

28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Holy Communion Service with Children's Groups

Rocky Deans will be leading.

Rev Mike Addis from Ascension, Balham Hill will be Presiding and preaching on  
'Branch' (Isaiah 11: 1-9)

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

#### IN THE DARKNESS WE WERE WAITING

Without hope, without light,  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word,  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit, three in one.  
God of Glory, majesty,  
Praise forever to the King of Kings.*

To reveal the Kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation,  
You did not despise the cross.  
For even in Your suffering,  
You saw to the other side,  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose,  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good,  
For the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born,  
Then the Spirit lit the flame.  
Now this Gospel truth of old

Shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His Name,  
In His freedom I am free,  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me!

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#### EVERYONE NEEDS COMPASSION,

A love that's never failing;  
Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness,  
The kindness of a Saviour;  
The hope of nations.

*Saviour, He can move the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save,  
He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me,  
With all my fears and failures;  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in;  
Now I surrender.

Shine Your light  
And let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory  
Of the risen King, Jesus.  
(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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour in thought and  
word and deed, through negligence,  
through weakness, through our own  
deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in  
newness of life to the glory of your name.  
**Amen.**



## ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life  
in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ACTION SONG



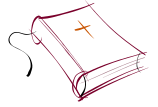
### OUR GOD IS A GREAT BIG GOD

*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

Bible Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-9  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



## SERMON



### OUR FATHER EVERLASTING,

The all-creating One, God Almighty.  
Through Your Holy Spirit,  
Conceiving Christ the Son:  
Jesus our Saviour.

*I believe in God our Father,  
I believe in Christ the Son;  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
Our God is three in one,  
I believe in the resurrection,  
That we will rise again;  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.*

Our Judge and our Defender,  
Suffered and crucified,  
Forgiveness is in You.  
Descended into darkness,  
You rose in glorious light,  
Forever seated high.

*I believe in God our Father,  
I believe in Christ the Son;  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
Our God is three in one,  
I believe in the resurrection,  
That we will rise again;  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.*

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord (Repeat)  
*I believe in life eternal,  
I believe in the virgin birth.  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church.  
I believe in the resurrection,  
When Jesus comes again;  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.*

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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**



## **GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT**

As year succeeds to year  
God is working His purpose out  
And the time is drawing near  
Nearer and nearer draws the time  
The time that shall surely be  
When the earth shall be fill'd  
With the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea  
From utmost East to utmost West  
Where'er man's foot hath trod  
By the mouth of many messengers  
Goes forth the voice of God  
Give ear to Me ye continents  
Ye isles give ear to Me  
That the earth may be filled  
With the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea  
March we forth in the strength of God  
With the banner of Christ unfurled  
That the light of the glorious gospel of  
truth  
May shine throughout the world  
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin  
To set their captives free  
That the earth may be filled  
With the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea  
All we can do is nothing worth  
Unless God blesses the deed  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
Till God gives life to the seed  
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time  
The time that shall surely be  
When the earth shall be filled  
With the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea

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## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*All things come from you and of your  
own do we give you. Amen*

## **BLESSING**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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

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