



# Christ Church St. Andrews

Glorifying God : Building Community

POINTING  
TO CHRIST

LUKE 3:7-20

Welcome to our  
Communion Service at 9am  
on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

Anthony, our vicar, will be  
leading and preaching.

**Lord God we ask You today to show us Your ways,  
teach us Your paths, guide us in Your truth, for  
You are God our Saviour, and our hope is in You  
all day long. Help us in this service to experience  
afresh Your great mercy and love. We ask this in  
the powerful and precious name of Jesus. Amen.**

## Introductory call to worship (Based on Psalm 136)

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

**His love endures for ever.**

Give thanks to the God of gods.

**His love endures for ever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

**His love endures for ever.**

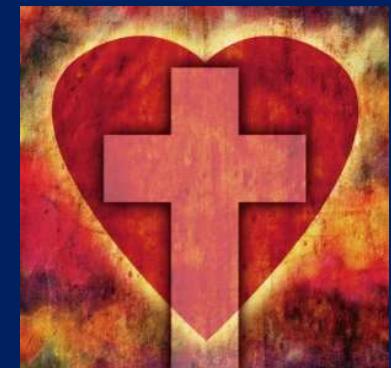
to Him who alone does great wonders,

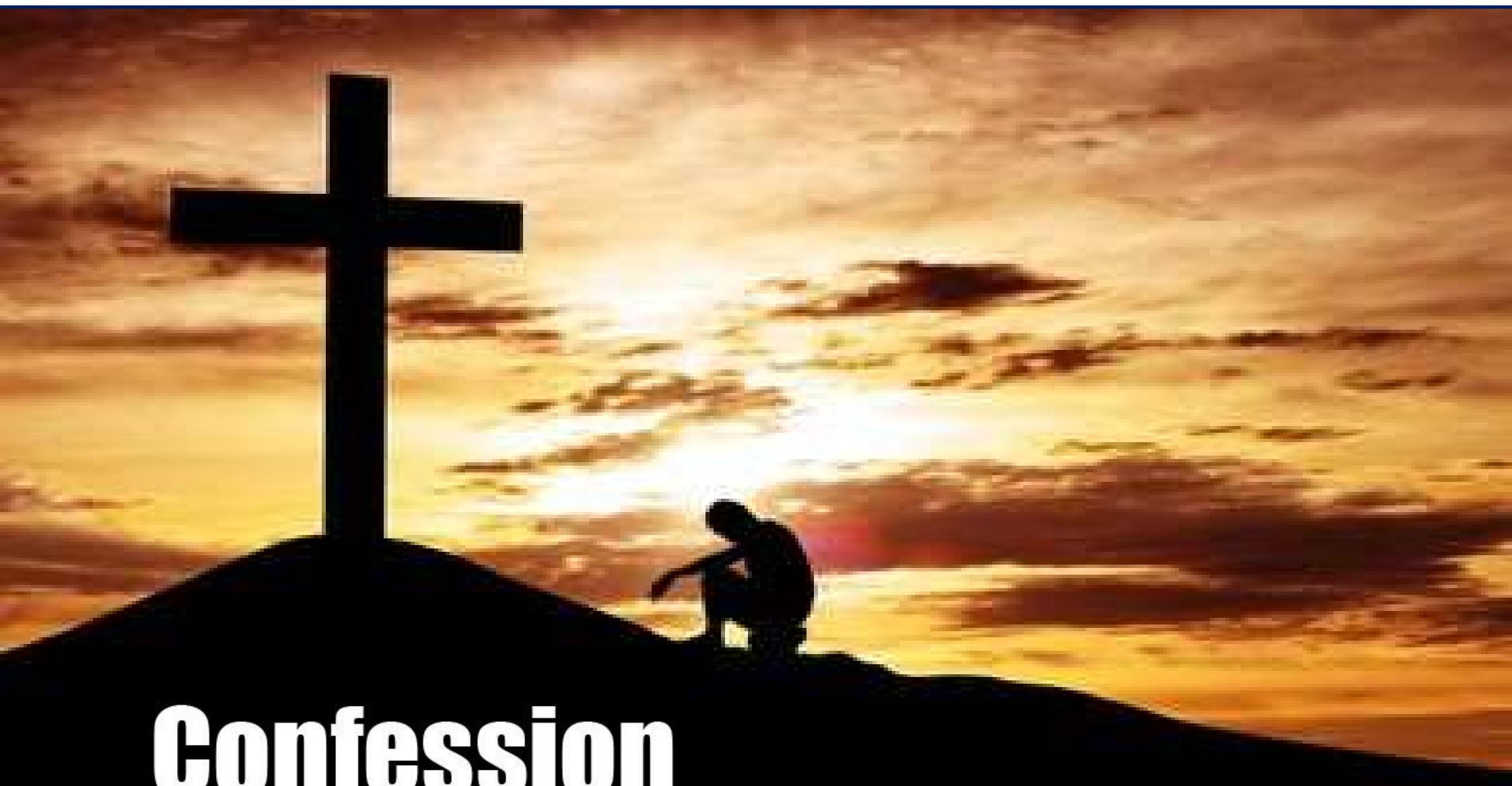
**His love endures for ever.**

**God is love let heaven adore Him  
God is love let earth rejoice  
Let creation sing before Him  
And exalt Him with one voice  
He who laid the earth's foundation  
He who spread the heavens above  
He who breathes through all creation  
He is love eternal love**

**God is love and He enfoldeth  
All the world in one embrace  
With unfailing grasp he holdeth  
Every child of every race  
And when human hearts are breaking  
Under sorrow's iron rod  
All the sorrow all the aching  
Wrings with pain the heart of God**

**God is love and though with blindness  
Sin afflicts the souls of men  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
Holds and guides them even then  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
O'er us final triumph gain  
God is love so love for ever  
O'er the universe must reign**





# Confession

**“The first commandment is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”**

**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 act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You, our God. Amen.**

**May the God of love and power assure us of His forgiveness, remind us that He blots out and does not remember our sins. May He strengthen us by His Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## Reading and Talk – Luke 3:7-20

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds coming out to be baptised by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our father.” For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.’

