

# Saint Edmund, Chingford

Communion with Baptism

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday after Ascension Day

Sunday 17 May 2027 10.00



*Stand*

## Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Christ yesterday and today,

**the beginning and the end,**

Alpha and Omega,

all time belongs to him,

and all ages;

**to him be glory and power,**

**through every age and for ever. Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is lit.*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,

banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

## Hymn (AMR 146)

Jesu, our hope, our heart's desire,

thy work of grace we sing;

Redeemer of the world art thou,

its Maker and its King.

How vast the mercy and the love

which laid our sins on thee,

and led thee to a cruel death,

to set thy people free!

But now the bonds of death are burst,  
the ransom has been paid;  
and thou art on thy Father's throne,  
in glorious robes arrayed.

O may thy mighty love prevail  
our sinful souls to spare;  
O may we stand around thy throne,  
and see thy glory there.

Jesu, our only joy be thou,  
as thou our prize wilt be;  
in thee be all our glory now  
and through eternity.

All praise to thee who art gone up  
triumphantly to heaven;  
all praise to God the Father's name,  
and Holy Ghost be given.

## Prayers of Penitence

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The President says*

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*We sing*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect**

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,

who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## **New Testament Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Stand*

## **Hymn (Card E-4)**

As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

*Remain standing*

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Decision**

*The president asks the candidate*

Do you wish to be baptized?

*Candidate:* **I do.**

*The president addresses the whole congregation*

We thank God for Amber who has come to be baptized today.

Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.

Will you support her on her journey of faith?

**We will.**

*The president addresses the candidate*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore, I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

*Candidate:* **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**Candidate: I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**Candidate: I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**Candidate: I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**Candidate: I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**Candidate: I come to Christ.**

## **Signing with the Cross**

*The president makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate saying*

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his forever.

**Stand bravely with him  
against all the powers of evil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer over the Water**

*The ministers and candidate gather at the baptismal font.*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Loving Father,  
we thank you for your servant Moses,  
who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea  
to freedom in the Promised Land.  
We thank you for your Son Jesus,  
who has passed through the deep waters of death  
and opened for all the way of salvation.  
Now send your Spirit,  
that those who are washing in this water  
may die with Christ and rise with him,  
to find true freedom as your children,  
alive in Christ for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **Profession of Faith**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess  
together with these candidates  
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Baptism**

N, is this your faith?

*Candidate:* **This is my faith.**

*The president pours water on the candidate, saying*

Amber, I baptize you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**Amen.**

## **Commission**

God of grace and life,  
in your love you have given us  
a place among your people;  
keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and prepare us for that glorious day  
when the whole creation will be made perfect  
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

# The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Amber, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.  
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

*The president introduces the Peace*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We return to our seats as we share God's peace.*

## Hymn (Card E-5)

Jesus is Lord! creation's voice proclaims it,  
for by his power each tree and flower  
was planned and made.  
Jesus is Lord! the universe declares it,  
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry  
'Jesus is Lord!'

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
Praise him with hallelujahs  
for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! yet from his throne eternal  
in flesh he came to die in pain  
on Calvary's tree.  
Jesus is Lord! from him all life proceeding,  
yet have his life a ransom  
thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
Praise him with hallelujahs  
for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! o'er sin the mighty conqueror,  
from death he rose, and all his foes  
shall own his name.

Jesus is Lord! God sent his Holy Spirit  
to show by works of power  
that Jesus is Lord.

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
Praise him with hallelujahs  
for Jesus is Lord!

## **Preparation of the Table**

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

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Edmund and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and 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 president 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 sing*

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

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

**Jesus, redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president invites the people to receive communion.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The president invites the people to receive communion.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:

confirm us in this mission,

and help us to live the good news we proclaim;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*We give thanks together*

**Father of all,**

**we give you thanks and praise,**

**that when we were still far off**

**you met us in your Son and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your love,**

**gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;**

**we who drink his cup bring life to others;**

**we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**

**so we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

**through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Notices

### Giving of a Lighted Candle

*The candidate may be given a lighted candle.*

*When she has received a candle, the minister says*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

### Blessing

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### Hymn

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns —  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn:  
fruit of the mystic Rose,  
as of that Rose the Stem;  
the Root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercèd feet  
fair flowers of Paradise extend —  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time.  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

# The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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