

22nd October 2023

Holy Communion Service with Children's Groups

Rev Rob Powell will be leading, presiding, and preaching on
'Read MARK Learn: The Turning Point' (Mark 8: 27-38)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION



PRAISE IS RISING

Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away

*Hosanna, hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make all things new

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IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER,

In the name of the Son
In the name of the Spirit, Lord we come
We're gathered together
To lift up Your name
To call on our Saviour
To fall on Your grace

Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down
As Your people sing
We will rise with You lifted on Your wings
And the world will see that

*Our God saves, our God saves
There is hope in Your name
Mourning turns to songs of praise
Our God saves our God saves*

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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

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our
Lord.

Amen

ACTION SONG



I REACH UP HIGH,

*I touch the ground
I stomp my feet and I turn around,
I've got to praise the Lord.
I jump and dance
with all my might
I might look funny but that's alright,
I've got to praise the Lord.*

I'll do anything just for my God
'Cos He's done everything for me.
It doesn't matter who is looking on,
Jesus is the person that I want to please.

May my whole life be a song of praise.
To worship God in every way.
In this song the actions praise His name,
I want my actions every day
To do the same.

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TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Mark 8: 27-38

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SERMON: by Rev Rob Powell



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

**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



WHAT IS OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
What holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ He lives, Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

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OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

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