



# Christ Church St. Andrews

Glorifying God : Building Community

**Covenant  
& Promise**  
Genesis 15:1-21

**Welcome to our  
Communion Service  
at 9am on  
June 28<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Anthony, our vicar, will be  
leading and, Simon, our  
associate vicar, speaking.**

**O God, trusting in Jesus we know we are Your children, and You love us. So deep is Your love that Jesus came to earth to die on the cross and rise again so nothing can take away the hope You alone can give. So strong is Your love that no trouble shall tear us from Your arms, so precious is Your love that we ask You to teach us today so our lives will be lived in declaring Your glory and Your marvellous deeds, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Introductory call to worship (based on Psalm 13)

We trust in Your unfailing love;  
**our hearts rejoice in Your salvation.**

We will sing the LORD's praise,  
**for He has been good to us.**

**Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great high Priest  
Whose Name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me**

**My name is graven on His hands**

**My name is written on His heart**

**I know that while**

**In heaven He stands**

**No tongue can bid me thence depart**

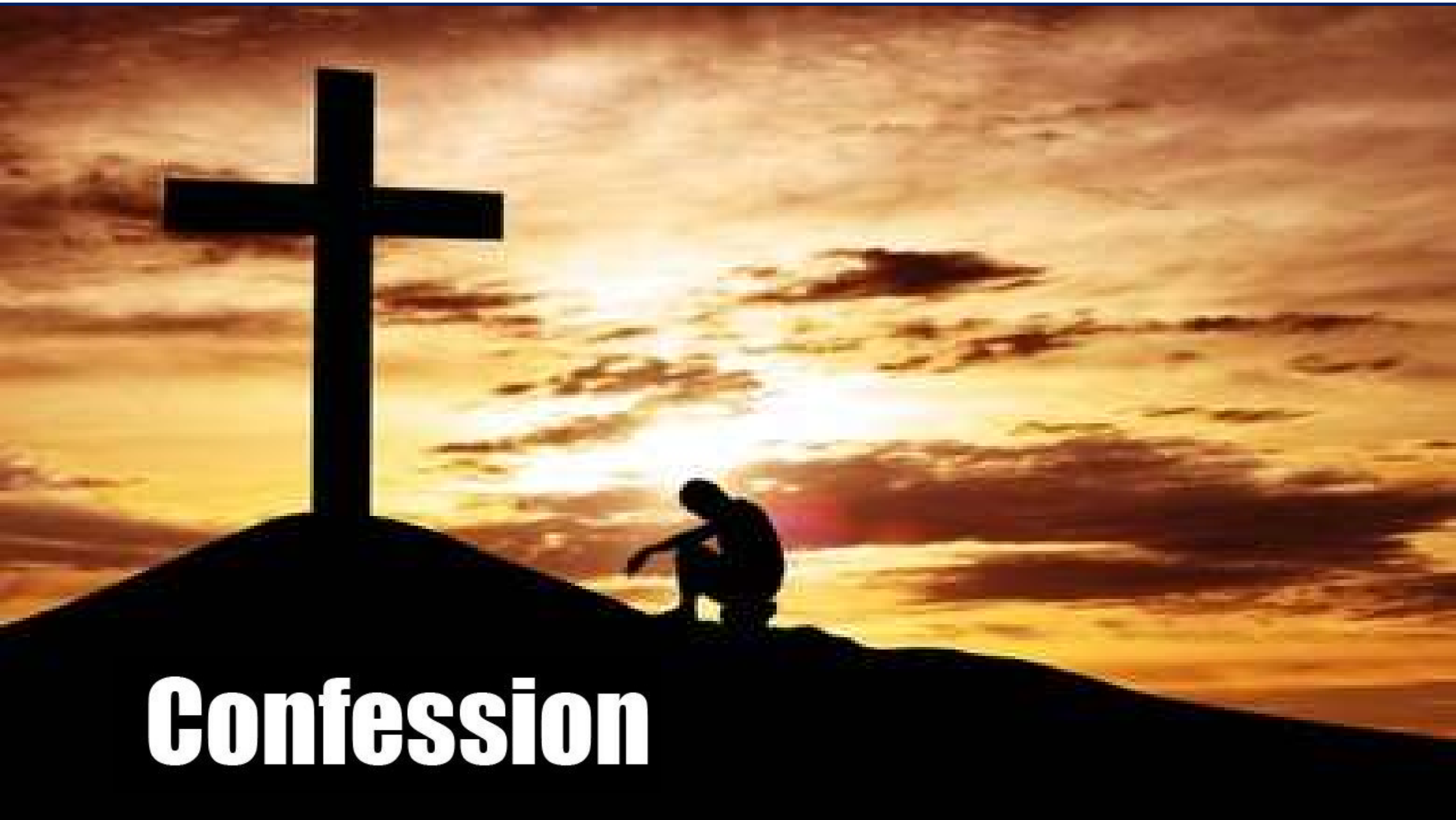
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**When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin**

**Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me**

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I am  
The King of glory and of grace**

**One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my God  
With Christ my Saviour and my God**



**Confession**

In Psalm 66 we read these words which we say together

**‘Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what He has done for me. I cried out to Him with my mouth; His praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld His love from me!’.**

**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 forgive us  
and free us from our sins, heal and  
strengthen us by His Spirit, and raise us to  
new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Reading and Talk – Genesis 15:1-21

**<sup>1</sup> After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: ‘Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.’<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, ‘Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?’<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, ‘You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.’<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: ‘This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.’**

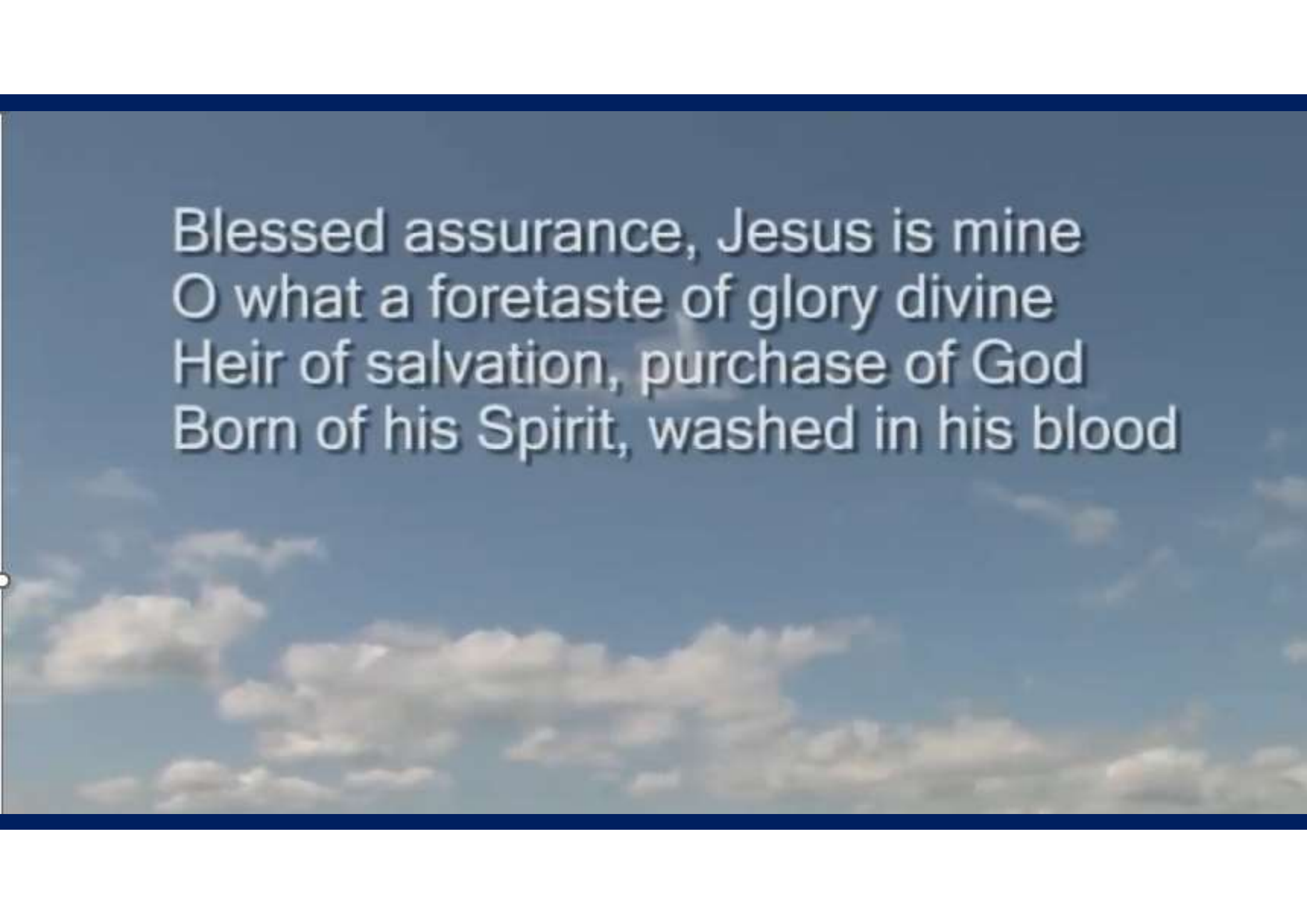
**<sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, ‘Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’ <sup>6</sup> Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> He also said to him, ‘I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.’**

