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HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Rev Rob Powell will be leading, presiding at Communion, and preaching on
'Love your Bible: How to Interpret the Bible' (Mark 7:1-23)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION



WE BOW OUR HEARTS,

We lift our hands

We turn our eyes to you again
And we surrender to the truth
That all we need is found in you

Receive our adoration

Jesus Lamb of God

Receive our adoration

How wonderful you are

We choose to leave it all behind
And turn our eyes towards the prize
The upward call of God in Christ
You have our hearts, Lord take our lives

Every soul You've saved sings out
Everything you've made resounds
All creation's standing now
Lifting up your name
We're caught up in the angels' song
We're gathered to your ancient throne
Children in our Father's arms
Shouting out your praise

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IN THE DARKNESS WE WERE WAITING

Without hope, without light,
Till from Heaven You came running

There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word,
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings.*

To reveal the Kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation,
You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering,
You saw to the other side,
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose,
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good,
For the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born,
Then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name,
In His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me!

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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



GLORY AND HONOUR

To you we bring
Beautiful Saviour
Your praise we sing
Heaven bows down
And worships your name
God of creation we praise.

*And so to you
We'll give you praise
We'll give the glory to you always
(Repeat)*

Honour the King, honour the King
We will honour the King of Kings.
(Repeat)

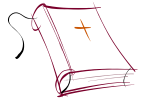
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TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Mark 7:1-23

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SERMON



MARVELOUS GRACE

Of our loving lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood
Of the Lamb was spilt

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon
And cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide;
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe,
All who are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

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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

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in
your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living,
he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set
before us, so we and all your children
shall be free, and the whole earth live
to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES & BANNS



MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone.
Weak made strong
In the Saviour's love.
Through the storm,
He is Lord, Lord of all.*

When Darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
And faultless stand before the throne.

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