

14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Rev Rob Powell will be leading and preaching on 'Love your Bible: Introduction to the Series' (2 Timothy 3:10 – 4:8),  
and Rev Mark Pybus will be presiding at Communion.

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION



#### GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,

Our God and King:  
His love endures forever.  
For He is good,  
He is above all things.  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand  
And outstretched arm  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn.  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us,  
Forever, forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun,  
His love endures forever.  
By the grace of God, we will carry on.  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

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#### I CAST MY MIND TO CALVARY,

Where Jesus bled and died for me.  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.  
My Saviour on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears,  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone,  
Messiah still and all alone.

*O praise the name of the Lord our God,  
O praise His name forever more,  
For endless days we will sing Your praise,  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.*

Then on the third at break of dawn,  
The Son of heaven rose again.  
O trampled death where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King.

He shall return in robes of white,  
The blazing Son shall pierce the night.  
And I will rise among the saints,  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

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### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Blessed are you, Lord our God.  
How sweet are your words to the  
taste, sweeter than honey to the mouth.  
How precious are your commands for  
our life, more than the finest gold in  
our hands.  
How marvellous is your will for the world,  
unending is your love for the nations.  
Our voices shall sing of your promises  
and our lips declare your praise  
for ever and ever.  
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 unto 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



### YOU PUT THE STARS IN OUTER SPACE

You popped the freckles on my face  
 And all the fish that swim  
 And all the birds that fly  
 Were made from your incredible  
 imagination

*Creator God, we're singing to the  
 Creator God of all the world  
 Creator God, we celebrate You  
 We celebrate You!*

You spread the ripples through the sea  
 You painted stripes on every bee

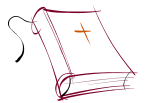
And all the grass that grows  
 And all the leaves that fall  
 Are part of Your amazing plans for this  
 creation.

You placed the heat into the sun  
 You placed a heart in everyone  
 And all the music played  
 And all the dancing done  
 Reminds us that we're made to be  
 creative like...

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## TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is 2 Timothy 3:10 – 4:8  
 This is the word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.



## SERMON



### SPEAK, O LORD, AS WE COME TO YOU

To receive the food of your holy word.  
 Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
 Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
 That the light of Christ  
 Might be seen today  
 In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
 Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us  
 All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,  
 Holy reverence, true humility.  
 Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
 In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise  
 Cause our eyes to see,  
 Your majestic love and authority.  
 Words of power that can never fail;  
 Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
 Help us grasp the heights  
 Of Your plans for us.  
 Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
 That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand  
 On Your promises;  
 And by faith we'll walk  
 As You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built  
 And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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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



### **ALL TO JESUS, I SURRENDER,**

All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

*I surrender all,  
I surrender all,  
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,  
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender  
Humbly at His feet I bow  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken  
Take me Jesus take me now

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Saviour wholly Thine;  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

All to Jesus I surrender  
Now I feel the sacred flame  
O the joy of full salvation  
Glory, glory to His name.

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## **OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING**

**Almighty God.**

**We thank you for the gift  
of your holy word.**

**May It be a lantern to our feet,  
a light upon our paths,  
and strength to our lives.**

**Take us and use us to  
love and serve all people  
in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

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