

9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Holy Communion with Children's groups in Church & Online

Rev Imogen Vibert will be leading & Rev Rob Powell will be speaking on  
'Is God Green? Creation' (Genesis 1:1 – 2:3)

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

### STRENGTH WILL RISE

As we wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord.  
(Repeat)

Our God, You reign forever;  
Our hope, our strong deliverer.

You are the everlasting God,  
The everlasting God.  
You do not faint,  
You won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak,  
You comfort those in need.  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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### FROM THE HIGHEST OF HEIGHTS TO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA

Creation's revealing Your majesty  
From the colours of Fall  
To the fragrance of Spring  
Every creature unique  
In the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God  
All powerful, untameable  
Awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt  
Where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses  
Laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun  
And gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us  
The coolness of night  
None can fathom

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Indescribable, uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God  
Incomparable, unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart  
And You love me the same  
You are amazing God

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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.**

## **INTRODUCTION TO CONFESSION**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God  
is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul, with  
all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this:  
'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater  
than these.  
On these two commandments  
hang all the law and the prophets.  
**Amen. Lord, have mercy**

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to  
save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins  
in penitence and faith, firmly resolved  
to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

## **CONFESION**

**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**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness, and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **ACTION SONG**

 **YOU PUT THE STARS IN OUTER SPACE**  
You popped the freckles on my face  
And all the fish that swim  
And all the birds that fly  
Were made from your incredible  
imagination

Creator God, we're singing to the  
Creator God of all the world  
Creator God, we celebrate You  
We celebrate You!

You spread the ripples through the sea  
You painted stripes on every bee  
And all the grass that grows  
And all the leaves that fall  
Are part of Your amazing plans for this  
creation.

You placed the heat into the sun  
You placed a heart in everyone  
And all the music played  
And all the dancing done  
Reminds us that we're made to be  
creative like...

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## **TIME IN THE WORD**

The Bible Reading is Genesis 1:1 – 2:3  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



## **SERMON by Rev. Rob Powell**

 **YOU WERE THE WORD AT THE  
BEGINNING**

One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King  
What a beautiful Name it is,  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus.



You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now.

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful name it is,  
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold you  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again.  
You have no rival,  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom,  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus.

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## PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

## 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



### O LORD MY GOD!

When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works  
Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout  
The universe displayed.

Then sings my soul,  
My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art!  
How great Thou art!  
(Repeat)

When through the woods  
And forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds  
Sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down  
From lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook  
And feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think  
That God His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim  
My God, How great Thou art!

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## THE BLESSING

## THE DISMISSAL

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