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## HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Rev Rob Powell will be leading and preaching on  
'Love your Bible: The Big Story of the Bible' (Luke 24: 36 - 49),  
and Rev Mark Pybus will be presiding at Communion.

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION



#### BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

In the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say.

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name.*

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name.

You give and take away,  
You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say:  
Lord, blessed be Your name.

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#### WE STAND AND LIFT UP OUR HANDS,

For the joy of the Lord is our  
strength.

We bow down and worship Him now;  
How great, how awesome is He.  
And together we sing, everyone sing:

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty;  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
The earth is filled with His glory,  
The earth is filled with His glory.*

It's rising up all around,  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.  
(Repeat)

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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

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 the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
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 Noah 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

## **TIME IN THE WORD**

The Bible Reading is Luke 24: 36 - 49

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## **SERMON**



### **HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US**

How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom



## **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 & BANNES**



### **I CANNOT TELL**

Why he whom angels worship  
Should set His love  
Upon the sons of men  
Or why as Shepherd  
He should seek the wanderers  
To bring them back  
They know not how or when

But this I know that He was born of Mary  
When Bethlehem's manger  
Was His only home  
And that He lived  
At Nazareth and laboured  
And so the Saviour  
Saviour of the world is come

I cannot tell  
How silently He suffered  
As with His peace  
He graced this place of tears  
Or how His heart  
Upon the cross was broken  
The crown of pain  
To three and thirty years  
But this I know  
He heals the broken-hearted  
And stays our sin  
And calms our lurking fear  
And lifts the burden  
From the heavy-laden  
For yet the Saviour  
Saviour of the world is here

I cannot tell how He will win the nations  
How He will claim His earthly heritage  
How satisfy the needs and aspirations  
Of east and west of sinner and of sage  
But this I know all flesh shall see His glory  
And He shall reap  
The harvest He has sown  
And some glad day  
His sun shall shine in splendour  
When He the Saviour  
Saviour of the world is known

I cannot tell  
How all the lands shall worship  
When at His bidding every storm is stilled  
Or who can say how great the jubilation  
When all the hearts of men  
With love are filled

But this I know  
The skies will thrill with rapture  
And myriad myriad human voices sing  
And earth to heaven  
And heaven to earth will answer  
At last the Saviour  
Saviour of the world is King

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING**

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