

8th February 2026

Holy Communion Service with Children's Groups

Rev. Mark Pybus will be leading
Bishop Martin will be presiding and preaching on
'Joy in the Worst of Times' (Philippians 1: 12-30)

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)

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 **CHRIST IS MY FIRM FOUNDATION**
The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would He fail now

He won't He won't

I've still got joy in chaos
I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under
I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus
He's never let me down

He's faithful in every season
So why would He fail now
He won't He won't
He won't fail
He won't fail

Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
And I'm safe with You
I'm going to make it through
(REPEAT VERSE)

Yeah I'm going to make it through
'Cause I'm standing strong on You
Yeah I'm going to make it through
'Cause my house is built on You

 **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.



CONFESION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.



ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ACTION SONG



I LIKE TO THINK ABOUT

The goodness of the Lord
He gives me everything I need
And so much more
So I wanna lift my hands
And say that I love Him
I just wanna lift my heart in praise

And I wanna be *thankful*
I wanna be *grateful*
I wanna remember *everything*
That the Lord has done
And I wanna be *thankful*
I wanna be *grateful*
I wanna be
I wanna be
I wanna be

TIME IN THE WORD

Bible Reading: Philippians 1: 12-30

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SERMON

WHAT GIFT OF GRACE

Is Jesus my redeemer

There is no more for heaven now to give

He is my joy

My righteousness and freedom

My steadfast love

My deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus

For my life is wholly bound to His

Oh, how strange and divine,

I can sing: All is mine!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken

For by my side, the Saviour He will stay

I labour on in weakness and rejoicing

For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold

My Shepherd will defend me

Through the deepest valley He will lead

Oh the night has been won

And I shall overcome

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven

The future sure, the price it has been paid

For Jesus bled

And suffered for my pardon

And He was raised

To overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated

Jesus now and ever is my plea

Oh the chains are released

I can sing: I am free

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus

For He has said

That He will bring me home

And day by day I know He will renew me

Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus

All the glory evermore to Him

When the race is complete

Still my lips shall repeat

Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS,

O God my Father

There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning

New mercies I see;

All I have needed

Thy hand hath provided,

Great is Thy faithfulness,

Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars
In their courses above,
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love.

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
With ten thousand beside

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

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