

28th January 2024

Holy Communion with Children's Groups

Rev. Rob Powell will be leading, Rev. Mark Pybus will be presiding, and Gabby Parikh will be preaching on 'The Joy of Giving' (2 Corinthians 8:1-15)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

WE STAND AND LIFT UP OUR HANDS, For the joy of the Lord is our strength. We bow down and worship Him now; How great, how awesome is He. And together we sing, everyone sing:

Holy is the Lord God Almighty; The earth is filled with His glory. Holy is the Lord God Almighty. The earth is filled with His glory, The earth is filled with His glory.

It's rising up all around, It's the anthem of the Lord's renown. (Repeat) Louie Giglio and Chris Tomlin© 2003



One with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ.

> What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ, my King What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus, You brought heaven down My sin was great, Your love was greater What could separate us now. What a wonderful Name it is What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ, my King What a wonderful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold you The veil tore before You You silence the boast of sin and grave The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again. You have no rival, You have no equal Now and forever God You reign Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names.

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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

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.



ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

ACTION SONG

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 Nick & Becky Drake

BIBLE READING:





SERMON by Gabby Parikh (Southwark Diocese Head of Giving)

I'M GIVING YOU MY HEART, And all that is within, I lay it all down For the sake of You, my King. I'm giving you my dreams, I'm laying down my rights, I'm giving up my pride For the promise of new life.

> And I surrender All to You, all to You. And I surrender All to You, all to You.

I'm singing You this song, I'm waiting at the cross, And all the world holds dear, I count it all as loss. For the sake of knowing You, The glory of Your name, To know the lasting joy, Even sharing in Your pain. Marc James © 2000 Vineyard Songs



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.

There in the ground His body lay, PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Light of the world by darkness slain: Father of all. Then bursting forth in glorious Day we give you thanks and praise, Up from the grave He rose again! that when we were still far off And as he stands in victory you met us in your Son Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, and brought us home. For I am His and He is mine -Dying and living, he declared your love, Bought with the precious blood of Christ. gave us grace No guilt in life, no fear in death, and opened the gate of glory. This is the power of Christ in me; May we who share Christ's body From life's first cry to final breath, live his risen life: Jesus commands my destiny. we who drink his cup bring life to others; No power of hell, no scheme of man, we whom the Spirit lights Can ever pluck me from His hand; give light to the world. Till He returns or calls me home, Keep us firm in the hope you have set Here in the power of Christ I'll stand! before us, so we and all your children Stuart Townend & Keith Getty. © 2001 Thankyou Music. shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. **OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING** Amen. NOTICES THE DISMISSAL Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS In the name of Christ. Amen. FOUND. He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh. Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness,

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Scorned by the ones He came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied -For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.