

11th March 2018




Holy Communion

The service is being led by
Rev Rob Powell and Rev Johan Allen will be speaking on
“Ask, Seek, Knock”
Matthew 7 v 7-14




WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

 **JESUS, HOPE OF THE NATIONS;**
Jesus, comfort for all who mourn,
You are the source
Of heaven's hope on earth.
Jesus, light in the darkness,
Jesus, truth in each circumstance,
You are the source of heaven's light on
earth.
In history, You lived and died,
You broke the chains, You rose to life.

*You are the Hope, living in us,
You are the Rock,
In whom we trust.
You are the Light,
Shining for all the world to see.
You rose from the dead,
Conquering fear,
Our Prince of Peace,
Drawing us near.
Jesus, our Hope,
Living for all who will receive,
Lord, we believe.*

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 **MY JESUS, MY SAVIOUR,**
Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth,
let us sing
Power and majesty,
praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas
will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your
hands.
Forever I'll love You,
forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I
have in You.*

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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

CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
We confess that we have sinned
In thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen

ABSOLUTION *Words assuring us of God's forgiveness.*

Almighty God,
Who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ACTION SONG

GLORY AND HONOUR

To you we bring
Beautiful Saviour
Your praise we sing
Heaven bows down
And worships your name
God of creation we praise
And so to you
We'll give you praise
We'll give the glory to you always
(Repeat)

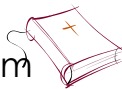
We will honour the King
Honour the King
We will honour the King of Kings
(Repeat)



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

TIME IN THE WORD

The New Testament Reading is from Matthew 7 v 7 - 14 on page 971 in the Church Bibles



After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SERMON Rev Johan Allen

RESPONDING

HERE IS LOVE, VAST AS THE OCEAN,

Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten,
Throughout heaven's eternal days.
On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me, all Your love accepting,
Love You, ever all my days;
Let me seek Your kingdom only,
And my life be to Your praise;
You alone shall be my glory,
Nothing in the world I see;
You have cleansed and sanctified me,
You yourself have set me free.

In Your truth You will direct me
By Your Spirit through Your word;
And Your grace my need is meeting,
As I trust in You, my Lord.
Of Your fullness You are pouring
Your great love and power on me,
Without measure, full and boundless,
Your endless grace has set me free.
(Repeat last 4 lines)



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:



**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

OFFERTORY HYMN

 **PRAISE TO THE LORD,**
the almighty, the king of creation
O my soul, praise him
for he is your health and salvation
Come all who hear
brothers and sisters draw near
praise him in glad adoration
Praise to the Lord
above all things so mightily reigning
keeping us safe at his side
and so gently sustaining
Have you not seen
all you have needed has been
met by his gracious ordaining
Praise to the Lord
who when darkness and sin are
abounding
who when the godless are rampant
all goodness confounding
shines with his light
scatters the terror of night
safely his people surrounding
Praise to the Lord
who shall prosper our work
and defend us
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us
Ponder anew
what the almighty can do
who with his love will befriend us
Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore him
All that has life and breath
come now with praises before him
Let the Amen
sound from his people again
gladly with praise we adore him

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.*