

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CLAPHAM



**EUCCHARIST
IN
LENT**

WELCOME

HYMN 794 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.**

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

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.'

God said to Abraham, ‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-38

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

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 675 IMMORTAL LOVE FOREVER FULL

**Immortal Love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.**

**Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.**

**We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown:**

**But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.**

**The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.**

**Through him the first fond prayers are said
our lips of childhood frame;
the last low whispers of our dead
are burdened with his name.**

**Alone, O Love ineffable,
thy saving name is given;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heaven.**

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

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 AND Banns

LENTEN PRAYER

HYMN 595 BE THOU MY VISION

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of 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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