

PARISH OF ESHER  
Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

# All Age Eucharist Service



*'The true light, which enlightens everyone,  
was coming into the world.'*

John 1.9

## Opening Organ Music

Lied, no. 17 from 24 Pièces en style libre  
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

## The Gathering

*The minister greets the people.*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## Opening Prayer

*The following is to be sung together.*

**We gather round in this holy space -  
Holy Space, filled with grace;  
We gather round in this holy space  
To do what Jesus taught us.**

**We hear the stories of our King -  
Eternal life, for us he'll win;  
We share his meal and pray with him  
And do what Jesus taught us.**

## Prayers of Penitence

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.

May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,  
and your salvation according to your word:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

O let your mercy come to me that I may live,  
for your law is my delight:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*The minister says:*

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.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Father.**

To God be glory for ever!

**To God be glory for ever!**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God,  
Son of the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
Son of the Father.**

To God be glory for ever!

**To God be glory for ever!**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory for ever!

**To God be glory for ever!**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

(Peruvian Gloria, A&M 416)

## The Collect

*The minister introduces a period of silent prayer.*

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Readings

*A New Testament reading precedes the Gospel Reading.*

### Colossians 1.15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*At the end:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## Hymn

### This little light of mine

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

The light that shines is the light of love,  
lights the darkness from above.  
It shines on me and it shines on you,  
and shows what the power of love can do.  
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,  
I'm gonna shine my light both bright and clear.  
Where there's a dark corner in this land  
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

On Monday he gave me the gift of love,  
Tuesday, peace came from above.  
On Wednesday he told me to have more faith,  
on Thursday he gave me a little more grace.  
Friday, he told me just to watch and pray,  
Saturday, he told me just what to say.  
On Sunday he gave me the power divine,  
to let my little light shine.

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

## Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The minister introduces the prayers.*

*One of these responses may be used:*

**Lord, in your mercy:**    or        **Lord, hear us:**  
**hear our prayer.**                      **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end:*

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

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*The minister introduces the Peace.*

God is love  
and those who live in love live in God  
and God lives in them.

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

## Online Offertory

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## Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it.*

*The following prayer is used:*

Wise and gracious God,  
you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life  
and the bread of heaven.

**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky,  
everything that gives us light,  
light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels and proclaim your praise:

**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.**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.

He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints  
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The minister breaks the consecrated bread.*

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.**

We say together the Agnus Dei.

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people:  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*In line with the Church of England guidance on Spiritual Communion at this time of the Coronavirus (see separate document for guidance), we invite you to pray:*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day.

**Amen.**

*after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The post communion prayer is said:*

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The following is to be sung together:*

**Thank you for the meal we eat,  
Thank you for the meal we eat,  
Thank you for the meal we eat,  
Christ brings us life.**

**Now let us go out from this place,  
Now let us go out from this place,  
Now let us go out from this place,  
To do God's work.**

## **The Dismissal**

### **The Blessing**

The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### **Closing Organ Music**

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