

14th May 2023

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Rev Rob Powell will be leading and preaching on 'Love your Bible: Introduction to the Series' (2 Timothy 3:10 – 4:8), and Rev Mark Pybus will be presiding at Communion.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

 **GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,**
Our God and King:
His love endures forever.
For He is good,
He is above all things.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand
And outstretched arm
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
By the grace of God, we will carry on.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Chris Tomlin © 2000 worshiptogethersongs.com/Sixsteps Music

 **I CAST MY MIND TO CALVARY,**
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.
My Saviour on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears,
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone,
Messiah still and all alone.

O praise the name of the Lord our God,
O praise His name forever more,
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King.

He shall return in robes of white,
The blazing Son shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints,
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson © 2015 ©



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Blessed are you, Lord our God.
How sweet are your words to the taste,
sweeter than honey to the mouth.
How precious are your commands for our life,
more than the finest gold in our hands.

How marvellous is your will for the world,
unending is your love for the nations.
Our voices shall sing of your promises
and our lips declare your praise
for ever and ever.

Amen



CONFESION

**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

**Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
who in His great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with heartfelt
repentance and true faith turn unto Him:
have mercy on you;
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness and bring you to everlasting
life, 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...

Nick Jackson copyright 2007 Powerpack

TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is 2 Timothy 3:10 – 4:8
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



SERMON

SPEAK, O LORD, AS WE COME TO YOU

To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ
Might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights
Of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand
On Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk
As You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.
Stuart Townend & Keith Getty Copyright © 2005 Thankyou Music



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

ALL TO JESUS, I SURRENDER,

All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

*I surrender all,
I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Saviour wholly Thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

All to Jesus I surrender
Now I feel the sacred flame
O the joy of full salvation
Glory, glory to His name.

Judson W Van de Venter 1855-1939 words/
Winfield Scot Weedon 1847-1908 (music)

OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING

Almighty God.

**We thank you for the gift
of your holy word.**

**May It be a lantern to our feet,
a light upon our paths,
and strength to our lives.**

**Take us and use us to
love and serve all people
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.