

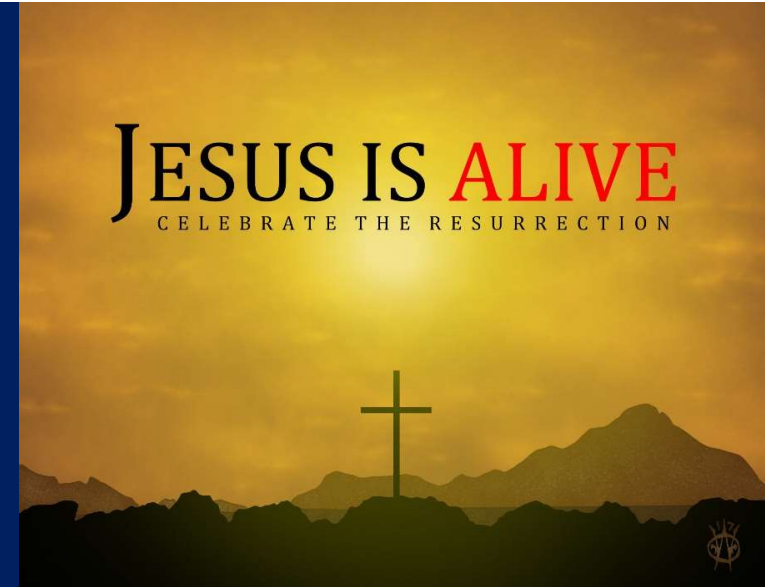


# Christ Church St. Andrews

Glorifying God : Building Community

**"Christ Crucified:  
The Wisdom and Power  
of God"**

***1 Corinthians 1:18-25***



**Welcome to our  
Communion Service at  
11am on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Anthony, our vicar, will be  
leading and 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.**

**Come people of the risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.**

***Rejoice, Rejoice!***  
***Let every tongue rejoice!***  
***One heart, one voice;***  
***O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace.**

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**Come, young and old from every land  
Men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age:  
“Our God is all in all.”**



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**1<sup>in</sup> Christ**

**Jesus is the name we honour;  
Jesus is the name we praise.  
Majestic Name above all other names,  
The highest heaven and earth proclaim  
That Jesus is our God.**

*We will glorify,  
We will lift Him high,  
We will give Him honour and praise.*

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**Jesus is the name we worship;  
Jesus is the name we trust.  
He is the King above all other kings,  
Let all creation stand and sing  
That Jesus is our God.**

