

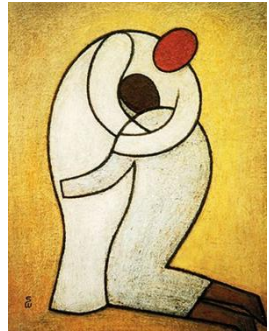
St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

Mothering Sunday

All Age Parade Service

10am Sunday 30th March 2025

Welcome Home!



Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace

(the colours are presented)

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt true faith in you.

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
In giving to all men that we receive;
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Collect (*Prayer for the Day*) (*we sit*)

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Introduction to the theme

Prayer

Loving God, as you welcome us, so may we welcome others:
with compassion, generosity and friendship. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Reading: Luke 15: 11-20

Jesus went on: "Once there was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger son said to the father, 'Father, give me my share in the property.' So he divided up his livelihood between them. ¹³Not many days later the younger son turned his share into cash, and set off for a country far away, where he spent his share in having a riotous good time.

(As the younger son walks down the aisle we turn to the back)



¹⁴"When he had spent it all, a severe famine came on that country, and he found himself destitute. ¹⁵So he went and attached himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into the fields to feed his pigs. ¹⁶He longed to satisfy his hunger with the pods that the pigs were eating, and nobody gave him anything.

¹⁷"He came to his senses. 'Just think!' he said to himself. 'There are all my father's hired hands with plenty to eat—and here am I, starving to death! ¹⁸I shall get up and go to my father, and I'll say to him: "Father; I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I don't deserve to be called your son any longer. Make me like one of your hired hands."'

²⁰And he got up and went to his father.

Confession *(Saying sorry to God for ways we have turned from his love)*
How easily we leave your side, Lord God, for a place far away. We are blind in our darkness, so open our eyes to our sins. Unless you strengthen our spirits and create our hearts anew, we cannot make the journey home. Guide us to your welcoming arms; to the music and the dancing, for we are easily lost, and only you, our Father, can find us.

Lord have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.



Song: God forgave my sin

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.

*He said: 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live.'*

All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to. *He said: Freely, freely...*

(we turn back to face the front)

The Absolution *(the assurance of God's forgiveness)*

May God who meets us on the road and 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**

Reading: Luke 15: 20-24

“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and his heart was stirred with love and pity. He ran to him, hugged him tight, and kissed him. ²¹ ‘Father,’ the son began, ‘I have sinned against heaven and before you; I don’t deserve to be called your son any longer.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him! Put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet! ²³ And bring the calf that we’ve fattened up, kill it, and let’s eat and have a party! ²⁴ This son of mine was dead, and is alive again! He was lost, and now he’s found!’ And they began to celebrate.”

(we join in the celebrations!)

Song: Teach me to dance Graham Kendrick copyright

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*Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart
Teach me to move in the power of your Spirit
Teach me to walk in the light of your presence
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart
Teach me to love with your heart of compassion
Teach me to trust in the word of your promise
Teach me to hope in the day of your coming
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart*

You wrote the rhythm of life, created heaven and earth
In You is joy without measure
So, like a child in your sight I dance to see your delight
For I was made for your pleasure, pleasure. *Teach me to dance...*

Let all my movements express a heart that loves to say 'yes'
A will that leaps to obey you.
Let all my energy blaze to see the joy in your face
Let my whole being praise you, praise you. *Teach me to dance...*



Reading Luke 15: 25-32 *(we sit)*

²⁵ “The older son was out in the fields. When he came home, and got near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the servants and asked what was going on.

²⁷ “ ‘Your brother’s come home!’ he said. ‘And your father has thrown a great party—he’s killed the fattened calf!—because he’s got him back safe and well!’ ²⁸ “He flew into a rage, and wouldn’t go in.

“Then his father came out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ ‘Look here!’ he said to his father, ‘I’ve been slaving for you all these years! I’ve never disobeyed a single commandment of yours. And you never even gave me a young goat so I could have a party with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours comes home, once he’s finished gobbling up your livelihood with his whores, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

³¹ “ ‘My son,’ he replied, ‘you’re always with me. Everything I have belongs to you. ³² But we had to celebrate and be happy! This brother of yours was dead and is alive again! He was lost, and now he’s found!’ ”

Reflection



Prayer

God of welcome when we turn back to you *(mime turning around)*
you run towards us with open arms. *(extend arms out to sides)*
Help us to offer others the welcome we’d like to receive,
(shake hands with person next to you) whoever they are. **Amen.**

Bless the Lord O my soul

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His Holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your Holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Bless the Lord O my soul ...*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Bless the Lord O my soul ...*

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore *Bless the Lord O my soul ...*

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe and trust in God the Father,
who made all things.**

**We believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world.**

**We believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God.**

This is the faith of the church

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

Prayers

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.

All things bright and beautiful *(as flowers distributed)*

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings. *All things bright...*

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky. *All things bright...*

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one. *All things bright...*

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. *All things bright...*



Notices

Blessing

Hymn: One more step along the world I go

(the colours are returned and we process to the back of the church)

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go;
From the old things to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn;
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
You'll be telling me the way, I know.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough;
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me;
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.