



# Christ Church St. Andrews

Glorifying God : Building Community

**The Canaanite Woman**

**Matthew 15:21-28**

**Welcome to our  
Communion Service  
at 9am on  
August 31<sup>st</sup> 2025**

**Simon our associate vicar,  
will be leading and Denise,  
one of our ordained  
ministers, speaking.**

## Opening prayer

**Almighty God we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Word. May it be a light to our path and a strength to our lives. Speak to us today so that You can use us to love and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Introductory call to worship (Psalm 105)

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name;  
**make known among the nations what He has  
done.**

Sing to Him, sing praise to Him;  
**tell of all His wonderful acts.**

Glory in His holy name;  
**let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Look to the Lord and His strength;  
**seek His face always.**

Rejoice, the Lord is King,  
Your Lord and King adore.  
Mortals 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 had 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  
Till 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!*



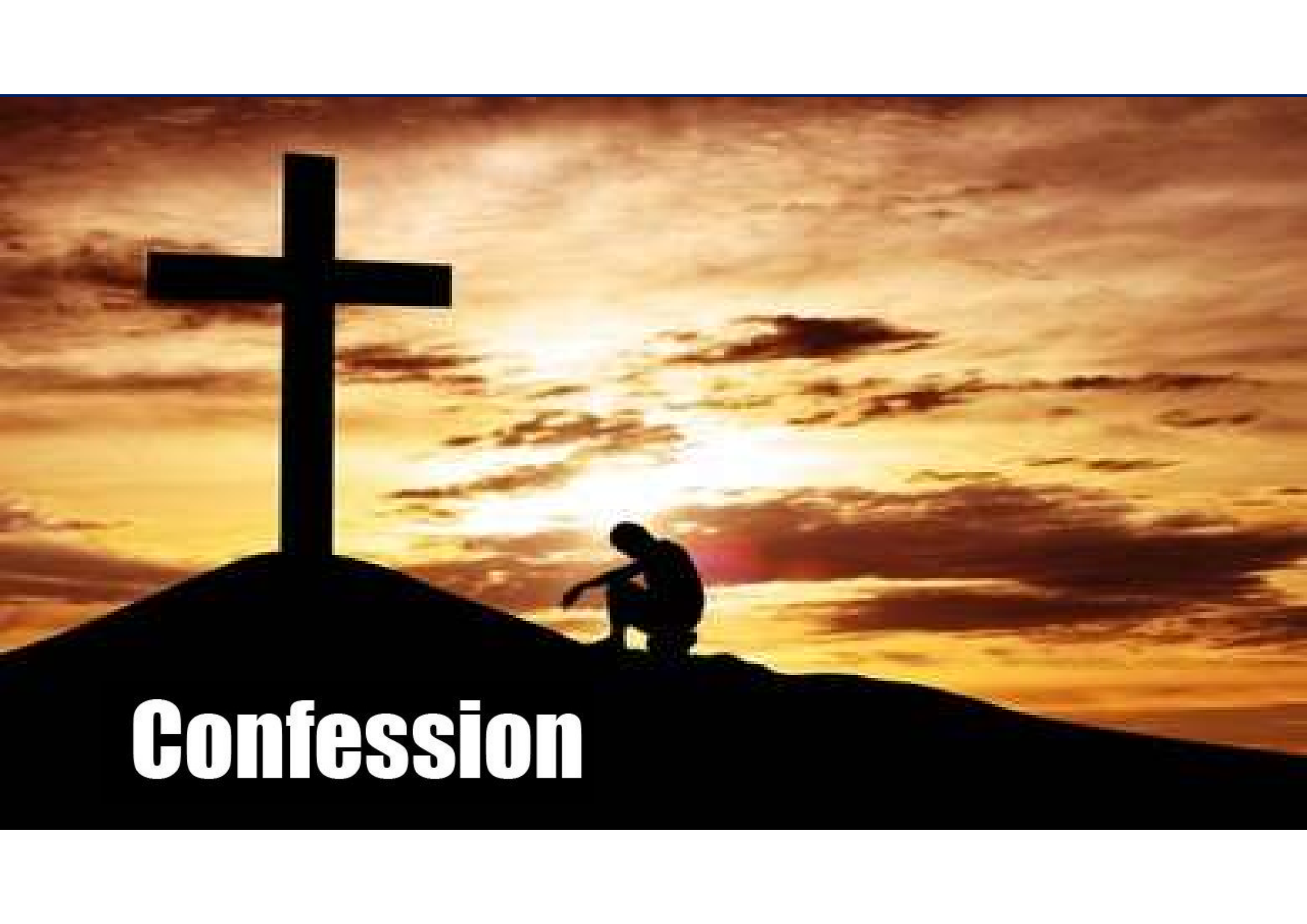
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**Confession**

**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.**

**May Almighty God, who sent His Son  
into the world to save sinners, bring  
*us* His pardon and peace, now and  
for ever. Amen.**

## Reading and Talk – Matthew 15:21-28

<sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.'

<sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.' <sup>24</sup> He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.'

<sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. 'Lord, help me!' she said. <sup>26</sup> He replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' <sup>27</sup> 'Yes it is, Lord,' she said. 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

**28 Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment.**

**This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.**

**Ascribe greatness to our God, the Rock.**

**His work is perfect**

**And all His ways are just.**

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*A God of faithfulness and without injustice;  
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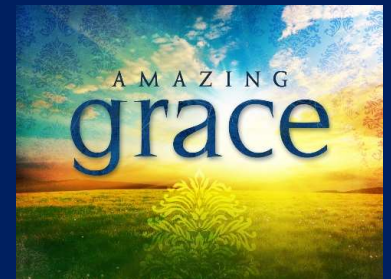
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THIS WE  
*Believe*



## Creed

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe and trust in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord, who redeemed mankind.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who  
brings life to the people of God.**

This is the faith of the Church.  
**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one  
God, Father, Son and Holy 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

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

# The Peace

*Please stand*

Christ is our peace.

**He has reconciled us to God in one body by the  
cross.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

*We greet each other as a sign of our unity.*





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## Sharing the bread and wine



"May I never boast  
except in the  
cross of Christ."  
Galatians 6:14

FATHER,  
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TRULY I TELL YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE  
WITH ME IN PARADISE. WOMAN, HERE IS  
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MY GOD,  
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*Greater love has no one than  
this, than to lay down one's  
life for his friends*

*John 15:13*



# The Communion Prayer

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 once 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. Amen.**

**We draw near with faith to receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which He gave for us and his blood which He shed for us. We eat and drink in remembrance that He died for us, and feed on Him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.**



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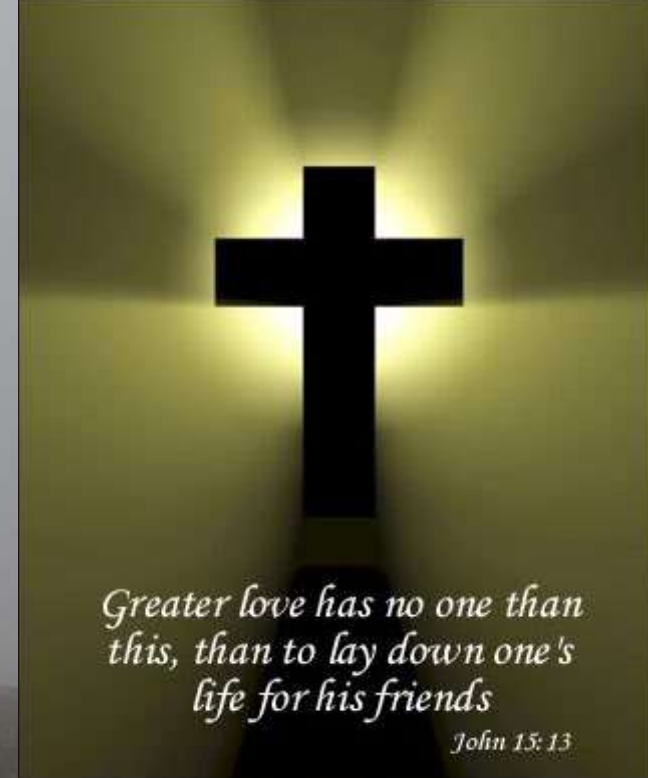
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## **Prayer after communion**

**Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# church FAMILY news



*Bless the Lord, oh my soul,  
Oh my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
Oh my soul,  
I worship Your holy name.*

**The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies  
before me...  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.**

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul,  
Oh my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
Oh my soul,  
I worship Your holy name.*

**You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing...  
10,000 reasons for my heart to find.**

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul,  
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Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
Oh my soul,  
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**And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come.  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending...  
10,000 years and then forever more.**



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Oh my soul,  
I worship Your holy name,  
Oh I worship Your holy name,  
Yes I'll worship Your holy name.*



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



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**Our aim at Christ Church  
St Andrews is to glorify God  
by building a Christ centred  
community through the  
power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Refreshments are served at  
the back of church.**



**If you would like to pray with  
someone about anything,  
please ask the leader of the  
service who will direct you to  
someone suitable.**

**Thank you for joining us.  
We hope to see you again.**