


10th September 2023

Holy Communion Service with Children's Groups

Rev Rob Powell will be leading and presiding, Rev Mark Pybus will be preaching on 'Read MARK Learn: Jesus' Identity #1 – Baptism, Testing & Preaching' (Mark 1:1-15)

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)

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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

May the God of all healing and
forgiveness draw us to himself,
and cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



ACTION SONG

HEY! HO!

Nothing's too big, big, big for his power
Nothing's too little, little for his care
Nothing's too big, big, big for his power
Nothing's too idly, widdly for his care
Nothing's too big, big, big for his power
Nothing's too incy, wincy for his care
Nothing's too big, big, big for his power
Nothing's too teeny, weeny for his care
He is God of the big, God of the little
God of the stuff somewhere in the middle
The King of moving mountains
Loves you more than you will ever know
A-ho-how!

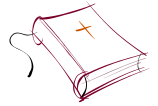
Nothing's too big
Nothing's too small
Nothing's too much
He cares for it all
(Repeat)

TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Mark 1:1-15

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SERMON: by Rev. Mark Pybus



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

*So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God;
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above;
Humbly You came
To the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
(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

**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



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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OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

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