



Christ Church St. Andrews

Glorifying God: Building Community

**Christ Church at 11.00am
6th January 2019**

Order of Service

Welcome and Introduction

Praise be to the LORD God, the
God of Israel,
**who alone does marvellous
deeds.**

Praise be to his glorious name for
ever;
**may the whole earth be filled
with his glory.**

After Psalm 72

Songs

My lips shall praise You
My Jesus, my Saviour

Hearing God's promise of forgiveness

Hear the Lord's gracious
invitation –
'Come now, let us reason
together,' says the LORD.
'Though your sins are like
scarlet, they shall be as white as
snow; though they are red as
crimson, they shall be like wool.

Isaiah 1

God shows his love for us in
that He through the death and
resurrection of Christ makes it
possible for everything we do,
say and think that is wrong to be
fully dealt with. He asks us to see
that in Christ it is reasonable for
Him to see us as clean and pure.
In the light of this let us respond
to His love by confessing our sins
saying together

**Almighty God, our heavenly
Father, we have sinned against
you and against our neighbour in
thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through
weakness, through our own
deliberate fault. We are truly
sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us, forgive
us all that is past and grant that
we may serve you in newness of
life to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

'If we confess our sins, he is
faithful and just and will forgive
us our sins and purify us from all
unrighteousness.

May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring
us to everlasting life, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song

As with gladness men of old

Reading: John 12:37-50

³⁷ Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him.

³⁸ This was to fulfil the word of Isaiah the prophet:

‘Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?’

³⁹ For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

⁴⁰ ‘He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn – and I would heal them.’

⁴¹ Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him.

⁴² Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue;

⁴³ for they loved human praise more than praise from God.

⁴⁴ Then Jesus cried out,

‘Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. ⁴⁵ The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. ⁴⁶ I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

⁴⁷ ‘If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. ⁴⁸ There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day. ⁴⁹ For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. ⁵⁰ I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

(A place for notes)

Song

Speak O Lord

Words of Commitment

At the beginning of this new year we use these words to commit ourselves as individuals and as a church family to God.

Will you continue to obey the apostles' teaching, continue in prayer and meeting with God's people?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

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Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

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Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

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May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith, that we may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayers *which may include*
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

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

As God's children, and heirs with Christ, we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father as we say together

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 forever. Amen.

Church Family News

Song

Be Thou my vision

Closing Prayers

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill us with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

*Please stay for tea or coffee.
Prayer Ministry is available
In St. John's Chapel*





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