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### 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Holy Communion Service The service is being led by Rev Rob Powell and he will be speaking on "Genesis 39 v 1-23: Joseph – Tackling Temptation"



# WELCOME

### I'VE HEARD A THOUSAND STORIES

Of what they think You're like But I've heard the tender whisper Of love in the dead of night And You tell me that You're pleased And that I'm never alone.

> You're a good, good Father, It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are And I'm loved by You It's who I am It's who I am It's who I am

And I've seen many searching For answers far and wide But I know we're all searching For answers Only You provide 'Cause You know just what we need Before we say a word.

### Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways To us (repeat) Oh it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think, As You call me, deeper still, As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still Into love, love, love. Chris Tomlin 2016

### EVERYONE NEEDS COMPASSION,

Love that's never failing; Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Saviour; The hope of nations.

Saviour, He can move the mountains, My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures; Fill my life again. I give my life to follow Everything I believe in; Now I surrender. Shine Your light And let the whole world see We're singing for the glory Of the risen King. (x2) Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding © 2006 Hillsong

# PRAYER OF PREPARATION:



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

### CONFESSION

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

### ABSOLUTION

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen

### ACTION SONG HOSANNA, HO HO HOSANNA (X4)

Everybody praise the Lord! (x4)

So clap your hands, And wave your arms, Play the drums, Then rock the guitar



**PRAYER** for children as they leave for their own groups.



### TIME IN THE WORD

The Old Testament Reading is from **Genesis 39 v 1-23** on page 43 in the Church Bibles

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

SERMON Rev Rob Powell

### RESPONDING

BY GRACE ALONE SOMEHOW I STAND

 Where even angels fear to tread Invited by redeeming love
Before the throne of God above
He pulls me close with nail-scared hands
Into his everlasting arms.

When condemnation grips my heart And Satan tempts me to despair I hear the voice that scatters fear The Great I Am, The Lord is here O praise the One who fights for me And shields my soul eternally.

> Boldly I approach Your throne Blameless now I'm running home. By your blood I come, Welcomed as Your own Into the arms of Majesty.

Behold the bright and risen Son; More beauty than this world has known. I'm face to face with Love Himself, His perfect spotless righteousness A thousand years, a thousand tongues Are not enough to sing His praise. Bridge:

This is the art of celebration Knowing we're free from condemnation O praise the One Praise the One Who made an end of all my sin. (repeat)



# PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

**THE PEACE** (we share the sign of the peace) The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

# THE COMMUNION PRAYER



The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us,

but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

# He opened his arms of love upon the cross

# and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, pat: this is my body which is given

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

# Father, we do this in remembrance of him:

his body, is the bread of life.

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 for the forgiveness of sins;

do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him;

### his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy gifts Make us one in Christ our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

#### As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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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



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.

# THE INVITATION

If you do not wish to receive Communion, please come forward for a prayer of blessing.

# THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After everyone has received Communion, we say together:



#### 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 & BANNS**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.

Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

When Darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. My anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found; Dressed in His righteousness alone,

And faultless stand before the throne. Eric Liljero, Reuben Morgan & Jonas Myrin ©2011 Hillsong Music publishing

# OFFERTORY PRAYER



Yours Lord is the greatness,

the power, the glory,

the splendour and majesty: for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

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

# THE BLESSING

### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen

# PRIVATE PRAYER



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