to walk in your way more trustfully, accept your truth more faithfully, and share your life more lovingly; so that we may come by the power of the Holy Spirit as one family to the kingdom of the Father where you live for ever and ever. **Amen**

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