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**Jesus is the Father's splendour;  
Jesus is the Father's joy.  
He will return to reign in majesty,  
And every eye at last shall see  
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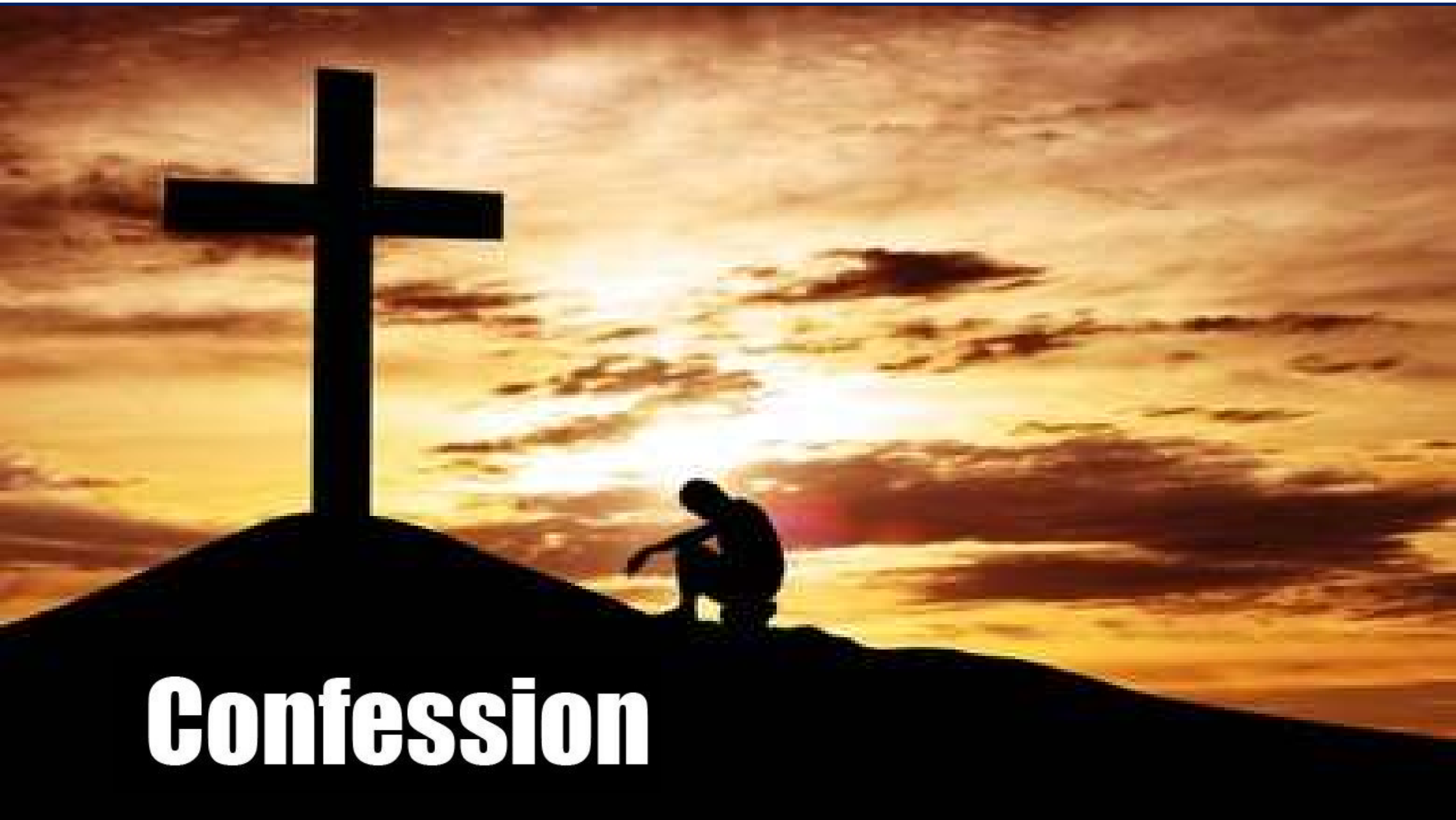
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# Prayer

**After which the children  
aged 0-11 go to the  
creche or their group.**



**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.**

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.**



## Reading and Talk – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.'

<sup>20</sup> 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? <sup>21</sup> 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.



**<sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> 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.  
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An open book with a dark cover is lying on a weathered wooden log. The pages are filled with text, and the book is slightly angled. Overlaid on the image is a large, white, cursive word 'Believe'. To the right of the 'Believe' text, the words 'THIS WE' are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font inside a dark green rectangular box. The background is a blurred natural setting with green foliage and brown wood.

**Believe** THIS WE



## 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 led by Carol Hibbert (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  
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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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*This is My body  
which is given for you;  
do this  
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of Me.*



*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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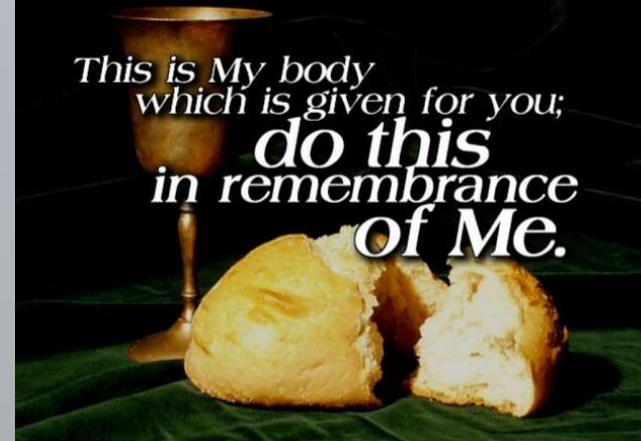
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## **Prayer after communion**

**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.**



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Let all earth join heaven in exalting  
The Name which is above all other names.**

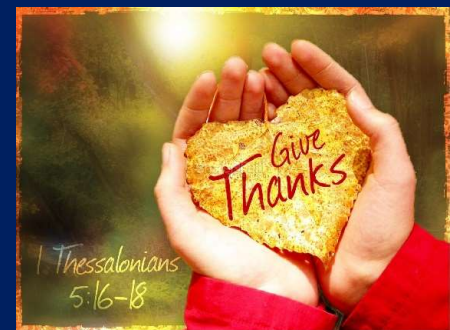
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For at His name every knee must bow.  
Let every tongue confess,  
He is Christ, God's only Son.  
Sovereign Lord, we give You glory now.**

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**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all evermore. 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.**