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## Holy Communion with Children's Groups

Rev. Rob Powell will be leading, presiding and preaching on  
 'Epiphany #1: The visit of the Magi' (Matthew 2:1-12)

### 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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#### LET OUR PRAISE BE YOUR WELCOME,

Let our songs be a sign:  
 We are here for You,  
 We are here for You.  
 Let Your breath come from heaven,  
 Fill our hearts with Your life.  
 We are here for You,  
 We are here for You.  
 To You, our hearts are open,  
 Nothing here is hidden.  
 You are our one desire.  
 You alone are holy,  
 Only You are worthy,  
 God, let Your fire fall down.

Let our shout be Your anthem,  
 Your renown fill the skies.

We are here for You,  
 We are here for You.  
 Let Your Word move in power,  
 Let what's dead come to life.  
 We are here for You,  
 We are here for You.

We welcome You with praise,  
 We welcome You with praise.  
 Almighty God of love,  
 Be welcomed in this place. (Repeat)

Let every heart adore,  
 Let every soul awake.  
 Almighty God of love,  
 Be welcome in this place.  
 We welcome You with praise,  
 We welcome You with praise.  
 Almighty God of love,  
 Be welcome in this place.

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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.

## CONFSSION

 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

 **I LOVE YOU**  
More than words can say  
It's true that I love you  
Fill me with your love  
Fill me with your peace  
Fill me Lord with you

I need you  
More than words can say  
It's true that I need you  
Fill me with your love  
Fill me with your peace  
Fill me Lord with you

Holy One oh I so love you  
Holy One oh I so need you  
Holy One I will sing your praises  
For ever and ever amen  
(repeat)

Duggie Dug Dug

## BIBLE READING: Matthew 2:1-12

## SERMON by Rev. Rob Powell

### WORTHY OF EVERY SONG WE COULD EVER SING

Worthy of all the praise  
We could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath  
We could ever breathe  
We live for you

Jesus the name above every other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath  
We could ever breathe  
We live for you, we live for you

Holy, there is no one like you  
There is none beside you  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
Show me who you are  
And fill me with your heart  
And lead me in your love to those  
around me

I will build my life upon your love,  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in you alone,  
And I will not be shaken  
(repeat)

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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

**Father of all, we give you thanks and  
praise, that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son  
and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace  
and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set  
before us, so we and all your children  
shall be free, and the whole earth live  
to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## NOTICES

### WHAT IS OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

Christ alone, Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
What holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good, God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what shall we sing  
Christ He lives, Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING

### THE DISMISSAL

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