



Christ Church St. Andrews

Glorifying God : Building Community

The Gospel of John:
Living Water

John 4:1-26

**Welcome to our
Communion Service at 9am
on February 23rd 2025**

**Stephen, one of our
associate ministers, will be
leading and Denise, our
curate, preaching.**

Opening Prayer

Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Introductory call to worship (Based on Psalm 65)

You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,
**God our Saviour, the hope of all the ends of the
earth and of the farthest seas,**
The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
**where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.**

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,**

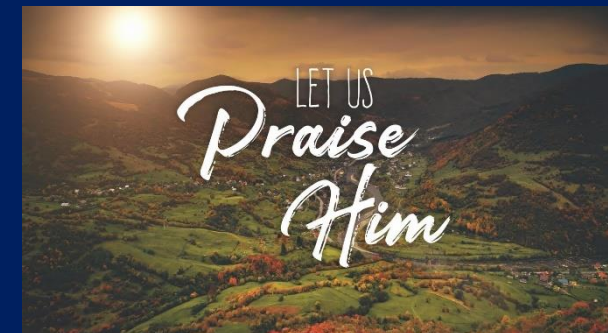
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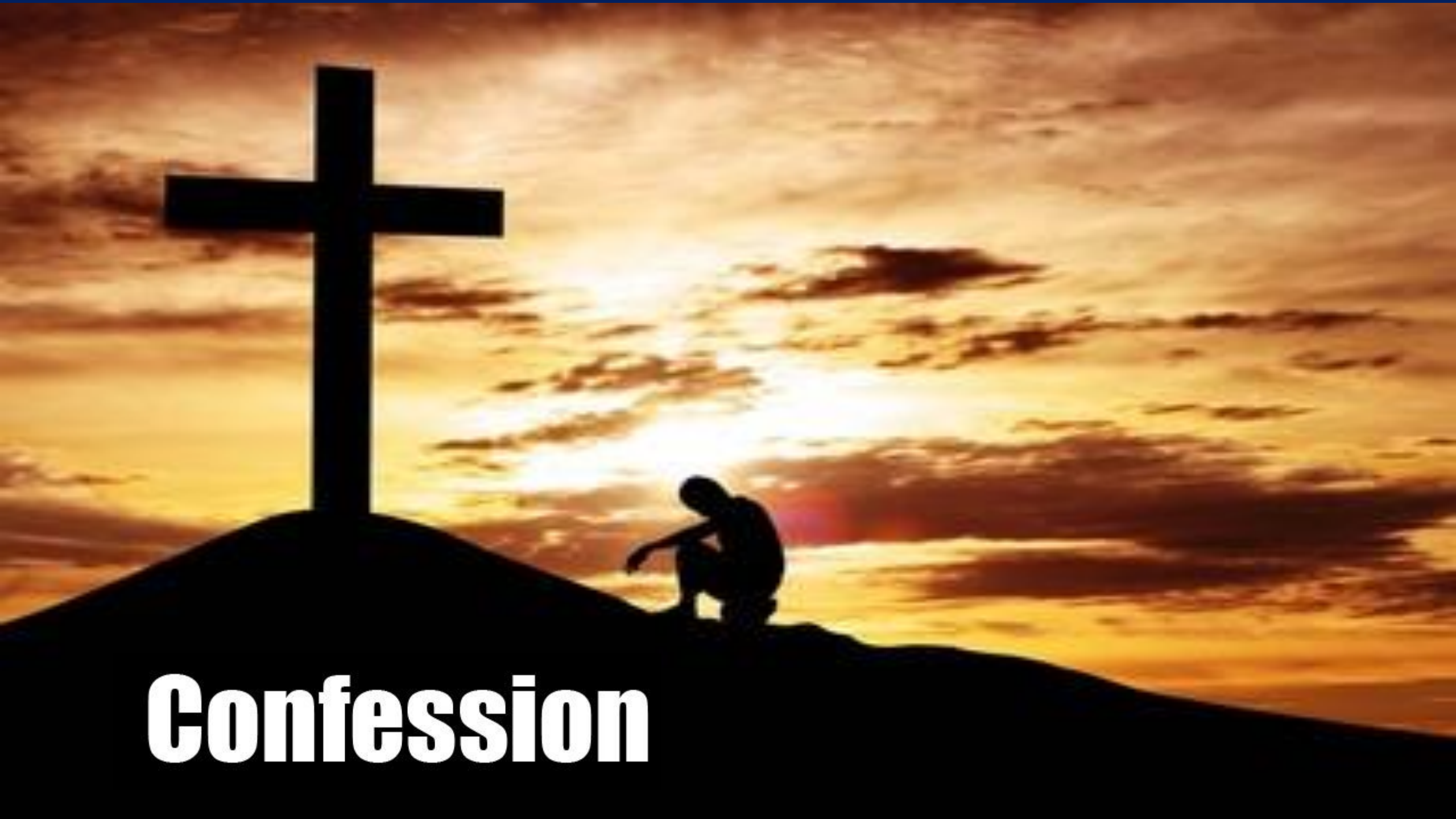
**Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of ev'ning find a voice!**