<sup>10</sup> ‘What should we do then?’ the crowd asked.

<sup>11</sup> John answered, ‘Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.’ <sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptised. ‘Teacher,’ they asked, ‘what should we do?’ <sup>13</sup> ‘Don’t collect any more than you are required to,’ he told them. <sup>14</sup> Then some soldiers asked him, ‘And what should we do?’ He replied, ‘Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely – be content with your pay.’ <sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, ‘I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.

**He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.’ <sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them. <sup>19</sup> But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done, <sup>20</sup> Herod added this to them all: he locked John up in prison.**

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

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to  
this:

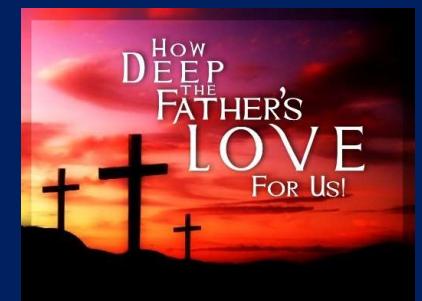
*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love You Lord.*

**Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You and known as Yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All surpassing gift of righteousness.**

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
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Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life,  
And to know You in Your sufferings,  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
So with You to live and never die.

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
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And I love You, Lord, love You, Lord.*





THIS WE  
Believe

## Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in Him.**

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**

## Prayer

**Heavenly Father, who brings growth to Your church.  
Send Your Holy Spirit to give -  
Vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy  
to our worship and power to our witness. Help our  
church family to continue to grow in numbers, in  
spiritual commitment to You and in service to our  
towns so that Jesus is glorified. In His precious  
name. 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.**

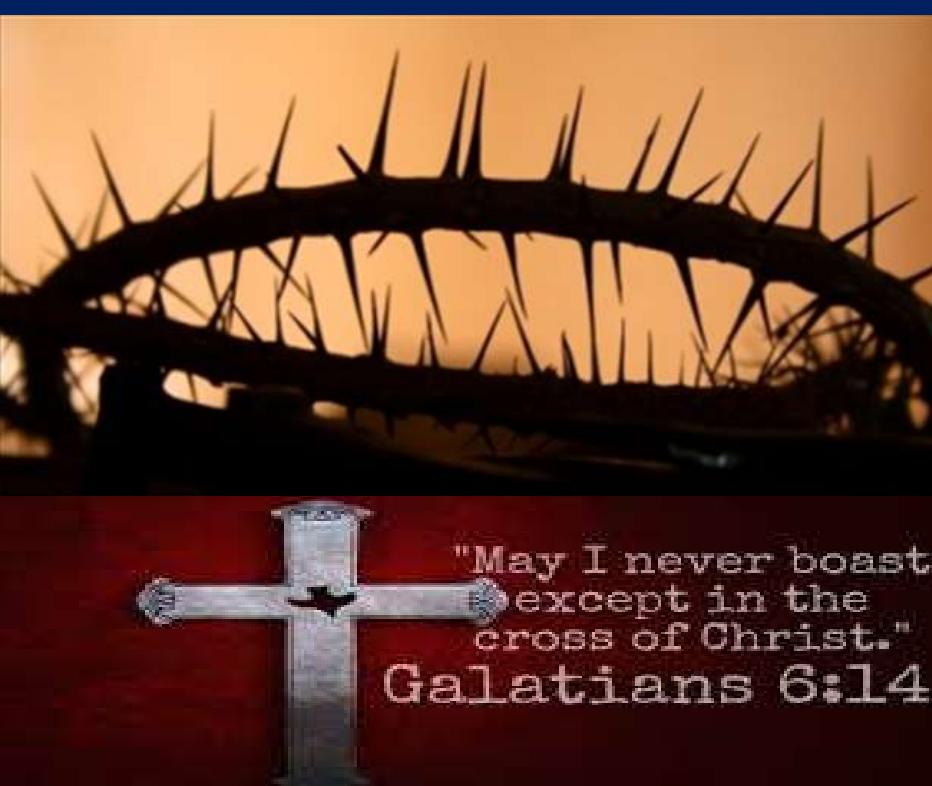
*We greet each other as a sign of our unity.*



