

Christ Church with St Mary's

Sunday 16th November 2025

Informal Service of Holy Communion

Theme : New from Old



We say together the words in **bold**



Welcome and Introduction



Bible verse of the year 2024 - 2025

**‘For all who are
led by the
Spirit of God are
children of God’**

Romans 8 : 14

A Prayer for Growth

**God of mission
who alone brings growth to your church,
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning
wisdom to our actions and power to our witness.
Help our Partnership of Churches to grow in numbers
in spiritual commitment to you
and in service to our Swindon community
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Opening Sentences

The world belongs to the Lord
the earth and all its people.

How good and how lovely it is
to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together
justice and peace join hands.



If the Lord's disciples keep silent,
these stones would shout aloud.

Lord, open our lips
**and our mouths shall
proclaim your praise.**



Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 1

**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**

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

**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**

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

**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**

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

**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
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Yet not I but through Christ in me



Offertory
and
thankyou
prayer



Children's talk – "When things fall apart"



Prayer with the children

Prayers of Penitence

As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us turn to the Lord and confess our sins.

Almighty God, in the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of God's people, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you, cared for your world or respected your people as we should.

We own our responsibility and pray for your pardon.

Amen

Words of Forgiveness

May God forgive us, Christ befriend us
and the Spirit renew and change our lives.

Amen



2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

This is the word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God

THE HOLY BIBLE
CONTAINING THE
OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT
TRANSLATED OUT OF THE
ORIGINALS AND WITH THE
DILIGENT

