



Christ Church St. Andrews

Glorifying God : Building Community

**Welcome to our
Communion Service at
11am on January 4th 2026**

MATTERS OF THE HEART

PROVERBS 16:1-9



**Denise, our curate, will be
leading and Anthony, our
vicar, will be preaching.**

Opening prayer

**Lord, speak to us that we may hear Your Word.
May Your Word fulfil in us all that You desire it to.
Move among us that we may behold Your glory.
Receive our prayers that we may learn to trust
You. Amen.**

Introductory call to worship (Based on Psalm 135)

Praise the LORD.

Praise the name of the LORD;

praise Him, you servants of the LORD,

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

sing praise to His name,

for that is pleasant.

**Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.**

**Father like He tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.**

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Widely yet His mercy flows.

**Angels, help us to adore Him,
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.**



Ascribe greatness to our God, the Rock.

His work is perfect

And all His ways are just.

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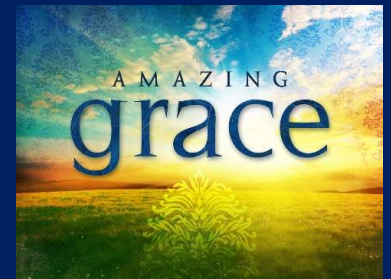
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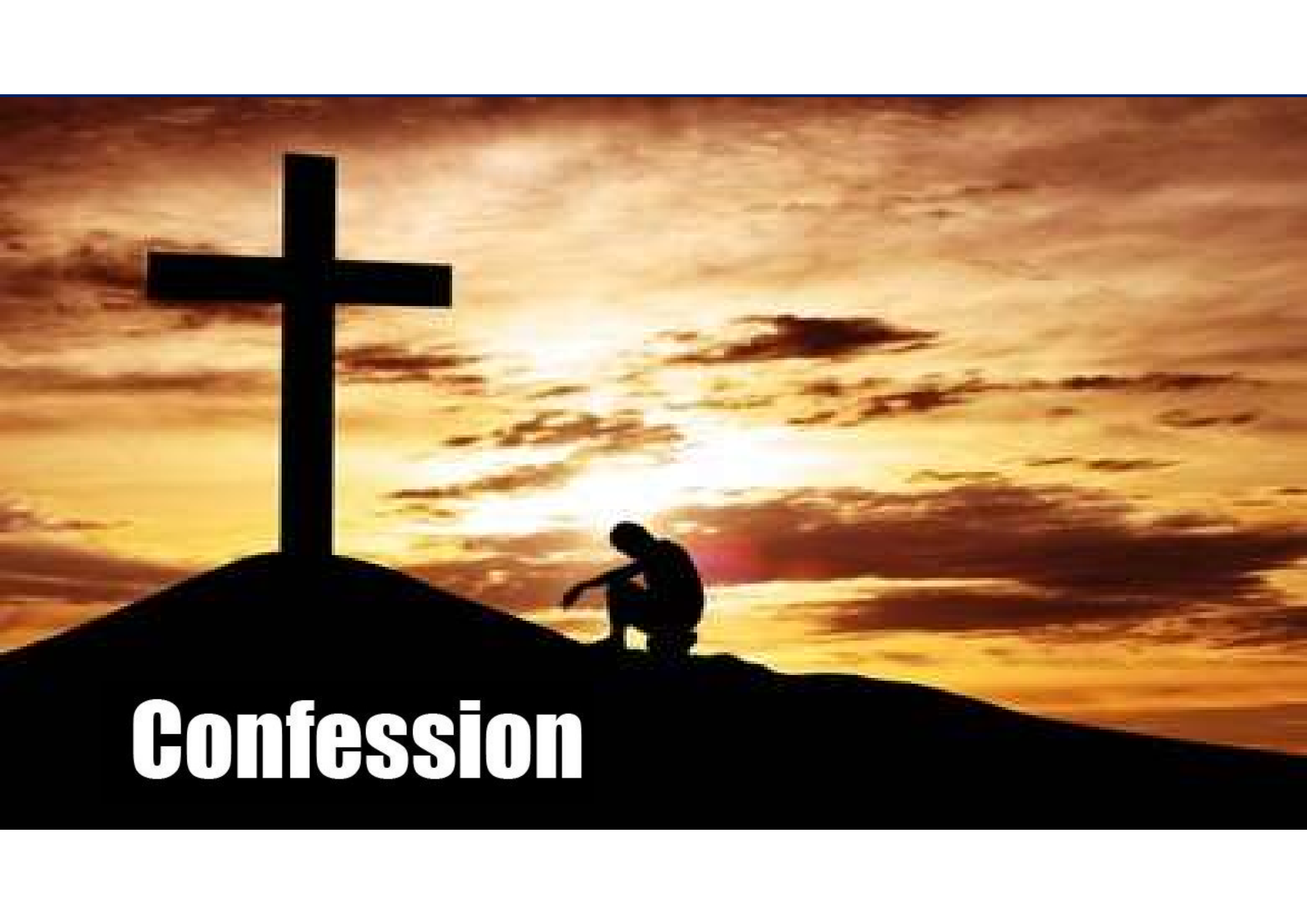
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Prayer

