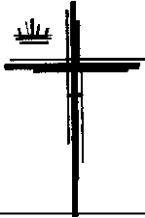


27th May 2018



Holy Communion

The service is being led by
Rev Johan Allen and
Mark Pybus will be speaking on

“Ready Steady, Grow Part 3: Small Groups” Acts 2 v 42-47



WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

WE STAND AND LIFT UP OUR HANDS,

For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now;
How great, how awesome is He.

And together we sing,
Everyone sing:

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty;
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty;
The earth is filled with His glory,
The earth is filled with His glory.*

It's rising up all around,
It's the anthem of the Lord's
renown,

Chris Tomlin 2005 sixstepsmusic/Sparrow Records.

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH,

More than I need.
At your word I will believe.
I wait for You,
Draw near again.
Let your spirit make me new.

*And I will fall at Your feet,
I will fall at Your feet,
And I will worship You here.*

Your presence in me,
Jesus, light the way
By the power of Your word.
I am restored, I am redeemed.
By Your Spirit I am free.

Freely You gave it all for us,
Surrendered your life
upon that cross.
Great is your love
poured out for all.
This is our God.
Lifted on high from death to life,
Forever our God is glorified.
Servant and King
rescued the world.

This is our God.

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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

God our Father;
we come to you in sorrow
for our sins.
For turning away from you, and
ignoring your will for our lives:
Father forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;

Father forgive us:

save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;

Father forgive us:

save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn
away from you by temptations in
the world about us;

Father forgive us;

save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to
belong to your Son;

Father forgive us;

save us and help us.

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



OUR GOD IS A GREAT BIG GOD,

*Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God,
And He holds us in His hands.*

He's higher than a skyscraper,
He's deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams.

And He's known me, and He's loved me
Since before the world began.

How wonderful to be a part
Of God's amazing plan!

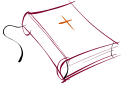
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*Prayer for the children as they leave
for their own activities.*

TIME IN THE WORD

The New Testament Reading is
From Acts 2 v 42-47 on page 1094
in the Church Bibles



After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON Mark Pybus

RESPONDING



BEAUTY FOR BROKENNESS

Hope for despair

Lord in Your suffering world

This is our prayer

Bread for the children

Justice joy peace

Sunrise to sunset

Your kingdom increase

Shelter for fragile lives

Cures for their ills

Work for the craftsmen

Trade for their skills

Land for the dispossessed

Rights for the weak

Voices to plead the cause

Of those who can't speak

God of the poor

Friend of the weak

Give us compassion we pray

Melt our cold hearts

Let tears fall like rain

Come change our love

From a spark to a flame

Refuge from cruel wars

Havens from fear

Cities for sanctuary

Freedoms to share

Peace to the killing fields

Scorched earth to green

Christ for the bitterness

His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth

Oceans and streams

Plundered and poisoned

Our future our dreams

Lord end our madness

Carelessness greed

Make us content with

The things that we need

Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until Your justice
Burns brightly again
Until the nations
Learn of Your ways
Seek Your salvation
And bring You their praise



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.
Sent us out in the power of your
Spirit to live and work to your
praise and glory.
Amen**

NOTICES

OFFERTORY HYMN



GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS,

O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars
in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love.

Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

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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



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in the Prayer Corner.

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