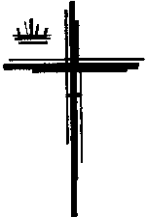


25th February 2018




Holy Communion

The service is being led by
Rev Johan Allen and Rev Imogen Vibert will be speaking on
“**Sawdust and Planks**”
Matthew 7 v 1-6




WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

 **JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU,**
God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before You,
Opening to the Son above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of eternal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.
*You are the One who saves,
You are the One who saves,
You are the One whose hands
Lift us from grave.
You are the light of life,
The everlasting day;
You are the One who takes
All our sins away.*

You are giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blessed.
Fountain of the joy of living,
Ocean depths of happy rest.

Jesus, You are my rescue,
Jesus, You are my rescue;
I give You everything. I am
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 **WHO, OH LORD, COULD SAVE
THEMSELVES,**
Their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea;
Your grace is deeper still.
(repeat)

*You alone can rescue,
You alone can save
You alone can lift us
from the grave.
You came down to find us,
led us out of death.
To You alone belongs
the highest praise.*

You, oh Lord, have made a way,
The great divide You healed;
For when our hearts were far away,
Your love went further still.
Yes, your love goes further still!

We lift up our eyes,
Lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life.(x4)

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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

INTRODUCTION TO CONFESSION

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Let us confess our many failures to keep this way of truth and life.

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 Words assuring us of God's forgiveness.

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins,
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

ACTION SONG



I REACH UP HIGH,

*I touch the ground
I stomp my feet and I turn around,
I've got to praise the Lord.
I jump and dance
with all my might
I might look funny but that's alright,
I've got to praise the Lord.*

I'll do anything just for my God
'Cos He's done everything for me.
It doesn't matter who is looking on,
Jesus is the person that I want to please.
May my whole life be a song of praise.
To worship God in every way.
In this song the actions praise His name,
I want my actions every day
to do the same.

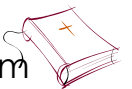
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Pray for the children as they leave for their own activities.

TIME IN THE WORD

The New Testament Reading is from Matthew 7 v 1-6 on page 971 in the Church Bibles



After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SERMON Rev Imogen Vibert

RESPONDING



BEHOLD THE LAMB

Who bears our sins away,
Slain for us;
And we remember the promise made
that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life,

And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal,
The death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every
stain of sin,
Shed for you; drink and remember
He drained death's cup
that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.
And so with thankfulness
And faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

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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, 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:



**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

OFFERTORY HYMN



O LORD MY GOD!

When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand 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!*

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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 that 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 shout of acclamation
And take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God,
How great Thou art!

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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

The Prayer Ministry Team is available in the Prayer Corner.