**<sup>8</sup> But Abram said, ‘Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I shall gain possession of it?’ <sup>9</sup> So the LORD said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.’**


**<sup>10</sup> Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. <sup>11</sup> Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup> As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to him, 'Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and ill-treated there. <sup>14</sup> But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterwards they will come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age.**

**<sup>16</sup> In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.’ <sup>17</sup> When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking brazier with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates – <sup>19</sup> the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup> Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, <sup>21</sup> Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.’**

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



Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood

A blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid on the upper left portion of the sky.

This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Saviour all the day long  
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Perfect submission, perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love



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Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love

This is my story, this is my song  
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**THIS WE**  
*Believe*



**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.**

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# 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.*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

**We belong to Him through faith,**  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of 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

FATHER,  
FORGIVE  
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KNOW NOT  
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TRULY I TELL YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE  
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WHY

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*This is My body  
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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.**

It is right to worship and 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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## **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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**In Christ alone  
My hope is found  
He is my light  
My strength my song**

**This cornerstone  
This solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest  
Drought and storm**

**What heights of love  
What depths of peace  
When fears are stilled  
When strivings cease**

**My comforter**  
**My all in all**  
**Here in the love**  
**Of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone  
Who took on flesh  
Fullness of God  
In helpless Babe**

**This gift of love  
And righteousness  
Scorned by the ones  
He came to save**

**'Til on that cross  
As Jesus died  
The wrath of God  
Was satisfied**

**For every sin  
On Him was laid  
Here in the death  
Of Christ I live**

**There in the ground  
His body lay  
Light of the world  
By darkness slain**

**Then bursting forth  
In glorious day  
Up from the grave  
He rose again**

**And as He stands  
In victory  
Sin's curse has lost  
It's grip on me**

**For I am His  
And He is mine  
Bought with the precious  
Blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life  
No fear in death  
This is the power  
Of Christ in me**

**From life's first cry  
To final breath  
Jesus commands  
My destiny**

**No power of hell  
No scheme of man  
Can ever pluck  
Me from His hand**

**'Til He returns  
Or calls me home  
Here in the power  
Of Christ I'll stand**

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**May Christ draw us to Himself so that we  
live for Him each day, and so we see God at  
work in and through us;  
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.**