


25<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Holy Communion Service with Children's Groups

Jacqueline Gray will be leading, Rev Rob Powell will be presiding,  
and Richard Reddie will be preaching on  
'Windrush Sunday/FHFJ Thanksgiving' (Deuteronomy 26: 1-15)

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION


 **BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL**  
O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes.

You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger,  
Your Name is great  
And Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find.

And on that day  
When my strength is failing,  
The end draws near  
And my time has come,  
Still my soul  
Will sing Your praise unending;  
Ten thousand years  
And then forever more!

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 **THE SPLENDOUR OF THE KING,**  
Clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
Let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light,  
And darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice,  
And trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God.*

And age to age He stands,  
And time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End,  
Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, Three in One,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb,  
The Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names,  
You are worthy of all praise;  
My heart will sing:  
How great is our God. (repeat)  
Then sings my soul,  
My Saviour God to Thee  
How Great Thou art,  
How Great Thou art  
Then sings my soul,  
My Saviour God to Thee  
How Great Thou art,  
How Great Thou art!

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## OPENING PRAYER

God our Maker,  
You call us here to worship You together,  
to bear witness to Your creativity,  
seen, heard and found in all who gather.  
We are Your children,  
bearing Your divine image,  
shaped by Your imagination and breath,  
and bound together in our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ.  
You have gifted us with the beauty of  
difference, the blessing of diversity,  
the pleasure of individuality,  
and the bond of love and peace.  
Move among us now by your Spirit,  
open our eyes to glimpse your glory,  
and unite us in love and faith.  
Amen.

## CONFESSION

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people:  
come among us and save us.

When we have wilfully misused your  
gifts of creation;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**Forgive us our sin.**

When we have seen the ill-treatment of  
others and have not gone to their aid;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**Forgive us our sin.**

When we have condoned evil and  
dishonesty and failed to strive for justice;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**Forgive us our sin.**

When we have heard the good news of  
Christ, but have failed to share it  
with others;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**Forgive us our sin.**

When we have not loved you with all our  
heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**Forgive us our sin.**  
Amen.

## ABSOLUTION

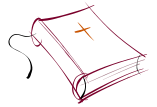
Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has  
given us a kingdom that cannot be  
destroyed, forgive us our sins,  
open our eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen us to do God's will  
and give us the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## SONGS FROM THE CARIBBEAN

### NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF THE HEART FOUNDATION OF JAMAICA

### TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Deuteronomy 26:1-15  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



### SERMON: by Richard Reddie



#### LEANING, LEANING

*Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning  
Leaning on the everlasting arms*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness,  
What a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
O how bright the path  
Grows from day to day  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread,  
What have I to fear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
I have blessed peace  
With my Lord so near  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

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### THE SPOKEN WORD by Egla Aitkens

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

## **THE COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **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**



#### **THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

*I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

The light that shines is the light of love  
Lights the darkness from above  
It shines on me and it shines on you  
And shows what the power  
Of love can do  
I'm gonna shine my light  
Both bright and clear  
I'm gonna shone my light  
Both far and near  
Where there's a dark corner in this land  
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

On Monday He gave me the gift of love  
Tuesday peace came from above  
On Wednesday He told me  
To have more faith  
On Thursday He gave me  
A little more grace  
On Friday He told me to watch and pray  
On Saturday He told me just what to say  
On Sunday He gave me the fire divine  
To let my little light shine.

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### **FINAL PRAYER & BLESSING**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
who crossed boundaries and borders,  
help us to love our neighbours and break  
down barriers in our communities.**

**Wounded Healer,  
who made blind eyes see,  
and deaf ears hear,  
enable us to perceive the reality of  
racism, bigotry and injustice in ourselves  
and our society.**

**Prince of Peace,  
inspire us to celebrate difference  
and reconcile division,  
and help us to re-imagine this world as a  
place where justice and peace kiss each  
other and freedom abounds.  
Amen**

So, journey from this place  
enfolded in the grace of God.  
Be diligent in the works of the  
Living Lord Jesus.  
Minister to the world in the power  
of the Holy Spirit.

Travel well with the light and hope of salvation.

Be secure in the promise of a joyful homecoming.

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you  
always.

**Amen.**

## ***THE DISMISSAL***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

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