



Christ Church St. Andrews

Glorifying God : Building Community

**"Christ Crucified:
The Wisdom and Power
of God"**
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

JESUS IS **ALIVE**
CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION



**Welcome to our
Communion Service at 9am
on May 4th 2025**
**Robinson, one of our
associate ministers, will be
leading and Anthony, our
vicar, speaking.**

Opening prayer

Lord, as we celebrate Your goodness today help us to commit ourselves afresh to serving You wholeheartedly. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Introductory call to worship (based on Psalm 30)

Sing the praises of the LORD, you His faithful people;

praise His holy name.

For His anger lasts only a moment,

but His favour lasts a lifetime;

weeping may stay for the night,

but rejoicing comes in the morning.

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!*

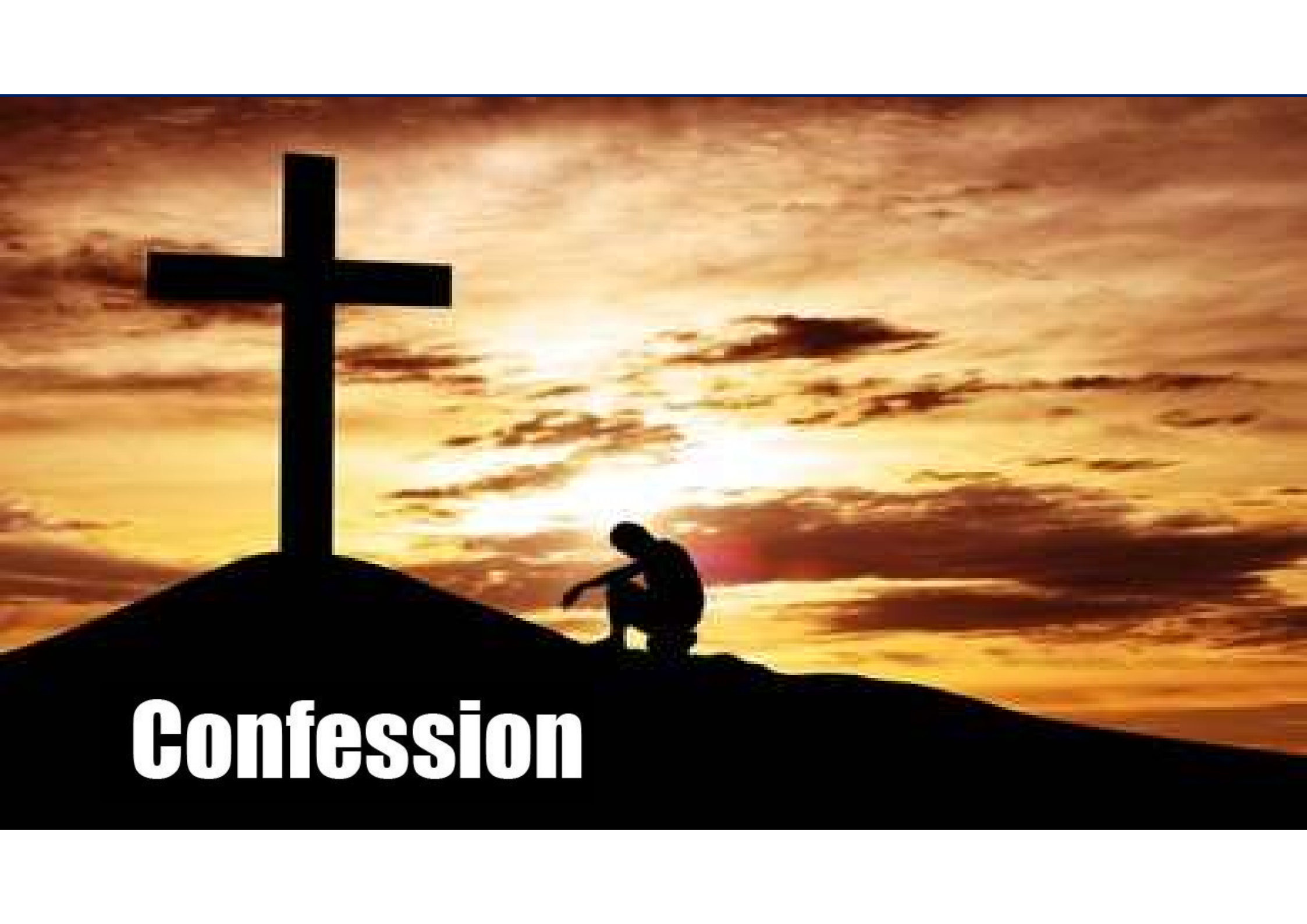
His kingdom cannot fail:
He rules o'er earth and heav'n.
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n.

*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!*





Confession

Lord God, we have sinned against You; we have done evil in Your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to Your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, thank You that You forgive us our sins. As Your forgiven, loved and accepted children please open our eyes to Your truth, strengthen us to do Your will and give us the joy of Your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Reading and Talk – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.'

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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

**Beyond this lifetime,
Beyond this darkness there's light.
Your cross is shining
So people open your eyes.**

*The cross stands above it all,
Burning bright in this life.
The cross towers over it all.
One hope, one Deliverer,
Saviour reigning high above it all,
Above it all.*

**These chains are breaking
Your love is shaking us free
A great awakening
This world will finally see**

*The cross stands above it all,
Burning bright in this life.
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**Christ has overcome.
It is finished, He has won.
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THIS WE
Believe



Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; He was buried; He was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards He appeared to His followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. 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 as we remain in our seats

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
“Peace be with you.”

**Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia.**

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

We wave to one another 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
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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,
MY GOD

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*This is My body
which is given for you;
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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
**But chiefly are we bound to praise You
because You raised Him gloriously from the
dead.**

For He is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world.

**By his death He has destroyed death,
and by His rising to life again He has restored to
us everlasting life.**

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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Prayer after communion

Living God,

**Your Son made Himself known to His disciples
in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see Him in all His redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.**

Amen.

church FAMILY news



**Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
Where Thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!*

**Lo, Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth,
Death hath lost its sting.**

*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!*

**No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee:
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
Through Thy deathless love;
Lead us in Thy triumph
to thy home above.**

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Final Prayer

God, who from the death of sin raised us to new life in Christ, keep us from falling and set us in the presence of His glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. 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.**