O praise Him, O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Let all things their Creator bless
and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**





Confession

“The first commandment is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

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 act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You, our God. Amen.

May the God of love and power assure us of His forgiveness, remind us that He blots out and does not remember our sins. May He strengthen us by His Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading and Talk – John 4:1-26

¹ Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptising more disciples than John – ² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptised, but his disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?' ¹³ Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

15 The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.'¹⁶ He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.'¹⁷ 'I have no husband,' she replied. Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband.'¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.'¹⁹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet.'²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.'²¹ 'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.'²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.’ ²⁵ The woman said, ‘I know that Messiah’ (called Christ) ‘is coming.

When he comes, he will explain everything to us.’

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, ‘I, the one speaking to you – I am he.’

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

**Jesus said that if I thirst,
I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy,
I should come to Him.**

**Jesus said, if I am weak,
I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength,
I should come to Him.**

**For the Lord is good and faithful.
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus.
Jesus, strong and kind.**

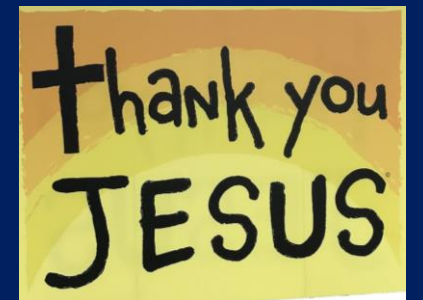
**Jesus said that if I fear,
I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield,
I should come to Him.**

**For the Lord is good and faithful.
He will keep us day and night.
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Jesus, strong and kind.**

**Jesus said, if I am lost,
He will come to me.
And He showed me on that cross,
He will come to me.**

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**Thank you
JESUS**

Believe

THIS WE



Though Jesus was divine, He did not cling to equality with God, but made Himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, He was born in human likeness. He humbled Himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, God has raised Him on High, and given Him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ
and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

