

# Saint Edmund, Chingford

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Communion with Holy Baptism

Sunday 28 June 2026 10.00



## Hymn (AMR 372)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; O help us to see —  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

## Greeting

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

**Amen.**

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

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

# Presentation of the Candidate

*The candidate is presented to the congregation.*

*The president addresses the whole congregation.*

In baptism, God calls us to be his friends  
and to make us holy in his Son Jesus Christ.  
On this journey of faith we have no abiding city,  
for we have the promise of the heavenly Jerusalem,  
where the whole creation is brought to a new birth in the Holy Spirit.  
Here we are united in the company of all the faithful,  
and we look for the coming of the eternal kingdom.  
As children of God, we look through this passing age  
for the signs of the dawn of everlasting glory.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.  
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number  
those whom he is calling.  
People of God, will you welcome this candidate  
and uphold him in his new his life in Christ?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

*The president says to the parents and godparents*

Parents and godparents,  
the Church receives this child with joy.  
Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.  
Will you pray for him,  
draw him by your example into the community of faith  
and walk with him in the way of Christ?

*Parents and godparents:* With the help of God, we will.

In baptism this child begins his journey in faith.  
You speak for him today.  
Will you care for him,  
and help him to take his place  
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

*Parents and godparents:* With the help of God, we will.

*Remain standing*

## The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.'

## New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God

as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Gradual Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hast provided,  
great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, and ten thousand beside.

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hast provided,  
great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me.

## **Gospel Reading**

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

Jesus said to the twelve: 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*The Revd Canon Eric Aidoo*  
*Honorary Ecumenical Canon, Diocese of Bristol*

# The Decision

*The president addresses the candidates through their parents and godparents*

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?

*Parents and godparents:* I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

*Parents and godparents:* I renounce them.

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

*Parents and godparents:* I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*Parents and godparents:* I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*Parents and godparents:* I submit to Christ.

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

*Parents and godparents:* I come to Christ.

# Signing with the Cross

*A minister 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.

*The president may invite parents and godparents to sign the candidate with the cross. When the candidate has been signed, the president says*

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

**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

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 this candidate,  
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**

*The president or another minister pours water on the candidate, saying*

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

**Amen.**

*The president says*

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**

We have brought this child to baptism  
knowing that Jesus died and rose again for him  
and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer.  
We have prayed that in Jesus Christ he will know  
the forgiveness of his sins  
and the new life of the Spirit.

As he grows up, he will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community, so that he may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve his neighbour after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support him by prayer, example and teaching. As their parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping him in their early years.

This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding this child in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for this child and grant him your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon him your healing and reconciling love, and protect his home from all evil.

Fill him with the light of your presence and establish him in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Stand*

## **The Welcome and Peace**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Isaiah, 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 peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

## **Offertory Hymn**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
'How great thou art! How great thou art!'  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
'How great thou art! How great thou art!'

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think how God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,  
and take me home – what joy will fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'

## **The Preparation of the Table**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

# 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.**

## Prayer A

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For his is your living Word: through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

## Prayer G

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things, and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.



## Prayer A

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and *singing*:

**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.**

## Prayer A

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;



## Prayer G



You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

## Prayer G

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

## Prayer A

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

## Prayer G

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: 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.



## Prayer A

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

## Prayer G

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Edmund, and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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.**

# The Breaking of 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.**

# Agnus Dei

*We sing*

**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

*The president says the invitation to 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.**

# Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

*The President reads the Post Communion Collect.*

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**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 are given.*

# Giving of a Lighted Candle

*The candidate is given a lighted candle.*

*When he has received the 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.**

## The Blessing

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Hymn (CHB 102)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will send the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

## **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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