

28th November 2021

Holy Communion for Advent with Children's Groups

Rev Rob Powell & Rev Johan Allen will be leading & John McLernon will be speaking on 'For I Am Not Ashamed Of The Gospel' (Romans 1:1-17)

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

 **HE'S COMING ON THE CLOUDS**
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty.

*Our God is the Lion,
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring in power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before
The Lion and the Lamb.
Every knee will bow before Him.*

So, open up the gates,
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty.

Bridge:
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord!

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 **THESE ARE THE DAYS OF ELIJAH**
Declaring the word of the Lord,
And these are the days of your
Servant, Moses
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

*Behold He comes, riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes*

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of your
servant, David
Rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world,
And we are the labourers in
Your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord.

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Blessed are you,
Sovereign God of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In your tender compassion
the dawn from on high
is breaking upon us
to dispel the lingering shadows of night.**

**As we look for your coming
among us this day,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice
and give you praise.
Blessed be God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.**

CONFESSION

God our Father, we come to you in
sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring
your will for our lives; Father forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without
thinking of you; Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do, and think
and say; Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from
you by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us.

For living as if we ashamed to belong to
your Son; Father, forgive us:
Save us and help us. 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

ACTION SONG

 **SHINE FROM THE INSIDE OUT,**
That the world will see you live in me,
Shine from the inside out,
That the world will see you live in me.

You know me and you love me
You fill me, so send me to.....

Know me, love me, fill me, send me,
Know me, love me, fill me, send me,
Know me, love me, fill me, send me....
Shine!

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MEET JOHN MCLERNON

TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Romans 1:1-17

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SERMON by John McLernon: Crosslinks



YOU CHOSE THE CROSS

With every breath

The perfect life, the perfect death
You chose the cross

A crown of thorns You wore for us
And crowned us with eternal life

You chose the cross

And though Your soul

was overwhelmed with pain

Obedient to death You overcame

I'm lost in wonder, I'm lost in love

I'm lost in praise forever more

Because of Jesus' unfailing love

I am forgiven I am restored

You loosed the cords of sinfulness

And broke the chains of my disgrace

You chose the cross

Up from the grave victorious

You rose again so glorious

You chose the cross

The sorrow that surrounded You was mine

Yet not my will but Yours be done

You cried

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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.**

*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 wear a face
covering and sanitise their hands before serving
you. Please wait until you are invited to come
forward by a steward.*

*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



COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS,

Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee
Day-spring from on high, appear.
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of Thy birth, we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to Him your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth!"

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end.
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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