

11th February 2024

Holy Communion with Children's Groups

Rev. Rob Powell will be leading and presiding.

Rev. Mark Pybus will be preaching on

'Preparing for Lent' (Luke 3: 1-20)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

 **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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 **I LOVE YOU LORD**
Oh, Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

(Repeat)

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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.



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

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



I'M GONNA JUMP UP AND DOWN

Gonna spin right around
Gonna praise your name forever
I'm gonna shout out loud
Gonna deafen the crowd
Gonna send my praise to heaven
(Repeat)

I'm gonna run this race
And I will never stop
I'll follow Jesus till the day I drop
I can do all things
Through Christ who strengthens me
When you've got such a lot
When you've got not a lot
What?
Be happy!

By Doug Horley

BIBLE READING:

Luke 3: 1-20



SERMON



IF FAITH CAN MOVE THE MOUNTAINS

Let the mountains move
We come with expectation
Waiting here for you
I'm waiting here for you
You're the Lord of all creation
And still you know my heart
The Author of Salvation
You've loved us from the start

*Waiting here for You
With our hands lifted high in praise
And it's You we adore
Singing Alleluia*

You are everything You've promised
Your faithfulness is true
And we're desperate for Your presence
All we need is You

*Waiting here for You
With our hands lifted high in praise
And it's You we adore
Singing Alleluia
Singing Alleluia,
Singing Alleluia (Repeat)*

Waiting Here For You lyrics © Capitol
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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



GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS,

O God my Father

There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars
In their courses above,
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love.

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
With ten thousand beside

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OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

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