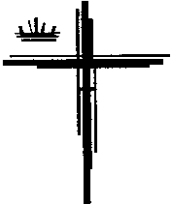


9th December 2018




Holy Communion

Rev Rob Powell will be leading with
Mark Pybus speaking on
“**Mary’s Song**”
Luke 1 v 46-55



WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

 **I’VE HEARD A THOUSAND STORIES**
Of what they think You’re like
But I’ve heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
And You tell me that You’re pleased
And that I’m never alone

*You’re a good, good Father
It’s who You are, it’s who You are,
it’s who You are
And I’m loved by You
It’s who I am, it’s who I am,
it’s who I am*

And I’ve seen many searching
For answers far and wide
But I know we’re all searching
For answers only You provide
‘Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word

Bridge
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
(Repeat)

Oh, it’s love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think
As you call me deeper still
As you call me deeper still
As you call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

OUR FATHER EVERLASTING,

The all-creating One,
God Almighty.
Through Your Holy Spirit,
Conceiving Christ the Son:
Jesus our Saviour.

*I believe in God our Father,
I believe in Christ the Son;
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
Our God is Three in One,
I believe in the resurrection,
That we will rise again;
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.*

Our Judge and our Defender,
Suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious light,
Forever seated high.

*I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
(x2)*

*I believe in life eternal,
I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints’ communion
And in Your holy church.
I believe in the resurrection,
When Jesus comes again;
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.*

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

Christ the light of the world has
come to dispel the darkness of our
hearts. In His light let us examine
ourselves and confess our sins.

Lord of grace and truth, we
confess our unworthiness to stand
in Your presence as Your children.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted Your call
to be the mother of Jesus. Forgive
our disobedience to Your will.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour was born in
poverty in a manger. Forgive our
greed and rejection of Your ways.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks to go
to Bethlehem. Forgive our self-
interest and lack of vision.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star to
find Jesus the King. Forgive our
reluctance to seek You.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

ABSOLUTION

May the God of all healing and
forgiveness draw us to Himself and
cleanse us from all our sins that we
can behold the glory of His Son,

the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen

ACTION SONG



THE SHEPHERDS CAME

To see the baby
Stood by His mother's side
Here laid the Saviour in the manger
O what a glorious night
O what a glorious night

*I hear the angels singing Hallelujah
Let the earth receive her king
I know that love has come
Sing it out
Jesus Christ is born!
Jesus Christ is born!*

The shepherds wondered
Couldn't hide it
Told everyone in sight
All were amazed when
They heard how God came down
On that glorious night
God came down on this glorious night!

*Glorious, glorious
What a glorious night!
(Repeat)*

All is calm now, all is quiet
Star shining in the sky
Below in Bethlehem
The King is sleeping
O what a glorious night!
O what a glorious night!



*Prayer for the children as they leave
for their own activities*

TIME IN THE WORD

The New Testament Reading is
from Luke 1 v 46-55 on page 1026
in the Church Bibles



After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SERMON Mark Pybus

WHAT HOPE WE HOLD THIS STARLIT NIGHT;

A King is born in Bethlehem.
Our journey long, we seek the light
That leads to the hallowed manger
ground.
What fear we felt in the silent age-
Four hundred years can He be found
But broken by a baby's cry
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
God incarnate here to dwell.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.
Praise His Name Emmanuel.*

The Son of God here, born to bleed
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow
And we beheld this offering,
Exalted now, the King of kings.
Praise God for the hallowed manger
ground

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PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

THE PEACE *(we share the sign of the peace)*



The peace of the Lord be always
with you
And also with you.

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.**

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

THE BREAKING OF BREAD



We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many,
we are one body, because we all
share in one bread.**

THE INVITATION

*If you do not wish to receive Communion,
please come forward for a prayer of
blessing.*

*Parents please collect children from Crèche
and Bubbles for communion now.*

*Splash children will join parents from the
front pew as they come up for communion.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After everyone has received Communion, we say together:

**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

OFFERTORY HYMN



MY HEART IS FULL OF ADMIRATION

For You my Lord, my God and King.
Your excellence, my inspiration,
Your words of grace have made my
spirit sing.

You love what's right, and hate all evil
Therefore Your God sets You on high,
And on Your head pours oil of gladness
While fragrance fills Your royal palaces.

*All the glory, honour and power
Belong to You, belong to You.
Jesus, Saviour, Anointed One
I worship You, I worship You.*

Your throne, O God, will last for ever
Justice will be Your royal decree.
In majesty ride out victorious,
For righteousness, truth and
humility.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER



**Yours Lord is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour
and majesty: for everything in
heaven and earth is Yours.
All things come from You
and of Your own do we give You.
Amen**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

PRIVATE PRAYER



*The Prayer Ministry Team is available
in the Prayer Corner.*