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

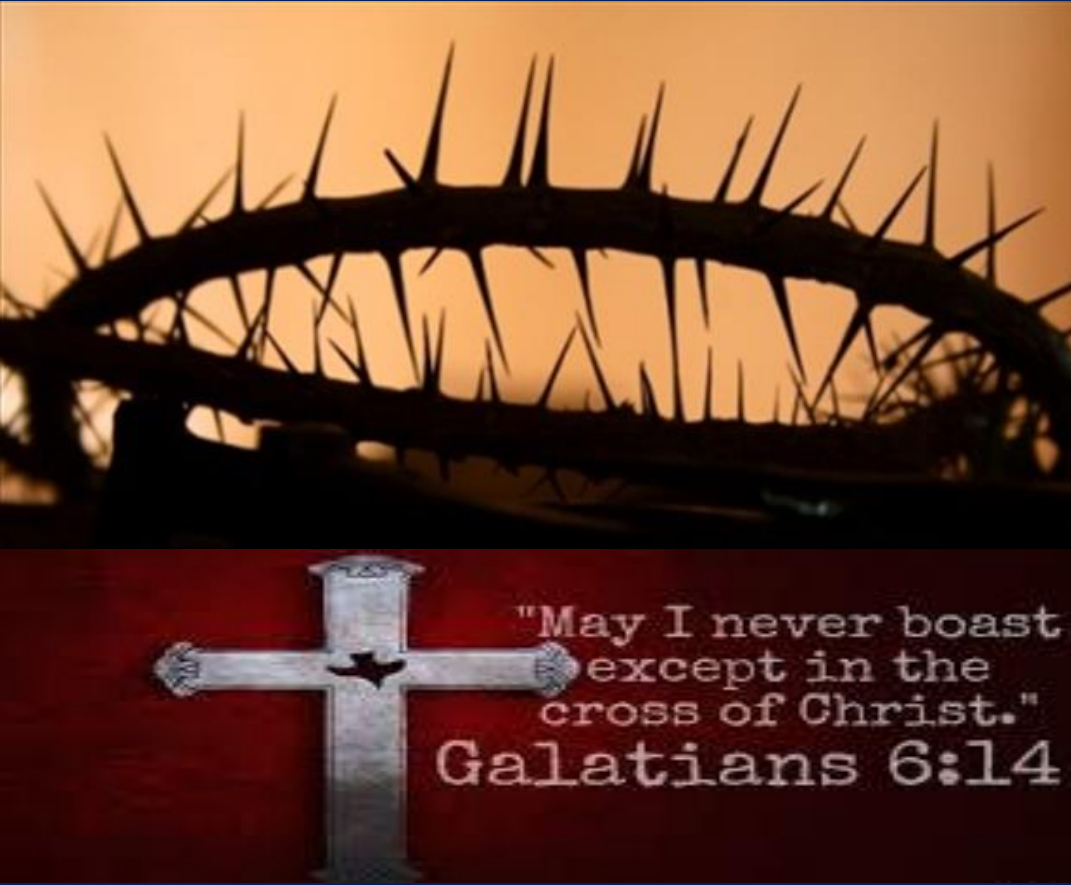
We greet each other as a sign of our unity.



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Sharing the bread and wine



"May I never boast
except in the
cross of Christ."
Galatians 6:14

FATHER,
FORGIVE
THEM; FOR
THEY
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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,
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*This is My body
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do this
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*Greater love has no one than
this, than to lay down one's
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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.**

