



A Team Service
Of Holy Communion

17 February 2021 at 7.30 pm

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Emmanuel Church Billericay

Welcome & Introduction

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

All: **And also with you.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting. By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

SONG: **Christ Our Hope In Life And Death**

Bible Readings

Joel 2:12-18 & Matthew 6:1-8, 16-21

Sermon

I Don't Want To Do Lent This Year!

Rev'd Paul A. Carr

SONG: **My Eyes Are Dry**

Litany of Self-Examination and Confession

Leader: Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.
God the Father,

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: God the Son,

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: God the Holy Spirit,

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all evil intent,
All: Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader: From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of
heart and contempt for Your word and Your laws,
All: Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader: From sins of body and mind; from the deceits of the world,
the flesh and the devil,
All: Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader: In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of death;
and at the day of judgement,
All: Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your birth, childhood
and obedience; by Your baptism, fasting and temptation,
All: Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader: By Your ministry in word and work; by Your mighty acts of power;
and by Your preaching of the kingdom,
All: Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader: By Your agony and trial; by Your cross and passion;
and by Your precious death and burial,
All: Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader: By Your mighty resurrection; by Your glorious ascension;
and by Your sending of the Holy Spirit,
All: Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader: Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and
ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of
Your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Your holy word.
All: Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Make our hearts clean, O God;
All: And renew a right spirit within us.

Leader: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
All: Let us turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

All: Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against You and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded Your love, and marred Your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. AMEN.

SONG: The Millennium Prayer

The Peace

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to His grace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you,

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts,

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

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

Leader: It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ Your Son. For these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrim age of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be Your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service, you bring us back to Your generous heart. Through study of Your holy word you open our eyes to Your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of Your love. As we prepare for the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds, we bless you for Your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and saying:

All: **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.**

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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.

Leader: Christ is the bread of life:

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

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Leader: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in the one bread.**

Leader: Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Bread and Wine are Consumed

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

SONG: In Christ Alone

Blessing and Dismissal

Leader: Almighty God, you have given Your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life. Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: In the name of Christ. AMEN.

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