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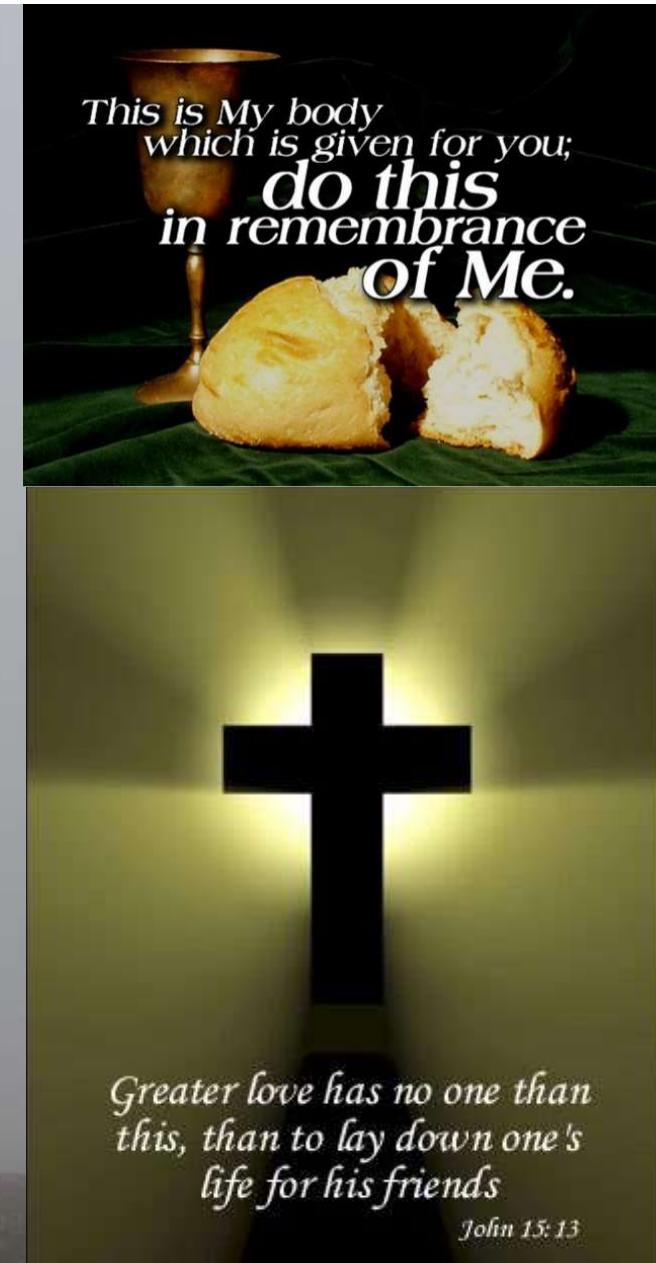
## Sharing the bread and wine



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

FATHER,  
FORGIVE  
THEM; FOR  
**THEY**  
KNOW NOT  
WHAT THEY  
ARE DOING.  
TRULY I TELL YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE  
WITH ME IN PARADISE. WOMAN, HERE IS  
YOUR SON. THIS IS YOUR MOTHER.  
MY GOD,  
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**WHY**  
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*This is My body  
which is given for you;  
**do this**  
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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.**

