

ST. BRIDE'S CHURCH**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY****PRELUDE****HYMN*****Rejoice, the Lord Is King***

Rejoice, the Lord is king: your Lord and king adore!
 Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 when he has purged our stains, he took his seat above;
 lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n:
 lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand 'til all his foes submit,
 and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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*Minister**Lord, open our lips,***People****And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***Minister**O God, make speed to save us.***People****O Lord, make haste to help us.****All**

**Glory to the Father,
 and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever,
 world without end. Amen**

*Minister**God rules over all the earth,***People****O come, let us worship****THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God,
 you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
 with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven.
 Mercifully give us faith to know
 that, as he promised,
 he abides with us on earth to the end of time;
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**1st Reading: Acts 1: 6-14****THE ASCENSION OF JESUS**Reader: **Maureen Cromwell**After Reading: Reader: *The Word of the Lord***ALL: Thanks be to God****HYMN How Deep the Father's Love**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss – the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen one bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart his wounds have paid my ransom.

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Children's Chat*KIDS EXIT TO GNC***2nd Reading: John 17: 1-11****JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES**Reader: **N/A**After Reading: Reader: *The Word of the Lord***ALL: Thanks be to God****SERMON Bill Kingston****THE CREED***Minister Let us Confess our faith as we say***All I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.****I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.****He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.****He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.****He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.****He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.****He will come again to judge the living and the dead.****I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,****the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,****the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Minister We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

*So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.*

(SILENCE IS KEPT FOR REFLECTION)

Minister Most merciful God,
All **we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen**

Minister May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
restore us in his image,
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

RECEIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS (PASS THE PLATE)**OFFERTORY HYMN****Spirit of God, Descend Upon Me**

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.

Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.

I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling:
Oh, let me seek Thee, and, oh, let me find!

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The kindling of the heav'n-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

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OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by Des Williams

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister *Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us,*

All **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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen

THE BLESSING

HYMN **Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
'til moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant *Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.*
All **Thanks be to God.**