

8th January 2023

Holy Communion with Children's Groups

Rev. Rob Powell will be leading, presiding and preaching on
'Epiphany #1: The visit of the Magi' (Matthew 2:1-12)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION



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
Now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
Above all things so wondrously reigning
Sheltering you under his wings
And so gently sustaining
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining

Praise to the Lord
Who will prosper your work
And defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriends you

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 forever adore Him

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LET OUR PRAISE BE YOUR WELCOME,

Let our songs be a sign:

We are here for You,

We are here for You.

Let Your breath come from heaven,

Fill our hearts with Your life.

We are here for You,

We are here for You.

To You, our hearts are open,

Nothing here is hidden.

You are our one desire.

You alone are holy,

Only You are worthy,

God, let Your fire fall down.

Let our shout be Your anthem,

Your renown fill the skies.

We are here for You,

We are here for You.

Let Your Word move in power,

Let what's dead come to life.

We are here for You,

We are here for You.

We welcome You with praise,

We welcome You with praise.

Almighty God of love,

Be welcomed in this place. (Repeat)

Let every heart adore,

Let every soul awake.

Almighty God of love,

Be welcome in this place.

We welcome You with praise,

We welcome You with praise.

Almighty God of love,

Be welcome in this place.

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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 may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

ABSOLUTION



The Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble
and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen



ACTION SONG

I LOVE YOU

More than words can say
It's true that I love you
Fill me with your love
Fill me with your peace
Fill me Lord with you

I need you
More than words can say
It's true that I need you
Fill me with your love
Fill me with your peace
Fill me Lord with you

*Holy One oh I so love you
Holy One oh I so need you
Holy One I will sing your praises
For ever and ever amen
(repeat)*

Duggie Dug Dug

BIBLE READING: Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON by Rev. Rob Powell



WORTHY OF EVERY SONG WE COULD EVER SING

Worthy of all the praise
We could ever bring
Worthy of every breath
We could ever breathe
We live for you

Jesus the name above every other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath
We could ever breathe
We live for you, we live for you

*Holy, there is no one like you
There is none beside you
Open up my eyes in wonder
Show me who you are
And fill me with your heart
And lead me in your love to those
around me*

I will build my life upon your love,
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in you alone,
And I will not be shaken
(repeat)

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PRAYERS

THE PEACE *(we share the sign of the peace)*

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.

THE 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

WORDS OF INVITATION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Every time we eat this bread

and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death

until he comes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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



WHAT IS OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
What holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ He lives, Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

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OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

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