

12th February 2023

Holy Communion with Children's Groups

Rev. Rob Powell will be leading & presiding and Rocky Deans will be preaching on 'Racial Justice Sunday' (Ephesians 2: 11-22)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION



WHO BREAKS THE POWER

Of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty
And so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth
With holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless
In awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You would lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Jesus, I sing for all that
You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos
Back into order
Who makes the orphan
A son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory
Who rules the nations
With truth and justice
Shines like the sun
In all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King
Who conquered the grave (x3)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy



WE BOW OUR HEARTS,

We lift our hands
We turn our eyes to you again
And we surrender to the truth
That all we need is found in you

*Receive our adoration
Jesus Lamb of God
Receive our adoration
How wonderful you are*

We choose to leave it all behind
And turn our eyes towards the prize
The upward call of God in Christ
You have our hearts, Lord take our lives

Every soul You've saved sings out
Everything you've made resounds
All creation's standing now
Lifting up your name
We're caught up in the angels' song
We're gathered to your ancient throne
Children in our Father's arms
Shouting out your praise

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION



**God of welcome and love,
You call us into Your presence,
gathered one and all
in the richness and beauty of diversity
that You willed into being.
We bring our voices together in harmony
with Yours as we gather to worship You.
One God, Father, Son and Spirit,
Amen**

CONFESSION



Loving God,
before You and Your people I
confess to my failings –
to the wounding of myself, of others,
and of our shared home.
I confess to my complicities in practices
and systems that denigrate and strip
away the dignity of others.
I confess to getting in the way of love and
hindering the furtherance of Your
Kingdom of righteousness, peace
and justice for all.
Loving God, I humbly ask for your grace -
your pardon for my sin and your power to
change, through Jesus Christ who died
and rose for me.

Amen



ABSOLUTION

May the ever-loving God forgive you.
May the suffering Christ sustain you.
May the Holy Spirit enrich you.
Amen.



EVERY DAY IS FILLED WITH VOICES

So much noise inside my head
And when I'm scared
And when I'm feeling all alone
All I gotta do is speak Your name

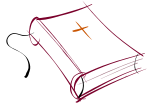
*Say it by day, say it by night
Say it till the end of time
All I gotta do is speak Your name*

When I wake up in the morning
You're my friend throughout the day
And when I close my eyes
To sleep the night away
All I gotta do is speak Your name

Jesus Your name covers my heart
Covers my mind all of the time
Jesus Your name covers my heart
Covers my mind all of the time
All I gotta do is speak Your name
All I gotta do is speak Your name

BIBLE READING: Ephesians 2:11-22

SERMON by Rocky Deans



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.

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PRAYER OF COMMITMENT TO RACIAL JUSTICE

**God our Creator,
We call on Your Spirit to expand our
imaginations, that we might all see a
better future.**

*(Silence is held as you are invited to
hope, dream and imagine that future in
the presence of God)*

**God our Maker,
We call on Your Spirit to unite and guide
us, that we might be co-workers in
building a better way of being.**

*(Silence is held as you are invited to ask
God for strength and guidance about
how you might be a co-worker for justice
and peace)*

**God the Artist,
We call on Your Spirit to fill this place,
that our compassion and creativity might
overflow.**

*(Silence is held as You are invited to seek
the Holy Spirit for refreshing and
revitalising)*

**God our Healer,
We call on Your Spirit to rest upon us,
that we may know Your tender mercy,
care and healing.**

*(Silence is held as you are invited to ask
the Wounded Healer to reach out and
heal your hurt and pain)*

**God our Creator,
Maker, Artist, and Healer,
receive our prayers which we offer
in Jesus' name.
Amen**

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



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



TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

Look full in his wonderful face
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace
Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

*Jesus to You we lift our eyes
Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You
Our Saviour ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You*

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn
Fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow
Every tongue will shout
All glory to Jesus alone

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OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING

God has told us what is good,
made known what is required of all of us.
So, God of immeasurable love,
power and imagination,
empower and embolden us,
as we go from this place –
to do justice,
to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with you our God.
Amen

As we go,
Send us out with Your might.

As we go,
Send us out with Your compassion.

As we go,
**Send us out to people and places that
need Your love.**

As we go,
**Send us out to seek justice
and to love mercy.**

As we go,
**Send us out to walk humbly.
We go in Your name and for Your glory.
Amen**

THE DISMISSAL

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

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