

ALL OF LIFE FOR CHRIST

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10th March 2019

Holy Communion

Mark Pybus will be leading and Rev Rob Powell will be presiding and preaching on "The Antioch Prayer Meeting" Acts 13: 1-3

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Come now is the time to give your heart

Come just as you are to worship Come just as you are before your God Come

One day every tongue Will confess You are God One day every knee will bow Still the greatest treasure remains For those who gladly choose You now. Brian Doerksen © 1998 Vineyard Songs

OVER ALL THE EARTH,

You reign on high,
Every mountain stream,
Every sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me, Reign in Your power; Over all my dreams, In my darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, So, won't You reign in me again?

Over every thought, over every word, May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord; 'Cause You mean more to me Than any earthly thing, So won't You reign in me again? Brenton Brown © 1998 Vineyard Songs



RAYER 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

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with

all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,

and with all your strength.'

The second is this:

'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,

to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep

God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

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 God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour foraive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, 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 Nogh 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.



Praver for the children as they leave for their own activities

TIME IN THE WORD



The New Testament Reading is Acts 13:1-3 on page 1107 in the Church Bibles.

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev Rob Powell

RESPONDING

ALL I ONCE HELD DEAR,

Built my life upon, All this world reveres And wars to own. All I once thought gain I have counted loss Spent and worthless now, Compared to this.

> Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, There is no greater thing; You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness; And I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire Is to know You more To be found in You And known as Yours: To possess by faith What I could not earn All surpasses gift Of righteousness.

Oh, to know the power Of your risen life, And to know You in Your sufferings; To become like You

In Your death, my Lord. So, with You to live, And never die. Graham Kendrick © 1993 Make Way Music



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 Creche 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

TO GOD BE THE GLORY, Great things He has done! So loved He the world That He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life An atonement for sin, And opened the life-gate That all may go in.

> Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father Through Jesus the Son; And give Him the glory, Great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, The purchase of blood! To every believer The promise of God; The vilest offender Who truly believes, That moment from Jesus A pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, Great things he has done, And great our rejoicing Through Jesus the Son: But purer and higher And greater will be Our wonder, our worship, When Jesus we see! Fanny J. Crosby, William H. Doane, and William Howard Doane © Public Domain



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. St James Church: 236 Mitcham Lane, Streatham, London SW16 6NT 200 8677 3947 admin_stjameschurch@btinternet.com www.stjames-streatham.org.uk St James Church Charity Registration Number: 1133859 Songs & hymns used by permission CCL No. 4958