**After which the children aged 0-4
go to the creche in the North Room
and the 5-12's go to their group.**



Confession

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness: I confess to You, I confess with my whole heart that I do not always walk in the light. I confess my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking; the hurts I have done to others, and the good I have left undone. O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against You; and raise me to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the God of love and light bring us back to Himself, reassure us that we are forgiven and assure us of His eternal love. May this cause us to overflow with joy. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to
this:**

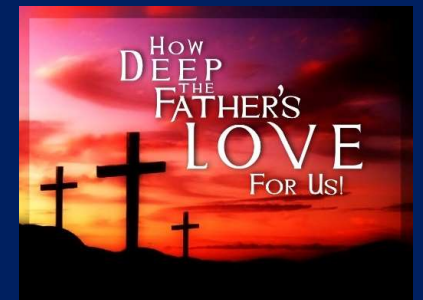
*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love You Lord.*

**Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
To be found in You and known as Yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All surpassing gift of righteousness.**

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There is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
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**Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life,
And to know You in Your sufferings,
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
So with You to live and never die.**

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There is no greater thing.
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And I love You, Lord, love You, Lord.*



Reading and Talk – Proverbs 16:1-9

¹ To humans belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the proper answer of the tongue.

² All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD.

³ Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

⁴ The LORD works out everything to its proper end – even the wicked for a day of disaster.

⁵ The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: they will not go unpunished.

- ⁶ Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for;
through the fear of the LORD evil is avoided.**
- ⁷ When the LORD takes pleasure in anyone's way,
he causes their enemies to make peace with them.**
- ⁸ Better a little with righteousness
than much gain with injustice.**
- ⁹ In their hearts humans plan their course,
but the LORD establishes their steps.**

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

**From the breaking of the dawn
To the setting of the sun,
I will stand on every promise of Your word.
Words of power, strong to save,
That will never pass away,
I will stand on every promise of Your word.
For Your covenant is sure,
And on this I am secure,
I can stand on every promise of Your word.**

**When I stumble and I sin,
Condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on every promise of Your word.
You are faithful to forgive,
That in freedom I might live,
So I stand on every promise of Your word.
Guilt to innocence restored:
You remember sins no more!
So I'll stand on every promise of Your word.**

**When I'm faced with anguished choice,
I will listen for Your voice,
And I'll stand on every promise of Your word.
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with your hand
As I stand on every promise of Your word.
And you've promised to complete
Every work begun in me,
So I'll stand on every promise of Your word.**

**Hope that lifts me from despair,
Love that casts out every fear,
As I stand on every promise of Your word.
Not forsaken, not alone,
For the Comforter has come,
And I stand on every promise of Your word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
Grace for all who will believe,
We will stand on every promise of Your word.**



Believe

THIS WE



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 led by Allan and Carole Spurrett (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

Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given,
and His name shall be called the Prince 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
THEM; FOR
THEY
KNOW NOT
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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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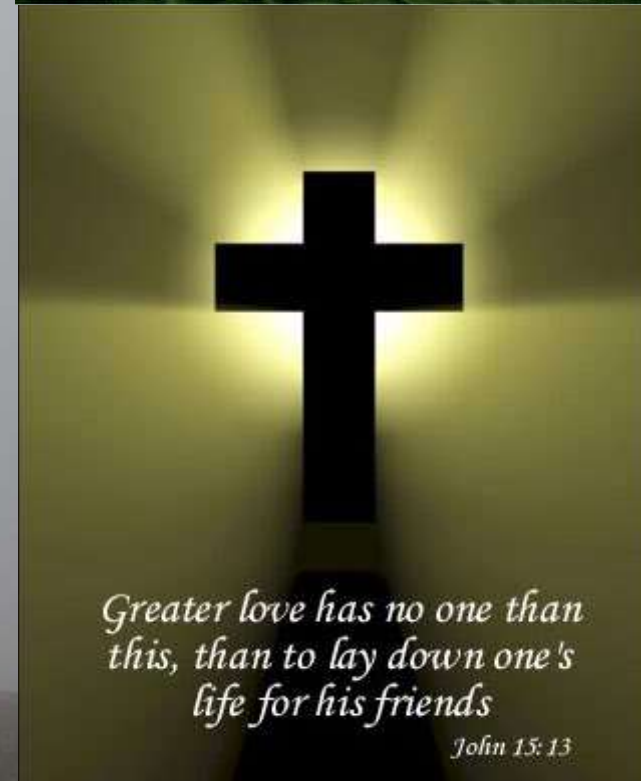
I THIRST

IT IS

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FATHER,
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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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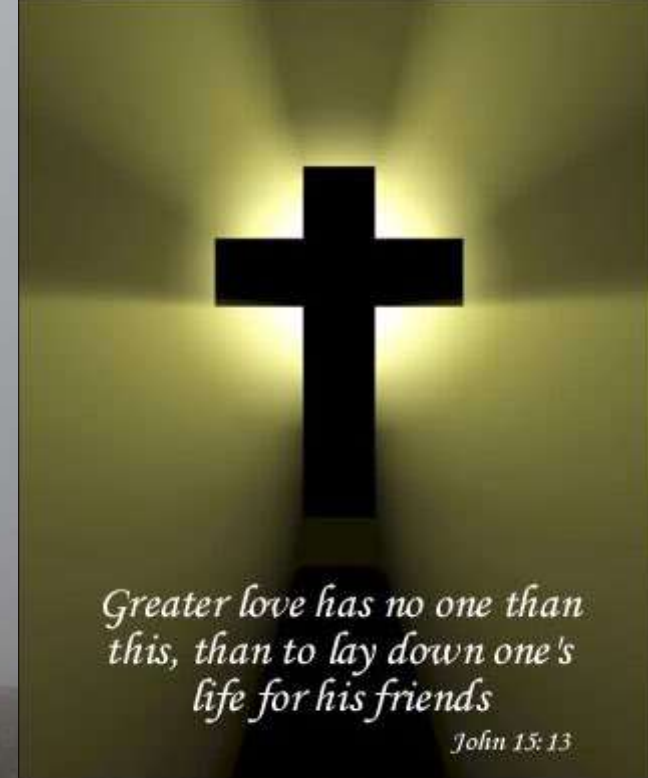
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Prayer after communion

All praise to you, Almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon Him and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in Him, so He may continually dwell in us. Amen.

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Verse for 2026

***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to Him, and He will
make your paths straight.”***

Proverbs 3:5-6

**King of love and grace,
My Guardian.
All my hopes and fears
Are in Your hands;
I'm in Your hands.**

**Where You go, I'll go;
Show me the way
Every step I take
Be now my guide,
God on my side.**

*You go before me,
You're there beside me,
And if I wander
Love will find me.
Goodness and mercy
Will always follow.
You go before me,
My Guardian.*

**When I hear You say,
“Trust and obey,”
I will walk by faith
And not by sight,
God of my life.**

**So, let Your kingdom come,
Your will be done.
All Your promises will stand forever,
You're my defender.**

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You're there beside me,
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My Guardian.
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**Crown Him with many crowns
The King who left His throne
Creator of the universe
Born to the world He holds
And with that first drawn breath
The Word has become flesh
Emmanuel has come to us
O crown Him all the earth**

**Crowned by the angel choir
They tell His royal birth
Sing glory in the highest height
And peace upon the earth
They break the silent night
Announcing endless worth
The King of grace and love is here
O crown Him all the world**

**Crowned by their royal gifts
Gold frankincense and myrrh
Wise men approach this manger throne
With honours from afar
Behold the Son of God
And bow down in this place
The Prince of Peace has come to us
O crown Him with your praise**

**Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
God sent His Son for me
Now hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity**



**God our Father, Your Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith
illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds;
through Him who is Christ the Lord
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**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.**



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JESUS IS STILL
ON HIS THRONE
BUILDING
HIS CHURCH

**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 go to our
trained team in the
St John's Chapel.**

**Thank you for joining us.
We hope to see you again.**