

25th June 2023

Holy Communion Service with Children's Groups

Jacqueline Gray will be leading, Rev Rob Powell will be presiding,
and Richard Reddie will be preaching on
'Windrush Sunday/FHFJ Thanksgiving' (Deuteronomy 26: 1-15)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

 **BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL**
*O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing
When the evening comes.

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great
And Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find.

And on that day
When my strength is failing,
The end draws near
And my time has come,
Still my soul
Will sing Your praise unending;
Ten thousand years
And then forever more!

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 **THE SPLENDOUR OF THE KING,**
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
Let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.*

And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, Three in One,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names,
You are worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing:
How great is our God. (repeat)
Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God to Thee
How Great Thou art,
How Great Thou art
Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God to Thee
How Great Thou art,
How Great Thou art!

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OPENING PRAYER

God our Maker,
You call us here to worship You together,
to bear witness to Your creativity,
seen, heard and found in all who gather.
We are Your children,
bearing Your divine image,
shaped by Your imagination and breath,
and bound together in our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

You have gifted us with the beauty of
difference, the blessing of diversity,
the pleasure of individuality,
and the bond of love and peace.
Move among us now by your Spirit,
open our eyes to glimpse your glory,
and unite us in love and faith.
Amen.

CONFESSION

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

When we have wilfully misused your
gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:
Forgive us our sin.

When we have seen the ill-treatment of
others and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:
Forgive us our sin.

When we have condoned evil and
dishonesty and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:
Forgive us our sin.

When we have heard the good news of
Christ, but have failed to share it
with others;
Lord, be merciful:
Forgive us our sin.

When we have not loved you with all our
heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:
Forgive us our sin.
Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has
given us a kingdom that cannot be
destroyed, forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

SONGS FROM THE CARIBBEAN

NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF THE HEART FOUNDATION OF JAMAICA

TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Deuteronomy 26:1-15
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



SERMON: by Richard Reddie



LEANING, LEANING

*Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness,
What a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path
Grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread,
What have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace
With my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

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THE SPOKEN WORD by Eglá Aitkens

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

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

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



THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

*I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

The light that shines is the light of love
Lights the darkness from above
It shines on me and it shines on you
And shows what the power
Of love can do
I'm gonna shine my light
Both bright and clear
I'm gonna shone my light
Both far and near
Where there's a dark corner in this land
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

On Monday He gave me the gift of love
Tuesday peace came from above
On Wednesday He told me
To have more faith
On Thursday He gave me
A little more grace
On Friday He told me to watch and pray
On Saturday He told me just what to say
On Sunday He gave me the fire divine
To let my little light shine.

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FINAL PRAYER & BLESSING

**Lord Jesus Christ,
who crossed boundaries and borders,
help us to love our neighbours and break
down barriers in our communities.**

**Wounded Healer,
who made blind eyes see,
and deaf ears hear,
enable us to perceive the reality of
racism, bigotry and injustice in ourselves
and our society.**

**Prince of Peace,
inspire us to celebrate difference
and reconcile division,
and help us to re-imagine this world as a
place where justice and peace kiss each
other and freedom abounds.
Amen**

So, journey from this place
enfolded in the grace of God.
Be diligent in the works of the
Living Lord Jesus.
Minister to the world in the power
of the Holy Spirit.

Travel well with the light and hope of salvation.

Be secure in the promise of a joyful homecoming.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

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