

HOLY COMMUNION

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1. To God be the Glory!

Great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us
His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for
sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may
go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through
Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory,
great things He hath done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer, the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon
receives.

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus
the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will
be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus
we see!

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CONFESSON

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

1. Who else would rocks cry out to worship?

Whose glory taught the stars to shine?
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing,
But this joy is mine.

*With a thousand 'hallelujahs,'
We magnify Your name.
You alone deserve the glory,
The honour and the praise.
Lord Jesus, This song is forever
Yours,
A thousand 'hallelujahs'
And a thousand more.*

2. Who else would die for our
redemption?
Whose resurrection means I'll rise?
There isn't time enough to sing of all
You've done,
But I have eternity to try.

Praise to the Lord,
To the lamb,
To the King of Heaven.
Praise for He rose;
Now He reigns.
We will sing forever.

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GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 4:1-11 (PAGE 967 IN THE PEW BIBLE)

SERMON: REV'D WILL HUNTER SMART

1. Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

3. Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

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PRAYERS

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

1. Jesus said that if I thirst,

I should come to him.

No one else can satisfy,

I should come to him.

3. Jesus said that if I fear,

I should come to him.

No one else can be my shield,

I should come to him.

2. Jesus said if I am weak,

I should come to him.

No one else can be my strength,

I should come to him.

4. Jesus said if I am lost,

He will come to me.

And he showed me on that cross,

He will come to me.

For the Lord is good and faithful.

He will keep us day and night.

We can always run to Jesus.

Jesus, strong and kind.

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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.**

**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.**

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.**

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**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.**

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and ever more,
Feed me now and ever more.

2. Open Thou the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

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BLESSING

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

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