Goodness Of God

**I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God**



Chorus

**All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

Verse 2

**I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God**

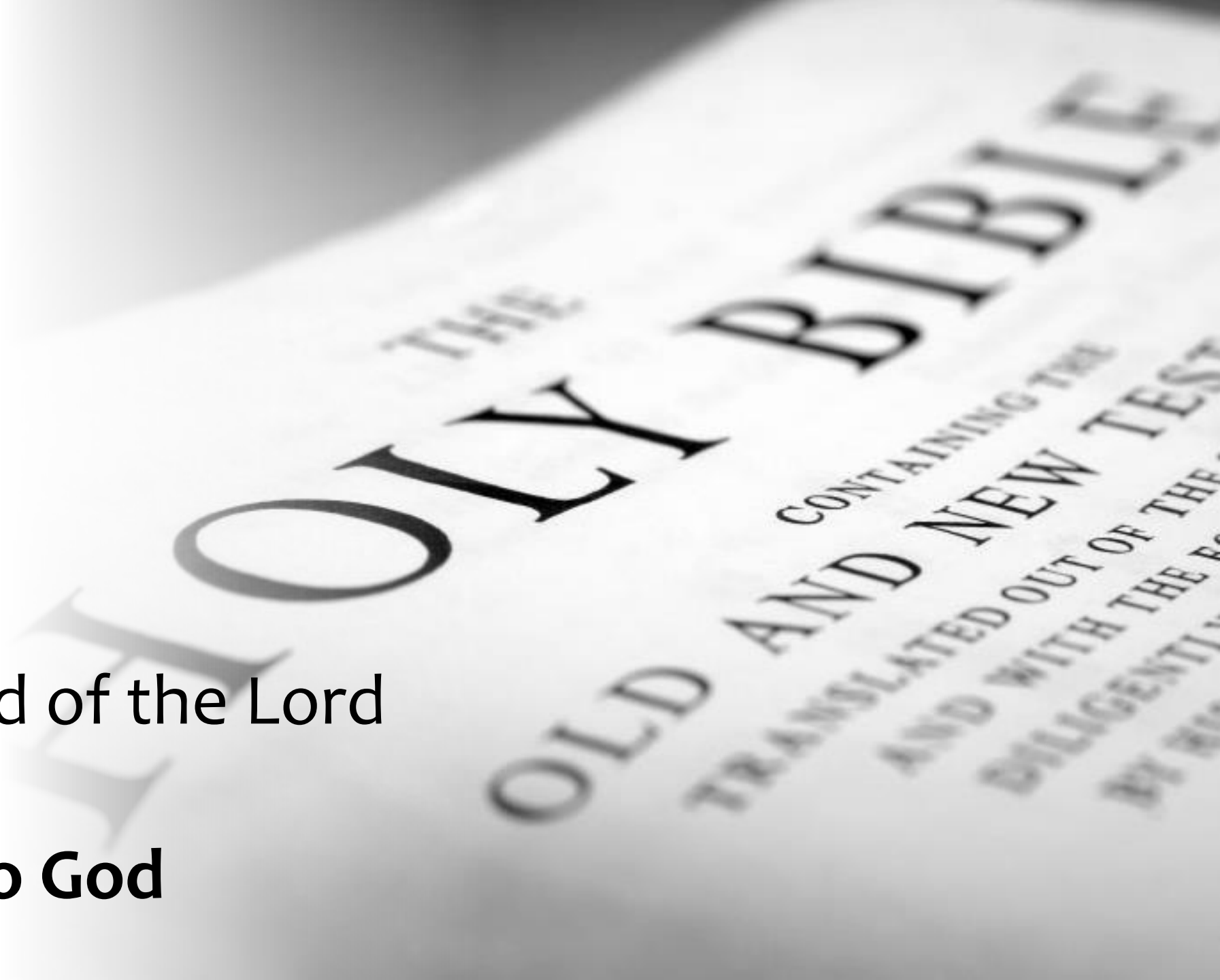
Bridge

**Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me**

Luke 21:5-19

This is the word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God





Sermon - 'New from Old'

The Profession of Faith – The Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth?

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth.**



Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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.**

A black and white photograph of a white dove standing in shallow water. The dove is facing left, with its head turned slightly towards the viewer. Its wings are partially spread, and its tail feathers are visible. The water is splashing around its feet. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light, suggesting a bright, sunny day.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit
the holy catholic Church
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting.
Amen**



Prayers of Intercession

Final Response

Merciful Father-

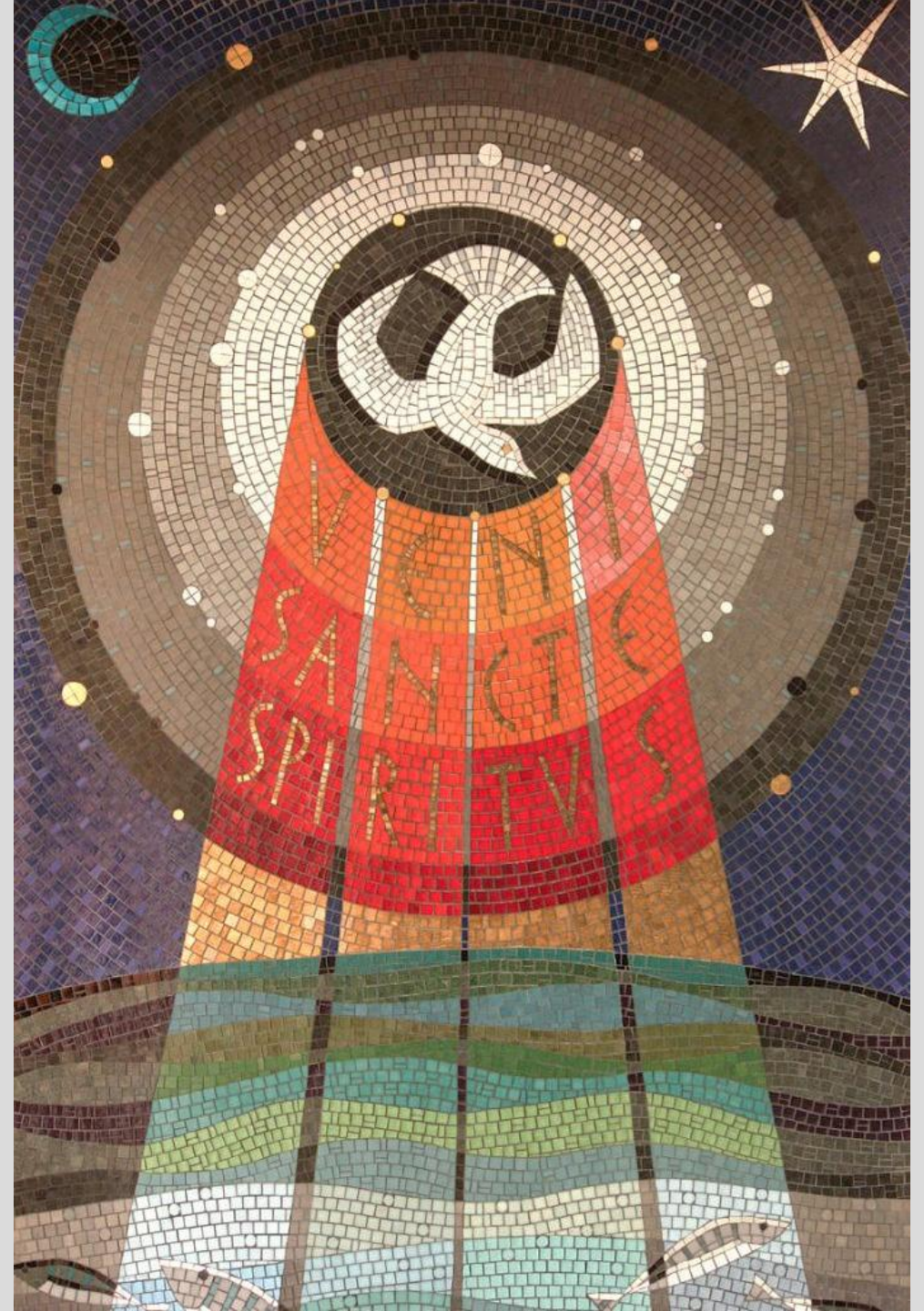
**Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen

