

26th September 2021

Holy Communion with Baptism in Church & Livestreamed

Rev Rob Powell will be leading and speaking on Beyond Diversity: Global Gospel, Global Church Part 4 (Acts 8:1-17)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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STRENGTH WILL RISE

As we wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord. (repeat)

Our God, You reign forever; Our hope, our strong deliverer.

You are the everlasting God, The everlasting God. You do not faint, You won't grow weary. You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need. You lift us up on wings like eagles. Brenton Brown & Ken Riley © 2005 Thankyou Music.

HOW GREAT THE CHASM

That lay between us How high the mountain I could not climb In desperation I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul The work is finished, the end is written Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy What heart could fathom Such boundless grace The God of ages Stepped down from glory To wear my sin and bear my shame The cross has spoken, I am forgiven The King of Kings calls me His own Beautiful Saviour, I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ my living hope Hallelujah Praise the One who set me free Hallelujah Death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning That sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT) Jesus Yours is the victory © Bethel Music Publishing and Remaining portion is unaffiliated

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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 Acts 8:1-17 This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**.



TALK 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) © Reuben Timothy Morgan

THE COMMUNION PRAYER



The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

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.



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.

All who love Jesus and are seeking, however imperfectly, to live by his amazing grace are welcome at the Lord's table.

Those serving communion will sanitise their hands before serving you. Please wait until you are invited to come forward by a steward. We would ask you to keep your face covering in place until the point of taking communion.

Both bread and wine are available, but please note that taking the cup is at your own risk.

Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available on request.

Parents with children in Bubbles and Creche please collect them now and return for Communion, keeping them with you for the rest of the service.

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.

WHAT GIFT OF GRACE IS JESUS MY REDEEMER

There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy My righteousness and freedom My steadfast love My deep and boundless peace. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to His Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Saviour He will stay I labour on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, His power is displayed To this I hold

My Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley He will lead Oh the night has been won And I shall overcome Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven The future sure, the price it has been paid For Jesus bled And suffered for my pardon And He was raised To overthrow the grave To this I hold, my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh the chains are released I can sing: I am free Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus For He has said That He will bring me home And day by day I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to Him When the race is complete Still my lips shall repeat Yet not I, but through Christ in me! Jonny Robinson; Rich Thompson; Michael Farren © 2018 CityAlight

THE BLESSING

NOTICES

THE DISMISSAL

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

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