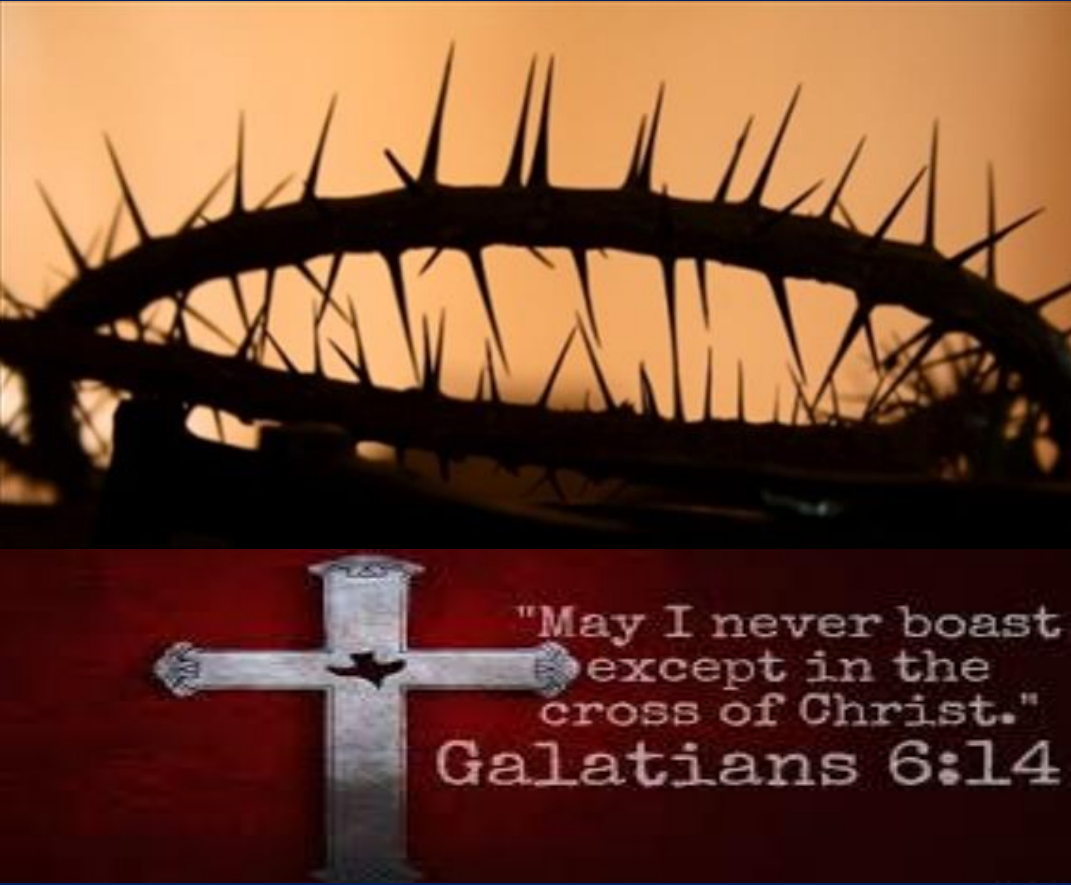
We draw near with faith to receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which He gave for us and His blood which He shed for us. We eat and drink in remembrance that He died for us, and feed on Him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.



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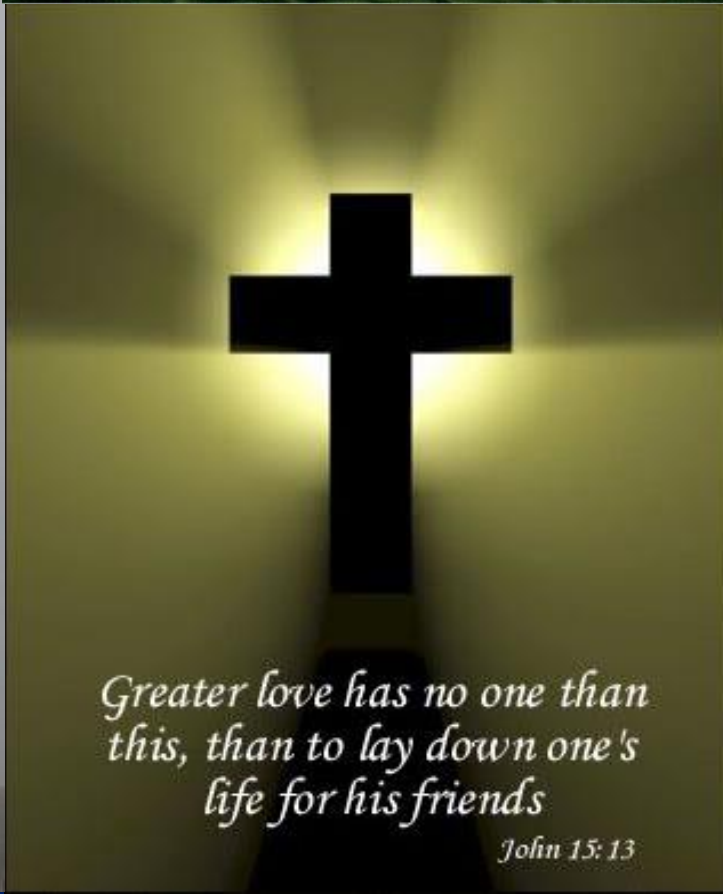
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Prayer after communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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.**



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.**