The Peace

The peace of the Lord
be always with you

and also with you.



Battle Belongs

Verse 1

**When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain
You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You**

Chorus

**So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You**

**And if You are for me
Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing
Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross
God You see the empty tomb**



Bridge

**(An) Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God**

Tag

O God the battle belongs to You

The Holy 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 God thanks and praise.

O God of mystery and promise,
you invite us to discover you in the intimate places
of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover
you within the complexities of our humanity.



You call us beyond ourselves
to places of imagination,
in the unending cycles of day and night,
seasons of life and death.



With all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.



Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us
the wonder and richness of our humanity.

We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing
touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness.

Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity,
his flesh and blood with his friends.

As we do now what Jesus once did
let your Spirit move among us to settle on this
bread and this wine that they may become for us
the body and blood of Christ.



He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and said:



(together)

This is my body given for you.

Do this to remember me.

So too, after they had eaten, he took wine,
gave thanks for it and said:



(together)

**This is my blood, poured out in love for you.
Do this to remember me.**

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Come now Spirit of God
and as we eat and drink these bodily things,
make us one body, food for the world,
one blood to be poured out for the life of all.
Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us
with longing for the new age of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus
who gave his body
that we might be one
and his blood that
we might find new life.

Amen



As Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.**

Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Together we say:

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**



This is the table, not of the church, but of our Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come you who have much faith and you who have little.

With faith the
size of a...

NOTHING IS
IMPOSSIBLE.



Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is his will that those who want to know him
should meet him here.





Gathered Around the Table

[fed] + [forgiven]

Receiving the bread and wine

Be Still

Verse 1

**Be still my soul when battles are fought
Be still and know when peace has come**

Chorus 1

**Find me in the river
In the abundance of His love
In the fullness of His promises
Be still my soul be still and know**

Verse 2

**Be still my soul when kingdoms fall
Be still and know when victory is won**

Chorus 2

**Find me in the river
In the abundance of His love
In the fullness of His promises
Be still my soul be still and know**

He is God

He is God

He is God

Bridge

Be exalted be exalted be exalted in all the earth

Be exalted be exalted be exalted in all the earth

Still

Verse 1

**Hide me now
Under Your wings
Cover me
Within Your mighty hand**

Chorus

**When the oceans rise and thunders roar
I will soar with You above the storm
Father You are King over the flood
I will be still and know You are God**

Still

Verse 2

**Find rest my soul
In Christ alone
Know His power
In quietness and trust**



Gathered Around the Table

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Receiving the bread and wine

After communion:

Let us pray

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have
put your life into our hands
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew us and remake us.
What we have been is past
what we shall be through you,
still awaits us.**

Lead us on. Take us with you.



Amen.

Now may the Spirit of God who brooded over the
waters and brought order out of chaos

find a home in our hearts and settle our minds
as we continue today and that tomorrow we may
wake and live to God's glory. **Amen.**

Family News

What is going on?



In Christ alone

Verse 1

**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.**

Verse 2

**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:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The love 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 its 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;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

Go out into the world in peace, have courage
hold on to what is good,
return no one evil for evil
strengthen the faint hearted,
support the weak, help the suffering,
honour everyone, love and serve God
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

The Blessing

With the risen life
of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