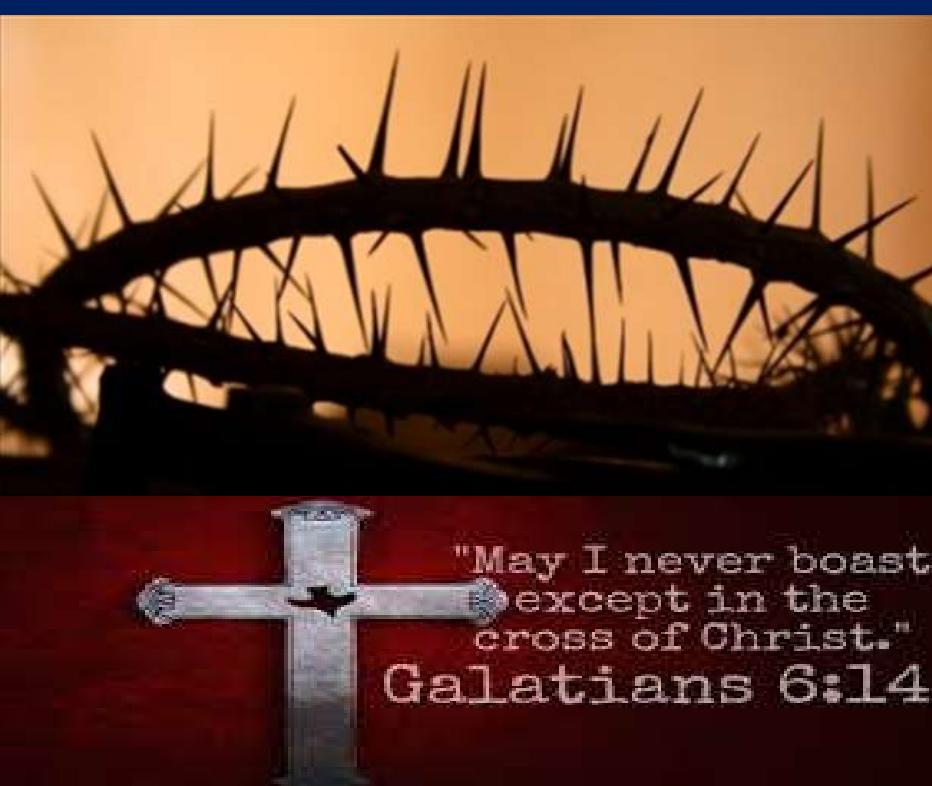
**We draw near with faith to receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which He gave for us and His blood which He shed for us. We eat and drink in remembrance that He died for us, and feed on Him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.**



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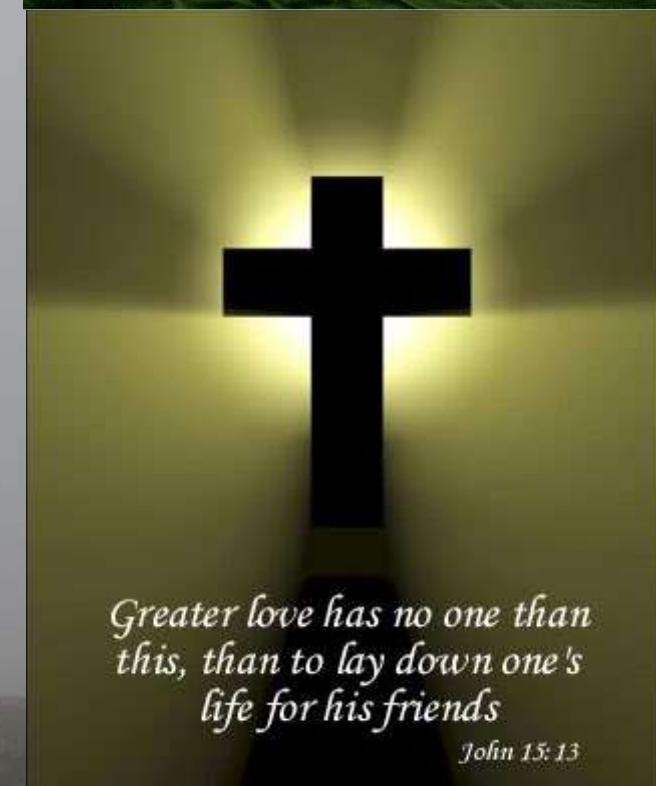
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## Prayer after communion

Father of all, we give You thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in Your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, He declared Your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life and bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope You have set before us,  
so we and all Your children shall be free, and the  
whole earth live to praise Your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# church FAMILY news

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

**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 prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.**

Let every creature rise and bring  
the highest honours to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud, 'Amen'.



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.**