

26th February 2023

Holy Communion with Children's Groups

Jacqueline Gray will be leading and Rev. Rob Powell will be presiding and preaching on 'The Calling of the Church (1 Peter 2: 4-12)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

COME LET US WORSHIP OUR KING Come let us bow at His feet He has done great things See what our Saviour has done See how His love overcomes He has done great things He has done great things

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave You free every captive And break every chain O God, You have done great things We dance in Your freedom Awake and alive O Jesus our Saviour Your name lifted high O God, You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm You'll be faithful forevermore You have done great things And I know You will do it again For Your promise is yes and amen You will do great things God You do great things

Hallelujah God above it all Hallelujah God unshakable Hallelujah You have done great things (Repeat) You've done great things © Phil Wickham Music

I'VE HEARD A THOUSAND STORIES

Of what they think You're like But I've heard the tender whisper Of love in the dead of night And you tell me that You're pleased And that I'm never alone.

You're a good, good Father It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are And I'm loved by You It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am.

And I've seen many searching For answers far and wide But I know we're all searching For answers only you provide 'Cause You know just what we need Before we say a word.

You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways to us (Repeat)

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think As you call me deeper still As you call me deeper still As you call me deeper still Into love, love, love © 2014 © Pat Barrett Music (Admin. by Joseph Barrett) and Remaining portion is unaffiliated



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

Almighty God, Who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ACTION SONG

SHINE FROM THE INSIDE OUT,

That the world will see you live in me,
Shine from the inside out,
That the world will see you live in me.

You know me and you love me You fill me, so send me to..... Know me, love me, fill me, send me, Know me, love me, fill me, send me, Know me, love me, fill me, send me to Shine!

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BIBLE READING: 1 Peter 2:4-12



SERMON by Rev Rob Powell

YOU ARE HERE

Moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You, I worship You
(Repeat)

Way Maker, Miracle Worker Promise Keeper Light in the darkness My God that is who You are (Repeat)

You are here touching every heart I worship You, I worship You You are here healing every heart I worship You, I worship You You are here turning lives around I worship You, I worship You You are here mending every heart I worship You, I worship You

That is who You are (Repeat)



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

I THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night I will go Lord If you lead me I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Default Arrangement] by Mary McDonald

OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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