

**PARISHES OF ELSTEAD,
THURSLEY, SHACKLEFORD AND PEPPER
HAROW**

**ST NICHOLAS'S CHURCH
PEPPER HAROW**



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ROGATION SUNDAY

Worship for Rogation Sunday

This service usually begins in church and then moves around the village or community or the churchyard or the church, however due to Covid restrictions we will be remaining in the grounds of the church.

The Greeting

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew-fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung from completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

God the Holy Spirit,
whose breath fills the whole of creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

A retiring collection will be taken.

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Thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth,
Death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!*

No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee:
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
Through Thy deathless love;
Lead us in Thy triumph
To Thy home above.

Thine be the glory,.....
Edmond Louis Budry. Tr. R. Birch Hoyle

Blessing and Dismissal

God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.
Amen.

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.
Amen.

Opening Prayer

We come before you our God and Sustainer,
remembering that you are our Creator
and the source of all being.
Out of your love the universe was born.
From primordial darkness you put in place
all that is needed for growth
and saw that it was good.
You have put this world into our hands:
may we recognise your Spirit within it,
disturbing and challenging us to care for creation,
for the weak and the deprived.
Lord we remember that we are called by you
to nourish the earth and its diversity of life,
to share the gifts you have given, with one another
and with the poor of the world.

Amen

Prayers of Penitence

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty
with all of your children.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose will it is that the earth and the sea
should bear fruit in due season:
bless the labours
of those who work on land and sea,
grant us a good harvest
and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Short Address

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I have everything I need.
He lets me rest in fields of green grass
and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.
He gives me new strength.
He guides me in the right paths,
as he has promised.
Even if I go through the deepest darkness,
I will not be afraid, Lord,
for you are with me.
Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.
You prepare a banquet for me,
where all my enemies can see me;
you welcome me as an honoured guest
and fill my cup to the brim.
I know that your goodness and love
will be with me all my life;
and your house will be my home as long as I live.

**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.**

Collect

Almighty God
We praise you for the wonders of your creation.
We thank you for the beauty of the world and the vast resources of
Our planet:
beauty that at times we fail to respect;
resources that we wantonly exploit.
You have entrusted us with the care of your world:
Give us wisdom and compassion,
and move us to change our thoughts and our actions,
that we and all your people may value the whole of your creation,
serve you with responsibility, reverence and joy,
and look for that day when the whole creation shall be made
perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

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Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
Where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory*

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.
Prosper the work of our hands;
may all find dignity and just reward in their work;
free the exploited and oppressed.
We ask in faith:
We ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing,
O Lord.
Guide us into a sustainable future,
and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.
We ask in faith:
We ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing,
O Lord.
Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,
and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.
We ask in faith:
We ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord.
Where the earth is parched
and the well has run dry;
where war brings want, and children go hungry;
where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,
give hands to care and heal,
and compel us to be generous.
We ask in faith:
We ask you to hear us, good Lord.

We ask you to hear us, good Lord,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Hymn

O worship the king,
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and His love:
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour
And girded with praise.

O tell of His might,
O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is His path
On the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power
Hath founded of old;
Hath 'stablished it fast,
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care
What tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
It shines in the light;
It streams from the hills,
It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils
In the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,
And feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
Nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender,
How firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend!
Robert Grant.

Reflecting on water

John 7:37-39

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

May we who have an abundance of water see it as a precious and scarce resource.

Help us to be mindful how much is consumed so that we can live in the way that we do:

guide us to use it sparingly,
and keep us mindful of those who suffer through drought, pollution and flood.

We ask this for the sake of him through whom all things were made,

your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!
Henry Francis Lyte.

Intercessions

Let us ask the God of creation
to send a blessing upon us.

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.
Let the earth be fruitful
and its resources be hallowed.

We ask in faith:

We ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Reflecting on the community

John 15.1-9

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

Prayer

God our father, we give thanks for the gift of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who was content to share the life of his village in Nazareth.

We ask you to bless the life of this *village* and this parish. We pray for all who live in this place, for all who work here, for all who regard this place as home (wherever they may now live) and for all who simply pass through. May your blessing rest upon us all as we live together in your peace. We pray in the name of Jesus our peace. **Amen.**

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like thee His praise should sing?

Hymn

Lead us, heavenly father, lead us
O’er the world’s tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but Thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o’er us;
All our weakness Thou dost know,
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,
Through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.
James Edmeston, altd.

Reflecting on crops or a garden

Mark 4:26-29

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

Prayer

Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth and sea should bear fruit in due season, bless the labours of all those who work on land and sea. Grant us a good harvest and the grace always to rejoice in your care.

Lord you have ordered our life that we are dependent on one another, prosper those engaged in commerce, direct our minds and hands in the service of you and all with whom we live and work.

Grant O Lord that whatever gifts we have, they may be used to the full, for the enrichment of our lives together and for the coming of your kingdom.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the good shepherd. **Amen.**

Celebrate the wonders of creation

Psalm 50:1-2, 10-11

The Almighty God, the Lord, speaks;
he calls to the whole earth from east to west.
God shines from Zion,
the city perfect in its beauty.

All the animals in the forest are mine
and the cattle on thousands of hills.
All the wild birds are mine
and all living things in the fields.

Prayer

Creator God, Jesus teaches us through the beauty and abundance of creation to put our trust in you for all things. We ask you now to bless our fields and gardens our hills and streams our rivers, lakes, reservoirs and seas that in all these things we might glimpse a reflection of your glory and your gracious love for each one of us. Bless, O Lord, the houses and farms and all the homes in this place.
Give us good health, purity of spirit, strength and humility,

hospitality, a spirit of forgiveness and firm knowledge of our need to seek you in all things.

We pray in the name of Jesus, creative Word of God. **Amen.**

Hymn

The king of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

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 forever.
Henry Williams Baker.