

Holy Trinity Heath Town

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11:15am Holy Communion

Theme: Your SHAPE for God's Service - Experience

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods:
his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:
his steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

SONG 1

He's coming on the clouds, kings and
kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break, as broken
hearts declare His praise
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our
battles*

*And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is a 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*

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?

Our God is the Lion,.....

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? (X7)
Who can stop the Lord?

Our God is the Lion,.....

SONG 2

From the highest of heights
To the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colours of fall
To the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique
In the song that it sings.
All exclaiming:

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name:
You are amazing, God.
All-powerful, untamable;
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim:
You are amazing, God.*

Who has told every lightning bolt
Where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses
Laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun
And gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of
night?
None can fathom.

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name:
You are amazing, God.*

*Incomparable, unchangeable,
You see the depths of my heart
And you love me the same;
You are amazing, God.*

INTRODUCTION

GATHERING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we come before you today with gratitude for the gifts of community and fellowship. As we gather in your name, we invite your Holy Spirit to be among us, guiding our thoughts, words, and actions. Open our ears to hear your voice, and our eyes to see your work among us. **Amen.**

BIBLE READING 2 Corinthians 1: 3-6

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer, this is your world and we are your people: come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty

and failed to strive for justice;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves;

Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, you are our helper and you restore our peace when we make a mistake. You lift us up when we fall and you forgive us when we turn back to you with humility, patience and compassion, as Jesus promised you would. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READING Luke 9: 23-26

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

TALK

CREDAL SONG

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 life.
Forever seated high

I believe in God.....

I believe in You
I believe You rose again.
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord. *(repeat)*
I believe in God.....

(Final Chorus)

*I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saint's communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus
For I believe in the Name of Jesus
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

PRAYERS

Response – Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Jesus said: 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you. Amen.

NOTICES

OFFERTORY SONG

I love You, Lord
For 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

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

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God
And all my life...

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. (X2)

And all my life...

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen

THE 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 THE 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.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

BLESSING

God the Father, who first loved us and made us accepted in the beloved Son, bless us. **Amen.**

God the Son, who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, bless us.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts, bless us. **Amen.**

The blessing of the one true God, to whom be all love and all glory for time and for eternity, come down upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

SONG

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord:

And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are a voice in the desert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.'

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding the temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world,
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord.

These are the days of Miriam,
Dancing with praise to the Lord;
And these are the days of your servant, Esther,
Protecting the people of God.
And though these are days of endurance,
Of waiting and mystery and doubt,
Still in our hearts is the Spirit's whisper,
Rising to victory shout.

These are the days of Deborah,
Creating God's justice on earth;
And these are the days of your servant, Rahab,
Rebel who sides with the Lord.
And these are the days of empowerment,
Of risking and making a stand,
We are the agents of transformation,
The Kingdom of God is at hand.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. **Amen.**