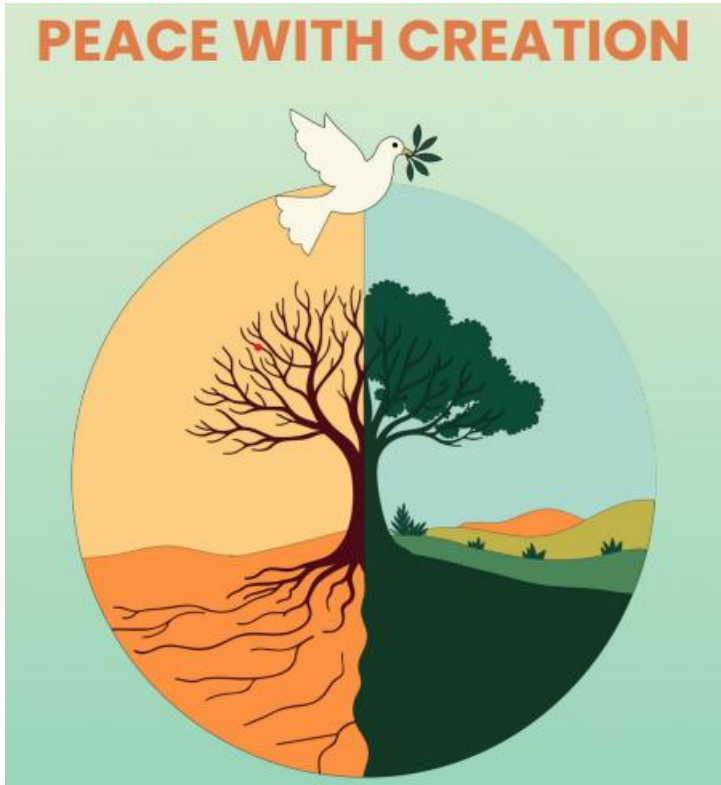


# St Paul's Egham Hythe

## Holy Communion



The 2025 Symbol is inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. Titled "Garden of Peace," it depicts a white dove flying over a tree. The left side of the tree is barren, with roots digging into dry soil, surrounded by an arid, desolate landscape. In contrast, the right side of the tree is lush and green, standing amidst a flourishing landscape. The dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak, flies toward the right—symbolizing peace as a transition from a war-torn, overexploited land to one that is fertile, thriving, and hospitable.

## The Gathering

If we'd asked the animals, they would have taught us  
**what the birds in the heavens, have always sung loudly;**  
If we'd listened to Earth  
**then Earth's voice would have taught us**  
**what fish of the sea make continually clear.**  
If we'd taken facts of the climate as 'signs'  
**and read 'heaven' as 'sky'; and attended to trees,**  
then we would be wise as the creatures who teach us:  
**"to God belong wisdom and power!"**

## Hymn

In the name of God,  
Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer  
**Amen**  
The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

## Introduction to the theme

### Confession

Let us confess our sins. Let us come before the Triune God and ask for forgiveness and renewal.

Creative God, you have gifted us with your creation,  
Yet we take your good gifts for granted.  
Lord have mercy      **Lord have mercy**

Gracious God, you bless us each day,  
Yet we forget to be thankful;  
Christ have mercy      **Christ have mercy**

Generous God, you offer new life through your Son,  
Yet we turn away from you;  
Lord have mercy      **Lord have mercy**

## **Absolution**

May God who loves the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Hymn or Song of Praise may be sung here*

**Collect** *(a prayer for the day)*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*This may include a psalm or Canticle and a hymn or song*

**Reading (s)** *(we remain seated)*

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## **Talk/Reflection**

## **Creed**

Let us declare our faith and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church:

**All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Prayers

Lord in your mercy                      *All*                      **Hear our prayer**

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

**The Peace** *The peace may be introduced with these or other words*

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*We share the peace with one another*

**Hymn** *as the holy table is prepared*

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**All: Blessed be God forever**

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

**All: Blessed be God forever**

# Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,  
that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*All*    **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, 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.

Christ is the bread of life

**All When we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit  
as we bring before you these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence may be kept*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.

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

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit even to eat  
the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, wit the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*We receive the bread and wine or a blessing*

### **Post Communion**

**God-with-Earth,  
invited and fed at your table  
we are remade, repurposed.  
May this food empower us  
to cherish your Creation  
who we also are.**

## **The Dismissal**

### **Notices**

### **Blessing**

The God of grace enrich us in every way,  
With hearts overflowing with thanksgiving to God;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen

Let us go into the world, seeking and sharing Christ's peace.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### **Final Hymn**