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8th March 2020

Holy Communion

Rev Rob Powell will be leading and presiding & Rev Johan Allen will be preaching on **Jonah Part 2**

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

HE'S COMING ON THE CLOUDS Kings and kingdoms will bow down And every chain will break As broken hearts declare His praise For who can stop the Lord Almighty.

Our God is the Lion, The Lion of Judah He's roaring in power And fighting our battles And every knee will bow before Him Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain For the sin of the world His blood breaks the chains And every knee will bow before The Lion and the Lamb. Every knee will bow before Him.

So, open up the gates, Make way before the King of kings The God who comes to save Is here to set the captives free For who can stop the Lord Almighty.

Bridge:

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord!

Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, and Leeland Mooring ${\rm I\!C}$ ${\rm I\!C}$ Meaux Mercy Thankyou Music, The Devil Is A Liar! Publishing, and Bethel Music Publishing

ABOVE ALL POWERS, ABOVE ALL KINGS,

Above all nature and all created things; Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began. Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, Above all wonders The world has ever known; Above all wealth And treasures of the earth, There's no way to measure What You're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone; Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me Above all.

Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBlanc $\ensuremath{\mathbb C}$ 1999 Integrity's Hosanna! Music and LenSongs Publishing



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

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amondment of life

time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

ACTION SONG

WITH ME God is with me Yes, He's with me every step (Repeat)

I know God is with me Every step I go I know God is with me Every step. With you God is with you Yes, He's with you every step...

And, Oh the love of God Is with me everyday Every step I take He will lead me on Into His perfect plan Walking hand in hand.

With us God is with us Yes, He's with us every step... Nick & Beck Drake

Prayer for the children as they leave for their own activities

TIME IN THE WORD



The Old Testament Reading is Jonah Chapter 2 on page 927 in the Church Bibles.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jonah Part 2 Rev Johan Allen

RESPONDING

TO THE RIVER I AM GOING,

Bringing sins I cannot bear.
Come and cleanse me,
Come forgive me;
Lord, I need to meet You there.

In these waters healing mercy Flows with freedom from despair I am going to the river; Lord, I need to meet You there.

Precious Jesus, I am ready To surrender every care. Take my hand now, Lead me closer; Lord I need to meet You there.

Come and join us in the river, Come find life beyond compare. He is calling, He is waiting;

Jesus longs to meet you there. Brian Doerksen, Michael Hansen & Brain Thiessan 2004 Integrity's Hosanna Music



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:

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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.

Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available on request.

Parents please collect children from Creche and Bubbles for communion now.

Splash children will join parents from the front pew as they come up for communion.

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

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING, Joy of heaven to earth come down! Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find Thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy grace receive; Suddenly return, and never, Never more Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above, Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love. Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee! Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place; Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise. Charles Wesley Public Domain

OFFERTORY PRAYER



Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on 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.**

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