

8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Holy Communion with Children's Groups

Rev Mark Pybus will be leading, and Rev Canon Dr Sue Clarke will be presiding and preaching on 'Rejoice in the Lord' (Philippians 3: 1-11)

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

 **HE'S COMING ON THE CLOUDS**  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty.

*Our God is the Lion,  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring in power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before  
The Lion and the Lamb.  
Every knee will bow before Him.*

So, open up the gates,  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty.

*Bridge:  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord!*

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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

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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

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



### IN MY WRESTLING AND IN MY DOUBTS

In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

*My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You oh  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore  
safe to shore  
safe to shore*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Fire before us  
You're the brightest  
You will lead us  
Through the storms (hey)  
(REPEAT 4X)

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## TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Philippians 3: 1-11  
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



## SERMON



### I COULD SEARCH ALL THIS WORLD

I'd still find there is no one like You  
I could gain everything  
In the end all is lost without You  
Oh Jesus all that I desire

*I want to know You  
I want to know You  
I want to know You  
And be known by You  
I'm gonna love You  
Give all my heart to You  
I want to know You  
And be known by You*

I am whole I'm complete  
I'm content just to stay in this place  
All my guilt all my shame  
Washed away in Your river of grace  
My devotion my affection all my worship  
I pour it out I pour it out on You



## 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.  
and the whole earth  
Amen.**

## **NOTICES**



### **IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS 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,  
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.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!  
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## **THE BLESSING THE DISMISSAL**

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

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