

Christ Church St. Andrews

Glorifying God: Building Community

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Welcome to our **Pentecost Communion** Service at 9am on June 8th 2025



Denise, our curate, will be leading and Anthony, our vicar, speaking.

Opening prayer

Breath of Life, on this Pentecost Sunday, we ask that You breathe on us once again. Make our consciences tender to Your touch. May our lives display the fruit of Your Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May we use the gifts of the Spirit that You have distributed to bless the church family and build Your Kingdom. Amen.

Introductory call to worship (based on Psalm 104)

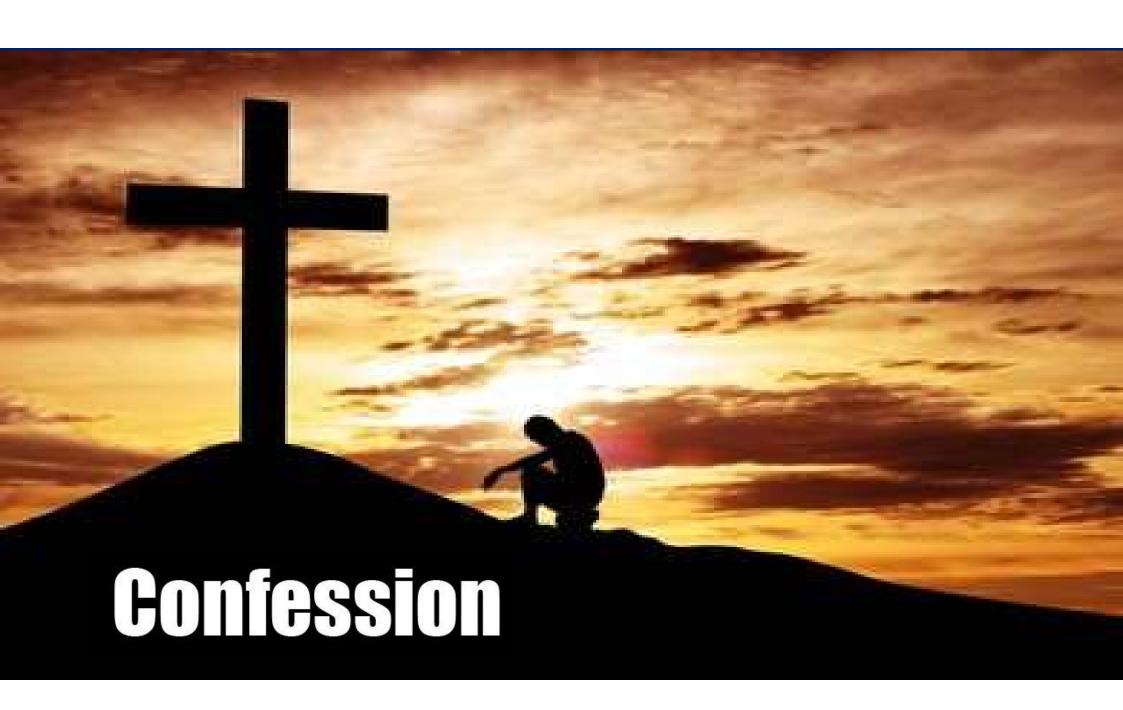
When You send Your Spirit there is new life, and You renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works — He who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke. We will sing to the Lord all our lives; We will sing praise to our God as long as we live. O Thou who camest from above, the pure celestial fire to impart, kindle a flame of sacred love upon the altar of my heart.

There let it for Thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze, and trembling to its source return, in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work and speak and think for Thee, still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up Thy gift in me.

Ready for all Thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat, till death Thy endless mercies seal, and make my sacrifice complete.





You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart: Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.
Amen.

Generous God, You sent Your Holy Spirit upon Jesus at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in Your mercy fill us with Your Spirit, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve You with joy for ever. Amen.

Reading and Talk - John 14:15-31

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. 25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. ³⁰ I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, ³¹ but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

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

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, Breathe new life into my willing soul. Let the presence of the risen Lord, Come renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see, Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, May Your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover every sin, In each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least, Gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, Giving life to all that God has made, Show Your power once again on earth, Cause Your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; Lead us on the road of sacrifice, That in unity the face of Christ May be clear for all the world to see.



