

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

As our Saviour taught us,
so we pray

**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 break this bread to share
in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many,
we are one body, because
we all share in one bread.**

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.

We receive communion or a prayer of blessing.

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.

**All To him be glory both now
and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

**We listen to O come all ye
faithful**

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

With thanks to the musicians both from here at St Pauls and from Royal Holloway University for our music recordings.

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St Paul's, Egham Hythe Christmas Eve Midnight Communion 2020



Welcome to our service tonight in church and streamed on YouTube. Please follow all the social distancing and hygiene precautions. Current restrictions mean that only those from the same household bubbles may sit together and we're not allowed to sing or share the peace with each other. There won't be a collection but there's an opportunity to give to the work of the church at the door.

We meet to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world.

The Word was made flesh,
and dwelt among us

All and we beheld his glory.

**We listen to O little town of
Bethlehem** *(we remain seated)*

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Confession

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and truth: forgive our failure to receive him.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid in a manger: forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call: forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect *(a special prayer)*

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

First Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-4

Gospel: John 1: 1-14

(we stand)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

(we sit)



We listen to O holy night

Creed *(we stand)*

Let us declare our faith in the Son of God:

All In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all people.

The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us; we have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Amen.

Prayers *(we sit or kneel)*

We may use the following response:

Lord in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

And at the end

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit,

All hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives. Amen.

The Peace

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

We make a sign of peace.

As the table is prepared we listen to Gaudete

Eucharistic Prayer *(remain seated)*

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, and was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

All 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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.