

16<sup>th</sup> August 2020

## Morning Worship Online Service

Rev Rob Powell will be leading and Bishop Rod Thomas will be preaching on  
**Parables of the Kingdom (Matt 13:31-35 & 44-52)**

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

#### HOW GREAT THE CHASM THAT LAY BETWEEN US

How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness  
Your loving-Kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom  
Such Boundless grace  
The God of ages  
Stepped down from Glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The King of Kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Saviour, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope.

*Hallelujah  
Praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah  
Death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning  
That sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.  
Jesus Yours is the victory!

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#### ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of his mercy  
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

*Come Lord Jesus, come (repeat)*

*Holy Spirit, come (repeat)*

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### OPENING PRAYER

**We have come together in the name of Christ, to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.**

### CONFESSION

Jesus says "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." So, let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to  
your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and  
cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us and restore  
us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**  
Therefore, shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

## **ACTION SONG**

### **I'M GONNA JUMP UP AND DOWN**

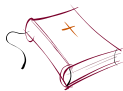
Gonna spin right around  
Gonna praise your name forever  
I'm gonna shout out loud  
Gonna deafen the crowd  
Gonna send my praise to heaven  
(Repeat)

*I'm gonna run this race  
And I will never stop  
I'll follow Jesus till the day I drop  
I can do all things  
Through Christ who strengthens me  
When you've got such a lot  
When you've got not a lot  
What?  
Be happy!*

By Doug Horley

## **TIME IN THE WORD**

The New Testament Reading is  
**Matthew 13:31-35 & 44-52**



**SERMON** by Bishop Rod Thomas,  
Bishop of Maidstone & President of  
Church Society

### **A THOUSAND TIMES I'VE FAILED**

Still Your mercy remains  
And should I stumble again  
Still I'm caught in Your grace  
Everlasting  
Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending  
Your glory goes beyond all fame  
  
Your will above all else  
My purpose remains  
The art of losing myself  
In bringing You praise  
Everlasting  
Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending  
Your glory goes beyond all fame

*In my heart in my soul  
I give You control  
Consume me  
From the inside out Lord  
Let justice and praise  
Become my embrace  
To love You from the inside out  
  
Everlasting  
Your light will shine  
When all else fades  
Never-ending  
Your glory goes beyond all fame  
And the cry of my heart  
Is to bring You praise  
From the inside out  
Lord my soul cries out (Lord)*

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## **PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

## NOTICES



### 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 do 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.

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## THE BLESSING

### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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