

The Day Of The Lord?

Some of the Biblical images for the "Day of the Lord" seem a very long way removed from our daily lives and let's be honest, not very relevant when you've got bills to pay and children squabbling cause it's raining and they can't go out to play in the street. This Eucharist asks what the day of the Lord would look like, "here among the broken glass of another Saturday night, here in the vandalised signs of years of neglect, here in the midst of a people tired and worn out from the struggle". If you use it, you'll want to change the local references.

Do you not know,
Have you not heard?
That the day of the Lord is here?

The day of the Lord?
What day is this?
I hear no rolling thunder?
Where are the trumpet blasts?
I hear only thundering trucks
and buses on the Old Road.
Squabbling children,
gossiping adults,
and the buzzing of a fluorescent tube.

Do you not know,
Have you not heard?
That the day of the Lord is here?

The day of the Lord?
Who is this Lord anyway?
I see no glorious robes?
Where is the magnificent triumph?
I see only children
and old folk in a chapel,
frazzled parents
and bored teenagers.

Do you not know,
Have you not heard?
That the day of the Lord is here?

The day of the Lord?
Today? On a Sunday?
Everyone sleeps late on a Sunday?
Boys go to football
While parents go shopping.
If it stops raining
we might go to the park
No time for a Lord on a Sunday.

Do you not know,
Have you not heard?
That the day of the Lord is here?

The day of the Lord?
Here? In Openshaw?
Why would a Lord come here?
No one comes here

except dealers and criminals.
Even the police stay away.
Men in suits don't leave their cars
as they drive around buying up houses.

Do you not know,
Have you not heard?
That the day of the Lord is here?

Here
among the broken glass
of another Saturday night,
Here
in the vandalised signs
of years of neglect,
Here
in the midst of a people
tired and worn out from the struggle.

Here
Now
In this place
At this time
With these people
For these people.

The Lord is here
Wisdom is with us.

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Wisdom is with us.

In broken bread
We see broken bodies
In spilled blood
We see bitter tears

In broken bread
We see welcomed strangers
In spilled blood
We feel love poured out

In broken bread
We see the body of Christ
In poured wine
We taste the blood of new relationship

[Bread & Wine]

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That the day of the Lord is here?

Do you not know,

Have you not heard?
That the day of the Lord is here?

Send us out
In this place
Prophetic Community
Prophetic People
To make know the love of God
And proclaim the day of the Lord.

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