

Christ Church Sunday 7th Sept 2025: Holy Communion

Welcome

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you **and also with you**

Commissioning – we pray for all who minister to young people

Flames – we pray for our children and their leaders

Song

COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING,

Who delight to bring Him praise.

Come, all and tune your hearts to sing

To the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth

We will lift our eyes to Him,

Where steady arms of mercy reach

To gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Let every tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice,

O church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,

And those weeping through the night.

Come, those who tell of battles won,

And those struggling in the fight.

For His perfect love will never change

And His mercies never cease,

But follow us through all our days

With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land,

Men and women of the faith.

Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing –
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age:
'Our God is all in all!'

We say sorry to God and one another

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.' As sisters and brothers in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

We are forgiven

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The church's prayer for today

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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

Song

THE LORD IS MY SALVATION

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from a raging sea

And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord, our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flowers each promise of His Word
When winter fades, I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need
When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach my final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

Gospel Reading - Luke 14:25-33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke; **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Song

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS;

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back; no turning back.

If no one joins me, still I will follow;
If no one joins me, still I will follow;
If no one joins me, still I will follow;
No turning back; no turning back.

The cross before me, the world behind me;
The cross before me, the world behind me;
The cross before me, the world behind me;
No turning back, no turning back.

We declare our faith in God

Do you believe and trust in God the Father creator of heaven and earth,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in God who made us.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son who became like one of us,
died for us, and rose again?

I believe and trust in God who rescues us.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the
people of God and makes Jesus known in the world?

I believe and trust in God who helps us.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

We are led in prayer

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

We share God's Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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

Communion

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 so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Great is the mystery of Faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, forever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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 for ever. Amen

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ; Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

We share bread and wine together

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We would love to pray for you – you will find our prayer team waiting at the front-left.

Prayer after communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices

Song

IN THE DARKNESS WE WERE WAITING

Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

We are sent out

The love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.