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HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Rev Rob Powell will be leading, presiding, and preaching on
'A Living Hope' (1 Peter 1:3-16)

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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 **A THOUSAND GENERATIONS**
*Falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb*

*Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all*

*And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever*

*If you've been forgiven
And if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom
And if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen*

*And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever
Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever*

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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 Father forgive us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us to live
in the power of the Spirit all our days.
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!

By Doug Horley

TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is 1 Peter 1:3-16



This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

 **MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS**
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone.
Weak made strong
In the Saviour's love.
Through the storm,
He is Lord, Lord of all.*

When Darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
And faultless stand before the throne.

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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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your
delight. Though we chose the path of
rebellion you would not abandon your
own. Again and again you drew us into
your covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law and
taught us by your prophets to look for
your reign of justice, mercy and peace.
As we watch for the signs of your
kingdom on earth, we echo the song of
the angels in heaven, evermore praising
you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed
us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin, that
we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for
you; do this in remembrance of me.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the
new covenant which is shed for you and
for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in
remembrance of me.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he
suffered on the cross, we celebrate his
resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right
hand on high and we long for his coming
in glory.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of
our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit
let these gifts of your creation be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your
sight.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our
hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from
on high.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the
earth to feast with all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to
perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour
and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.



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



AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! - how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Tis mystery all, the Immortal dies
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the first-born Seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine
Tis mercy all let earth adore
Let angel minds enquire no more

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all! Immense and free.
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold, I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown,
Through Christ my own.

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