



24<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## Holy Communion with Children's Groups in Church & Livestreamed

Rev Rob Powell will be leading & will be speaking on  
Beyond Diversity: Global Gospel, Global Church Part 7 (Acts 11:19-30)

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION



#### COME ALL YOU PEOPLE

Come praise your maker  
(Repeat x 3)  
Come now and worship the Lord



#### COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

Come now is the time  
To give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now.

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#### LIGHT OF THE WORLD

You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

*So here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God;  
You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above;  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created,

All for love's sake became poor  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.

(Repeat)

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#### OPENING PRAYER

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

The Lord enrich you with his grace,  
and nourish you with his blessing;  
the Lord defend you in trouble  
and keep you from all evil;  
the Lord accept your prayers,  
and absolve you from your offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

**Amen**

## ACTION SONG

 **GOD IS LOVE**  
Our God is love  
God is love

Love the Lord with all your heart  
All your mind and all your strength  
O love the Lord  
O love the Lord  
(Repeat)

This is what He is asking us to do  
This is what He is asking me and you

God we love you  
God we love you  
God we love you  
That is why we sing  
God we love you  
God we love you  
God we love you  
You are why we sing

Nick & Becky Drake

## TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Acts 11:19-30

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## SERMON by Rev Rob Powell

 **TO THE RIVER I AM GOING,**  
Bringing sins I cannot bear.  
Come and cleanse me,  
Come forgive me;  
Lord, I need to meet You there.

In these waters healing mercy  
Flows with freedom from despair  
I am going to the river;

Lord, I need to meet You there.

*Precious Jesus, I am ready  
To surrender every care.  
Take my hand now,  
Lead me closer;  
Lord I need to meet You there.*

Come and join us in the river,  
Come find life beyond compare.  
He is calling, He is waiting;  
Jesus longs to meet you there.

Brian Doerksen, Michael Hansen & Brain Thiessan 2004 Integrity's  
Hosanna Music



## 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.**



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.**

*All who love Jesus and are seeking, however imperfectly, to live by his amazing grace are welcome at the Lord's table.*

*Those serving communion will sanitise their hands before serving you. Please wait until you are invited to come forward by a steward. We would ask you to keep your face covering in place until the point of taking communion.*

*Both bread and wine are available, but please note that taking the cup is at your own risk.*

*Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available on request.*

*Parents with children in Creche & Bubbles please collect them now and return for Communion, keeping them with you for the rest of the service.*



### **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**



#### **OH, TO SEE THE DAWN OF THE DARKEST DAY**

Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath -  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees,  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free,  
Death is crushed to death,  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross:*

*Son of God - slain for us.*

*What a love! What a cost!*

*We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend.

## **THE BLESSING**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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