

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2023 HOLY COMMUNION 11AM
St John's, Stratford Online

SERVICE DETAILS

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1. I am blessed, I am blessed

Every day of my life I am blessed
When I wake up in the morning
And I lay my head to rest
Every day of my life I am blessed

2. Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord in the suffering, this is our prayer,
bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray,
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love, from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
cities for sanctu'ry, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;
make us content with the things that we need.

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,
until your justice burns brightly again;
until the nations learn of your ways,
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

OPENING RESPONSE

When we are happy,
when we are full of joy and laughter

All: God welcomes us

When we are angry,
when people let us down and make us sad

All: God welcomes us

When we are tired,
when we need to stop and curl up and rest

All: God welcomes us

God of welcome,
God whose door is always open

All: We are glad to meet you here

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.*

3. O spread Your wings of mercy over me

And guard my heart with true humility
No shadow of the darkness pressing in
Only the holy overshadowing
Underneath Your wings, overshadowing

No refuge will I seek but God alone
No hiding place save only at Your throne
Only the cross, the blood to wash my sin
Only the holy overshadowing
Underneath Your wings, overshadowing

*You are my shield, and my glory
You are the lifter of my head
And though the storms may rage around me
I'll be safe within, beneath the holy overshadowing*

No burden on my back too hard to bear
Only the easy load You bid me wear
Until these troubles pass, my heart will sing
Praise for the holy overshadowing
Underneath Your wings, overshadowing

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4. Hear my cry, oh Lord, attend unto my prayer
From the end of the earth, will I cry out to thee

*When my heart is overwhelmed
Lead me to the rock
That is higher than I
That is higher than I*

For thou has been, a shelter for me
And a strong tower, from the enemy
When my heart is overwhelmed

5. You unravel me with a melody

You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
'Til all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

From my mother's womb, you have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

I am surrounded by the arms of the Father
I am surrounded by songs of deliverance
We've been be liberated from our bondage
We're the sons and the daughters
Let us sing our freedom
You split the sea
So I could walk right through it
My fears are drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and say
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I am a child of God
Yes, I am a child of God

6. I am a new creation,
No more in condemnation,
Here in the grace of God I stand
My heart is overflowing,
My love just keeps on growing,
Here in the grace of God I stand.

And I will praise you Lord,
Yes I will praise you Lord,
And I will sing of all that you have done.
A joy that knows no limit,
A lightness in my spirit,
Here in the grace of God I stand.

1st READING: Isaiah 41:10-13 (Church Bible: p.727)

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

2nd READING: 1Corinthians 12:12-27 (Church Bible: p.1153)

SERMON by Rev. Young L
PRAYERS by Corin

7. The right hand of God is writing in our land,
writing with power and with love,
our conflicts and our fears,
our triumphs and our tears
are recorded by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is pointing in our land,
pointing the way we must go,
so clouded is the way,
so easily we stray,
but we're guided by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is striking in our land,
striking out at envy, hate, and greed.
Our selfishness and lust,
our pride and deeds unjust,
are destroyed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land,
healing broken bodies, minds, and souls,
so wondrous is its touch
with love that means so much,
when we're healed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is planting in our land,
planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love.
In these Caribbean lands, let people all join hands,
and be one by the right hand of God.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: And also with you

HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

BREAKING OF BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving

8. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light;
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord,
is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord,
is moving in this place.

9. Such love, pure as the whitest snow;
Such love, weeps for the shame I know;
Such love, paying the debt I owe;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness,
Such love, filling my emptiness;
Such love, showing me holiness,;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, springs from eternity;
Such love, streaming through history;
Such love, fountain of life to me;
O Jesus, such love.

PRAYER AFTER THE 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/ BIRTHDAYS/ BANNS

10. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you:
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

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