

Christ Church, Rayleigh

Order of service. Sunday 20th March

Call to worship

Hymn:

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ, His Son.

(Repeat)

And now let the weak say 'I am strong,'

let the poor say 'I am rich,'

because of what the Lord has done for us.

(Repeat)

(Last time)

Give thanks.

Henry Smith. SoF 124/ MP 170(-)

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Children's Talk – Children and Families worker

Prayer as children go to Sunday Club

Prayer of praise and confession

The Lord's Prayer

Bible readings: Isaiah 55 v1-9
 Revelation 3 17-22

Hymn:

Here is love vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom
shed for us His precious blood.

Who His love will not remember?

Who can cease to sing His praise?

He can never be forgotten
throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;

through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.
William Rees. SoF 168

Sermon

Hymn:

Behold the lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us: and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
torn for you: eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith
we rise to respond and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
we proclaim: Christ will come again!
and we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.

Communion

Prayers of intercession

Hymn:

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit—
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place.

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Blessing: