



Christ Church St. Andrews

Glorifying God : Building Community

**PREPARE THE WAY FOR
THE LORD**

LUKE 3:1-6

**Welcome to our
Communion Service at
11am on February 1st 2026**

**Denise, one of our ordained
ministers, will be leading
and Simon, our associate
vicar, preaching.**

**Eternal God, source of all blessing, help us to worship
You with all our heart and mind and strength; help us
to meditate on who You are, for You alone are God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Introductory call to worship (Based on Psalm 67)

How priceless is Your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

They feast in the abundance of Your house;

You give them drink from Your river of delights.

For with You is the fountain of life;

in Your light we see light.

**We're gathered here the time has come
To praise the Father, Spirit, Son;
Hearts that are ready,
Free to respond.
We join the everlasting song.**

*We will worship You
In Spirit and truth.
How we love to worship You,
Let Your name be praised
Again and again,
Lord, we love to worship You.*

**There at the cross You said it all;
The poor made rich,
The weak made strong.
Hearts that are welcomed
Through all You've done.
This is our story and our song,
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*We will worship You
In Spirit and truth.
How we love to worship You,
Let Your name be praised
Again and again,
Lord, we love to worship You.*

**We hear You calling,
The lion roaring,
The time is coming
And it has come.
Your Word is moving,
Your river flowing,
We praise You Father, Spirit, Son.**

(Repeat and then instrumental)

*We will worship You
In Spirit and truth.
How we love to worship You.
Let Your name be praised, again and again,
Lord, we love to worship You.*

*Let our praises rise again and again,
Lord, we long to worship You.*



**He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high;
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise His name!**

**He is the Lord;
Forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name.
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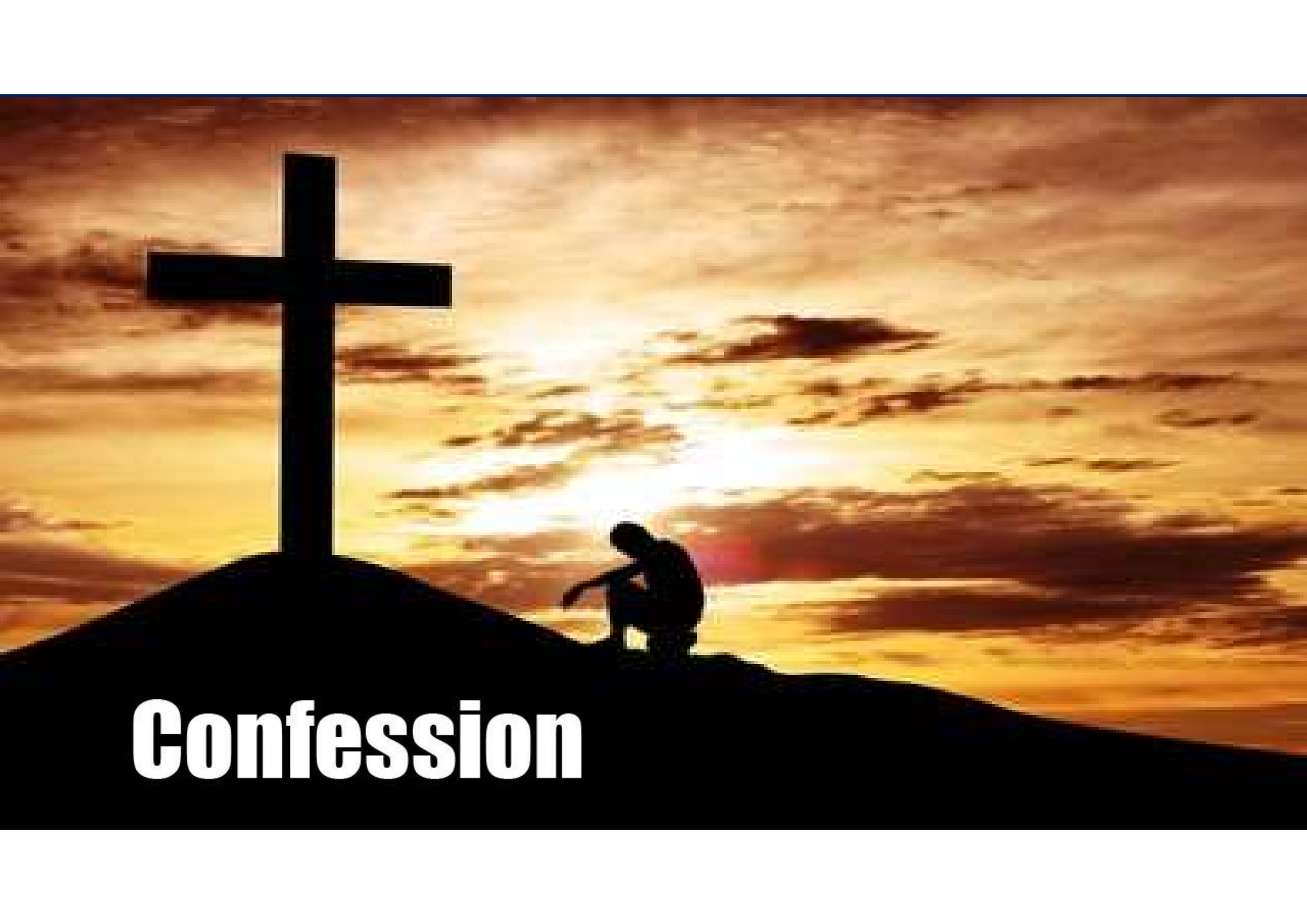
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Prayer

After which the children aged 0-4 go to the creche in the North Room and the 5-11's to their group in the hall. They will return before we share communion.



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 and kindness. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of Your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

**The Lord enrich us with His grace, and nourish us
with His blessing; the Lord defend us in trouble
and keep us from all evil; the Lord accept our
prayers, and shower His forgiveness on us,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto Me, and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water: thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I’ll walk
Till trav’ling days are done.



Reading and Talk – Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

‘A voice of one calling in the wilderness, “Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. ⁶ And all people will see God’s salvation.”’

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

**What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless
peace.**

*To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

**The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.**

*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley, He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall
overcome,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.**

*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated.
Jesus, now and ever is my plea,
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am
free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.**

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips
shall repeat
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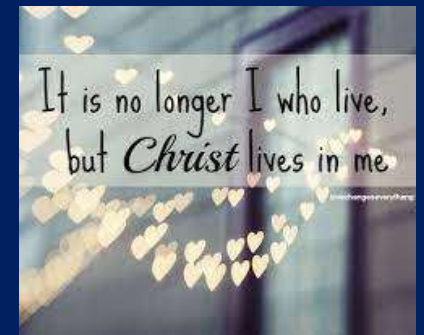
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THIS WE
Believe



We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with His love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers which will be led by Pauline Fearn (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

The mind of sinful nature is death;
the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.

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

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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
in remembrance
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, 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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**Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice,
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,
And I'm in that place once again.
Yes, I'm in that place once again.**

*And once again I look upon
The cross where You died,
I'm humbled by Your mercy
And I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You,
Once again I pour out my life.*

**Now You are
Exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace,
And I'm full of praise once again.
Yes, I'm full of praise once again.**

*And once again I look upon
The cross where You died,
I'm humbled by Your mercy
And I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You,
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*Thank You for the cross,
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Thank You for the cross, my Friend.*

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**Though the nations rage,
Kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one King
Reigning over all.**

**So, I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days.**

None above Him, none before Him.

All of time in His hands.

For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand.

All the power, all the glory,

I will trust in His name.

For my God is the Ancient of Days.

**Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone**

**O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days**

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**Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days**

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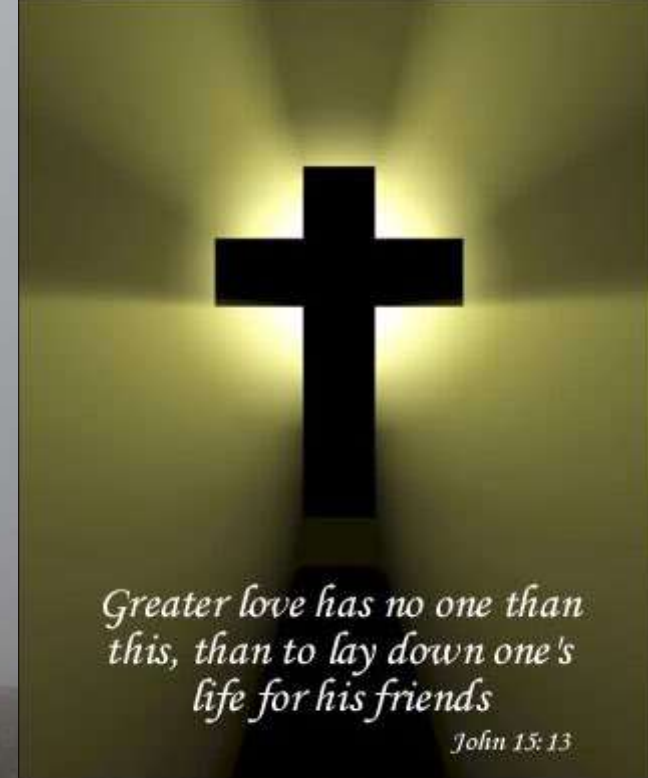
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Prayer after communion

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.**

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**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.**

(Repeat all)

*Christ alone. Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord,
Lord of all.*

**When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.**

*Christ alone. Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord,
Lord of all.*

**When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless I stand before the throne.**

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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.**