

11th June 2023

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Rev Rob Powell will be leading and preaching on
'Love your Bible: The Big Story of the Bible' (Luke 24: 36 - 49),
and Rev Mark Pybus will be presiding at Communion.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION



BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say.

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.*

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say:
Lord, blessed be Your name.

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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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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 Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ACTION SONG



NOAH BUILT THE MOST ENORMOUS BOAT

That kept the birds and animals afloat
The Lord was good, the Lord was strong
And Noah lived his life for him.

Moses led his people through the sea
Taking them away from slavery
The Lord was good, the Lord was strong
And Moses lived his life for him.

*Oh, thank you, oh, thank you
That all through history
You were faithful
Thank you, oh, thank you
That you are just the same
When it comes to me
When it comes to me.*

David fought Goliath and he won
A humble shepherd boy became a king
The Lord was good, the Lord was strong
And David lived his life for him.

Daniel was inside a lion's den
But God brought him to safety once again
The Lord was good, the Lord was strong
And Daniel lived his life for him.

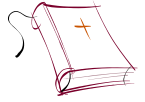
Jesus died to take away our sin
So we could get to know our God again
The Lord is good, the Lord is strong.
And we will live our lives for Him

TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Luke 24: 36 - 49

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SERMON



HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom



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 & BANNS



I CANNOT TELL

Why he whom angels worship
Should set His love
Upon the sons of men
Or why as Shepherd
He should seek the wanderers
To bring them back
They know not how or when

But this I know that He was born of Mary
When Bethlehem's manger
Was His only home
And that He lived
At Nazareth and laboured
And so the Saviour
Saviour of the world is come

I cannot tell
How silently He suffered
As with His peace
He graced this place of tears
Or how His heart
Upon the cross was broken
The crown of pain
To three and thirty years
But this I know
He heals the broken-hearted
And stays our sin
And calms our lurking fear
And lifts the burden
From the heavy-laden
For yet the Saviour
Saviour of the world is here

I cannot tell how He will win the nations
How He will claim His earthly heritage
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west of sinner and of sage
But this I know all flesh shall see His glory
And He shall reap
The harvest He has sown
And some glad day
His sun shall shine in splendour
When He the Saviour
Saviour of the world is known

I cannot tell
How all the lands shall worship
When at His bidding every storm is stilled
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men
With love are filled

But this I know
The skies will thrill with rapture
And myriad myriad human voices sing
And earth to heaven
And heaven to earth will answer
At last the Saviour
Saviour of the world is King

OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING

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