

Christ Church St. Andrews

Glorifying God: Building Community

GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Exodus 2:1-10

Welcome to our Communion Service at 9am on March 30th 2025

Anthony, our vicar, will be leading and preaching.

Loving Lord, fill us with Your life-giving, joy-giving, peace-giving presence, so that we may behold Your glory and be able to praise You now with our lips and all the day long with our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Introductory call to worship (based on Psalm 34)

We will extol the Lord at all times;

His praise will always be on our lips.

We will glory in the Lord;

let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me:

let us exalt his name together.

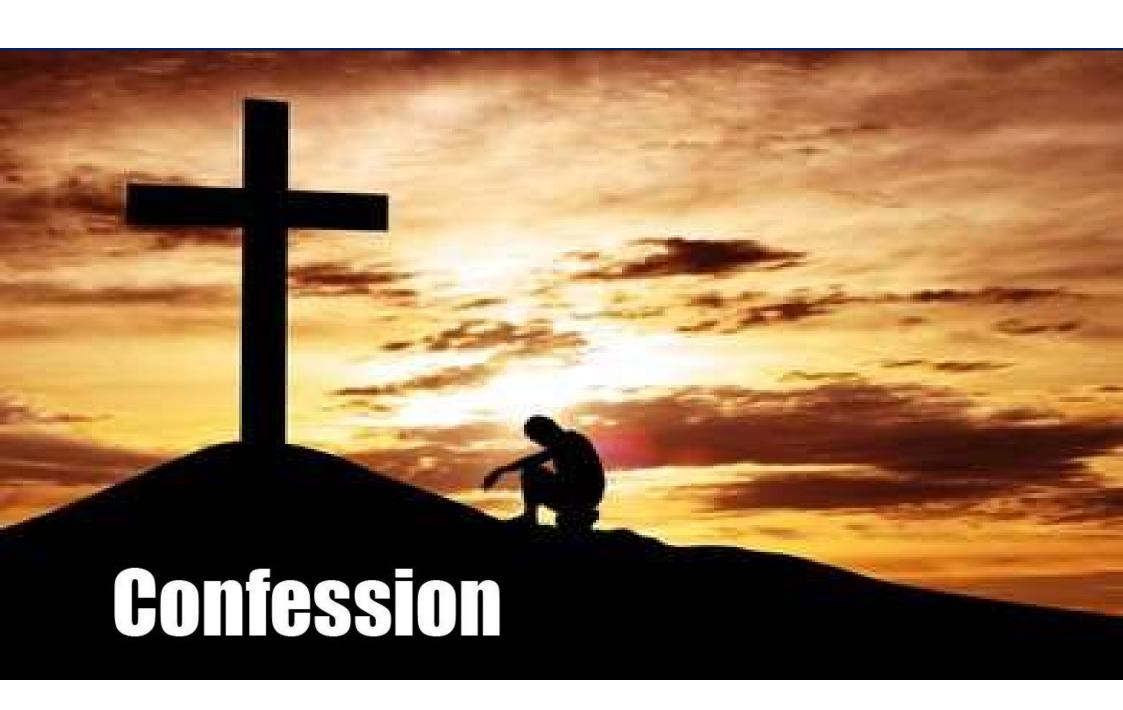
For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.



For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.

For each perfect gift of Thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of Heav'n.



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 the Father forgive us by the death of His Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. Amen.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and the wonders He does for His children.

Let us offer Him sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of His acts with shouts of joy.

Reading and Talk - Exodus 2:1-10

- ¹ Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.
- ⁵Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river-bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. 'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she said.

⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?'
⁸ 'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.' So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

Faithful one, so unchanging.

Ageless one, You're my rock of peace.

Lord of all, I depend on You.

I call out to You, again and again
I call out to You, again and again.

You are my rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm,
Your love is the anchor,
My hope is in You alone.

Faithful one, so unchanging.

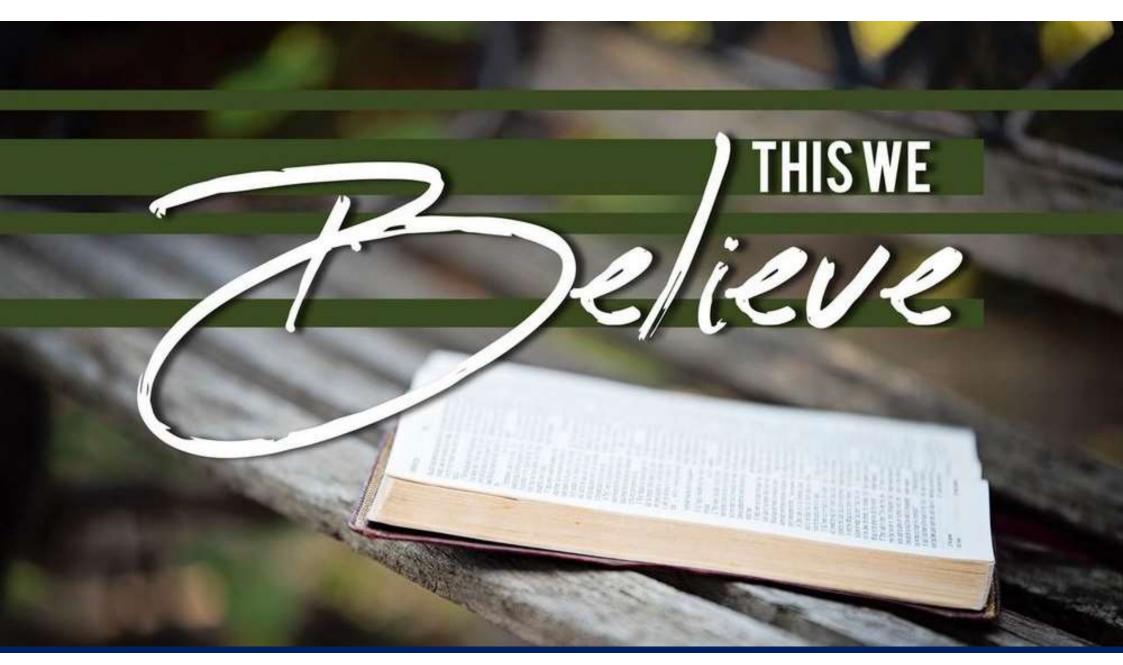
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Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God

through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has given us access to His grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

and also with you.

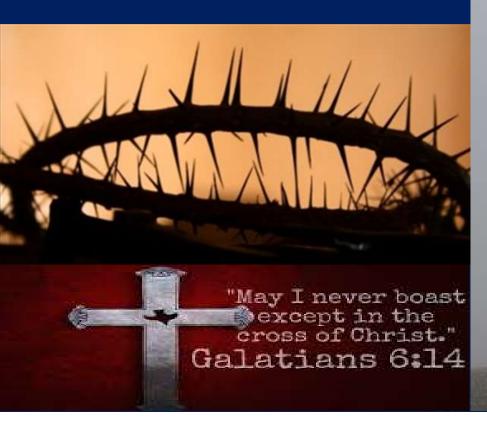
We greet each other as a sign of our unity.



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Sharing the bread and wine



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

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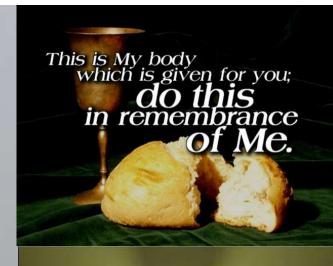
FATHER,

INTO YOUR

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MY SPIRIT





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 because He was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.

By His grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for Him who died for us and rose again.

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:

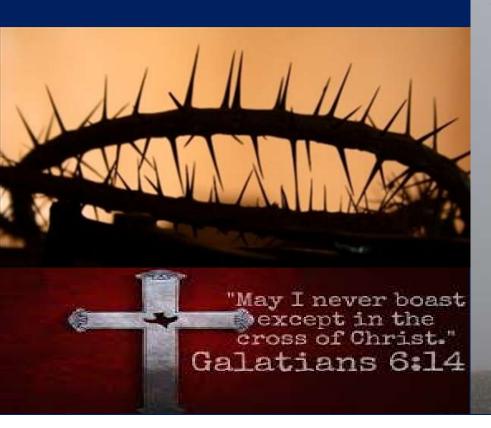
Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Amen. We draw near with faith to receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which He gave for us and His blood which He shed for us. We eat and drink in remembrance that He died for us, and feed on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



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We share the bread and wine



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



Prayer after communion

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved and laughed and laboured as they cared for their children;



Blessed be God forever.

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children;

Blessed be God forever.

We praise you, our God, for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love;

Blessed be God forever.

We recognise the pain of this day for many including those whose relationships as mothers and children were difficult, for those who would have loved to be mothers but couldn't be and those who have lost children Bless them Lord in their pain.

We praise you, our God, for Jesus, born into a human family who understands both our joys and our sorrows.

Amen.



Gift Giving

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew,
Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

God's great goodness aye endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought: Splendour, light and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught.

Evermore from his store newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow; His desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, High above all praises praising for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.



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.