Creed

We say together in faith

Holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

for by His will they were created and have their being.

<u>Creed</u>

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

for with His blood, He purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Even so come, Lord Jesus! 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

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

and also with you.

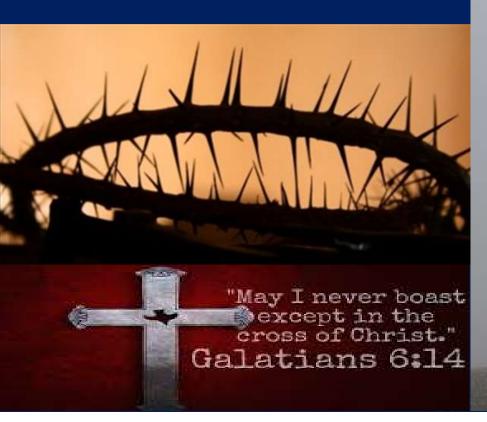
We greet each other as a sign of our unity.



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Sharing the bread and wine



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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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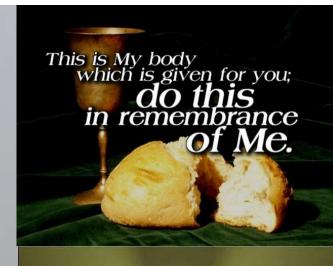
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Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends

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.

And now we give you thanks that, after Jesus had ascended far above all heavens, and was seated at the right hand of your majesty, He sent forth upon the universal Church Your holy and life-giving Spirit;

that through His glorious power the joy of the everlasting gospel might go forth into all the world.

This gospel shows us that 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:

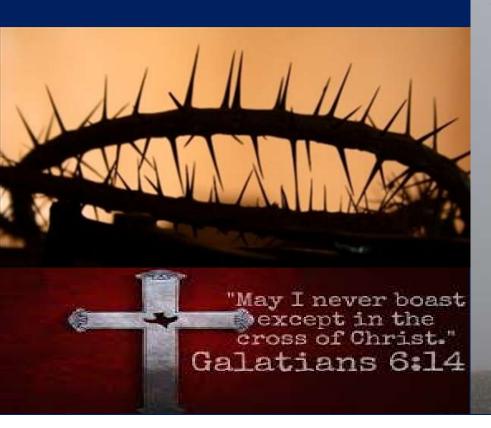
Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Amen. We draw near with faith to receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which He gave for us. We eat and drink in remembrance that He died for us, and feed on Him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.



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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. MY GOD WHY HAVE YOU **FORSAKEN** ME? 1 THIRST IT IS FINISHED FATHER. INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMEND

MY SPIRIT



My peace I give unto you,
It's a peace that the world cannot give,
It's a peace that the world cannot understand:
Peace to know, peace to live,
My peace I give unto you.

My love I give unto you,
It's a love that the world cannot give,
It's a love that the world cannot understand:
Love to know, love to live,
My love I give unto you.

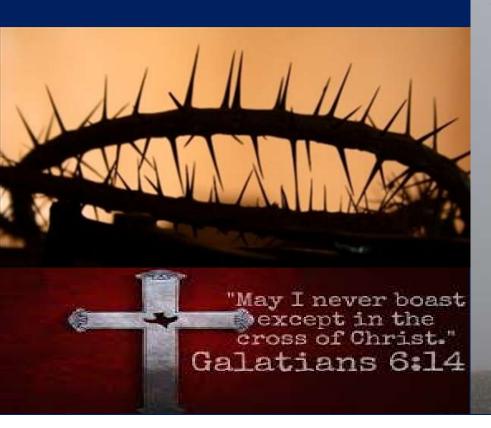




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Prayer after communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us Your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by Your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit,
'Til the work on Earth is done.

Jesus my redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit,
'Til the work on Earth is done.

When I stand in Glory,
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King for ever,
In that holy place.

Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit,
'Til the work on Earth is done.

(Repeat chorus)



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.