

# St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

## Zoom Gathering 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Generosity

#### 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: The Servant King *Graham Kendrick (Copyright © 1983 Thankyou Music)*

From heaven you came helpless babe

Entered our world, your glory veiled

Not to be served but to serve

And give Your life that we might live

*This is our God, The Servant King*

*He calls us now to follow Him*

*To bring our lives as a daily offering*

*Of worship to The Servant King*

There in the garden of tears

My heavy load he chose to bear

His heart with sorrow was torn

'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said. *This is our God...*

Come see His hands and His feet

The scars that speak of sacrifice

Hands that flung stars into space

To cruel nails surrendered *This is our God...*

So let us learn how to serve

And in our lives enthrone Him

Each other's needs to prefer

For it is Christ we're serving *This is our God...*

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

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Collect** *(15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)*

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 20: 1-16**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

## Reflection

### **Song: Give Thanks**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
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And now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
let the poor say 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us;  
and now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
let the poor say 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks...

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## **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

### **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: This earth belongs to God** [https://www.jubilate.co.uk/songs/this\\_earth\\_belongs\\_to\\_god](https://www.jubilate.co.uk/songs/this_earth_belongs_to_god)

1 This earth belongs to God,  
the world, its wealth, and all its people;  
he formed the waters wide  
and fashioned every sea and shore.  
Who may go up the hill of the Lord  
and stand in the place of holiness?  
Only the one whose heart is pure,  
whose hands and lips are clean.

2 Lift high your heads, you gates;  
rise up, you everlasting doors,  
as here now the King of glory  
enters into full command.  
Who is the King, this King of glory,  
where is the throne he comes to claim?  
Christ is the King, the Lord of glory,  
fresh from his victory.

3 Lift high your heads, you gates,  
and fling wide open the ancient doors,  
for here comes the King of glory  
taking universal power.  
Who is the King, this King of glory,  
what is the power by which he reigns?  
Christ is the King, his cross his glory,  
and by love he rules

4 All glory be to God the Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit;  
from ages past it was, is now,  
and evermore shall be.

*Christopher Idle after Psalm 24*  
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## Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessings upon all things created, and upon us his children, that we may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

