

# **CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CLAPHAM**



**EUCCHARIST  
IN  
LENT**

## **WELCOME**

### **HYMN 212      NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH**

**Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,  
Thinking that He never would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

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

**And also with you.**

Almighty God,  
**To whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
And from whom no secrets are hidden:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
That we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

## **PENITENTIAL PRAYERS**

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

### **Kyrie Confessions**

*With the following responses*

We confess to you our  
Selfishness and lack of love  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our  
fear and failure in showing our faith  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our  
Stubbornness and lack of trust  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal; through Christ, our Lord.

**Amen**

## **THE COLLECT**

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-17**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death on the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,**

**and given him the name above every name:**

**that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,**

**and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The response to the prayer is*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

**Amen**

## **THE PEACE**

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

And the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**HYMN 763      PRAISE TO THE HOLIEST IN THE HEIGHT**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail;**

**And that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.**

**O generous love! that he, who smote  
in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo;**

**And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **Prayer at the preparation of the Table**

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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

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.**

**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.**

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

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

### **BREAKING OF 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 the one bread.**

### **THE AGNUS DEI**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### **THE RECEIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word,  
and I shall be healed.**

**We do not presume to come  
to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in your own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much  
as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have  
mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.**

**Amen.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
We thank you for feeding us with the body  
And blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls  
And bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
To live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### **NOTICES**

## **LENTEN PRAYER**

Blessed is our God who gives new hearts to his people  
**To God be praise and glory forever**

Blessed be God, our creator and redeemer  
**Who keeps his promise forever**

When we, in our weakness, fail to keep our promises  
**You forgive us and heal us**  
When our hearts are too hard to love  
**You create and make in us new hearts**

Grant us grace to let go of our hearts of stone  
**That we may receive from you hearts made for love alone**  
And following Christ, in whom all things are made new,  
**Give ourselves in love and service and so fulfil your promise**

Blessed be God Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
**Blessed be God fore**

## **HYMN 157      WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS**

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the cross of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown!**

**His dying crimson, like a robe,  
spreads o'er his body on the tree:  
then am I dead to all the globe,  
and all the globe is dead to me.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

## **DISMISSAL AND BLESSING**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be among us and remain with us always.

Go in peace to love and service the Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*Do join us for refreshments after the service at the back of the church.*

## ACCLAMATIONS FOR LENT

This is love, not that we loved God,  
**But that he loved us and sent his Son.**

He is the sacrifice for our sins,  
**That we might live through him.**

If God loves us so much  
**We ought to love one another.**

If we love one another  
**God lives in us.**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
**O my God, in you I trust.**

You are the God of my salvation;  
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

In you I hope all the day long.  
**O my God, in you I trust.**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
**For they are from everlasting.**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
**O my God, in you I trust.**

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