

24<sup>th</sup> March 2019


## Holy Communion

Rev Rob Powell will be leading and presiding  
and Mark Pybus will be preaching on

**'The Miletus Prayer Meeting'**

**Acts 20:17-38**

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

 **HE'S COMING ON THE CLOUDS**  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty.

*Our God is the Lion,  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring in power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before  
The Lion and the Lamb.  
Every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates,  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty.

Bridge:

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord!

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 **WHO, OH LORD, COULD SAVE  
THEMSELVES,**

Their own soul could heal?  
Our shame was deeper than the sea;  
Your grace is deeper still.  
(repeat)

*You alone can rescue,  
You alone can save  
You alone can lift us from the grave.  
You came down to find us,  
Led us out of death.  
To You alone belongs the highest praise.*

You, oh Lord, have made a way,  
The great divide You healed;  
For when our hearts were far away,  
Your love went further still.  
Yes, your love goes further still!

We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes  
You're the giver of life. (x4)

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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.**

## **INTRODUCTION TO CONFESSION**

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven**

Blessed are those who mourn,  
**for they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek,  
**for they shall inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,  
**for they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful,  
**for they shall obtain mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
**for they shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
**for they shall be called children of God.**

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,  
**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

## **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**



### **I'M GONNA JUMP UP AND DOWN**

Gonna spin right around  
Gonna praise your name forever  
I'm gonna shout out loud  
Gonna deafen the crowd  
Gonna send my praise to heaven  
(Repeat)

I'm gonna run this race  
And I will never stop  
I'll follow Jesus  
Till the day I drop  
I can do all things  
Through Christ who strengthens me  
When you've got such a lot  
When you've got not a lot  
What?  
Be happy!

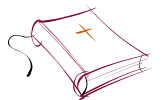
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*Prayer for the children as they leave  
for their own activities*

## **TIME IN THE WORD**

The New Testament Reading is  
Acts 20:17-38 on page 1117  
in the Church Bibles.



*After the reading:*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

**'The Miletus Prayer Meeting'**

Mark Pybus

## RESPONDING



### 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.*

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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 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

### I STAND AMAZED IN THE PRESENCE

Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

*How marvellous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvellous! How wonderful!  
Is my Saviour's love for me!*

For me it was in the garden  
He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine"  
He had no tears for His own griefs,  
But sweat drops of blood for mine.

In pity angels beheld Him  
And came from the world of light  
To comfort Him in the sorrows  
He bore for my soul that night.

He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden of Calvary,  
And suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me.

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Yours Lord is the greatness,  
the power, the glory,  
the splendour and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven  
and on 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.**



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