

27th March 2022

Holy Communion with Children's groups in Church & Online

Rev Rob Powell will be leading and Richard Reddie will be preaching on
'Is God Green? Prophetic Protest (Amos 5: 1-24)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is your health and salvation
Come all who hear
Now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
Above all things so wondrously reigning
Sheltering you under his wings
And so gently sustaining
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining

Praise to the Lord
Who will prosper your work
And defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriends you

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

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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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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.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those
who follow Him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution
for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Let us ask God's forgiveness for our failure
to live this way of life:

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 God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins and make us holy to
serve him in the world, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ACTION SONG

 **OUR GOD IS A GREAT BIG GOD**
*Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
And He holds us in His hands*

He's higher than a skyscraper
He's deeper than a submarine
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams
He's known me and He's loved me
Since before the world began
How wonderful to be a part of
God's amazing plan

TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Amos 5: 1-24

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SERMON by Richard Reddie

 **YOU'RE THE WORD OF
GOD THE FATHER**

From before the world began
Every star and every planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of every man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands

Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry
With a word You stilled the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free
With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home

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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.**

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 SET YOUR RULE AND REIGN**
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

*Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray*

Unleash Your kingdom's power
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

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THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

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