

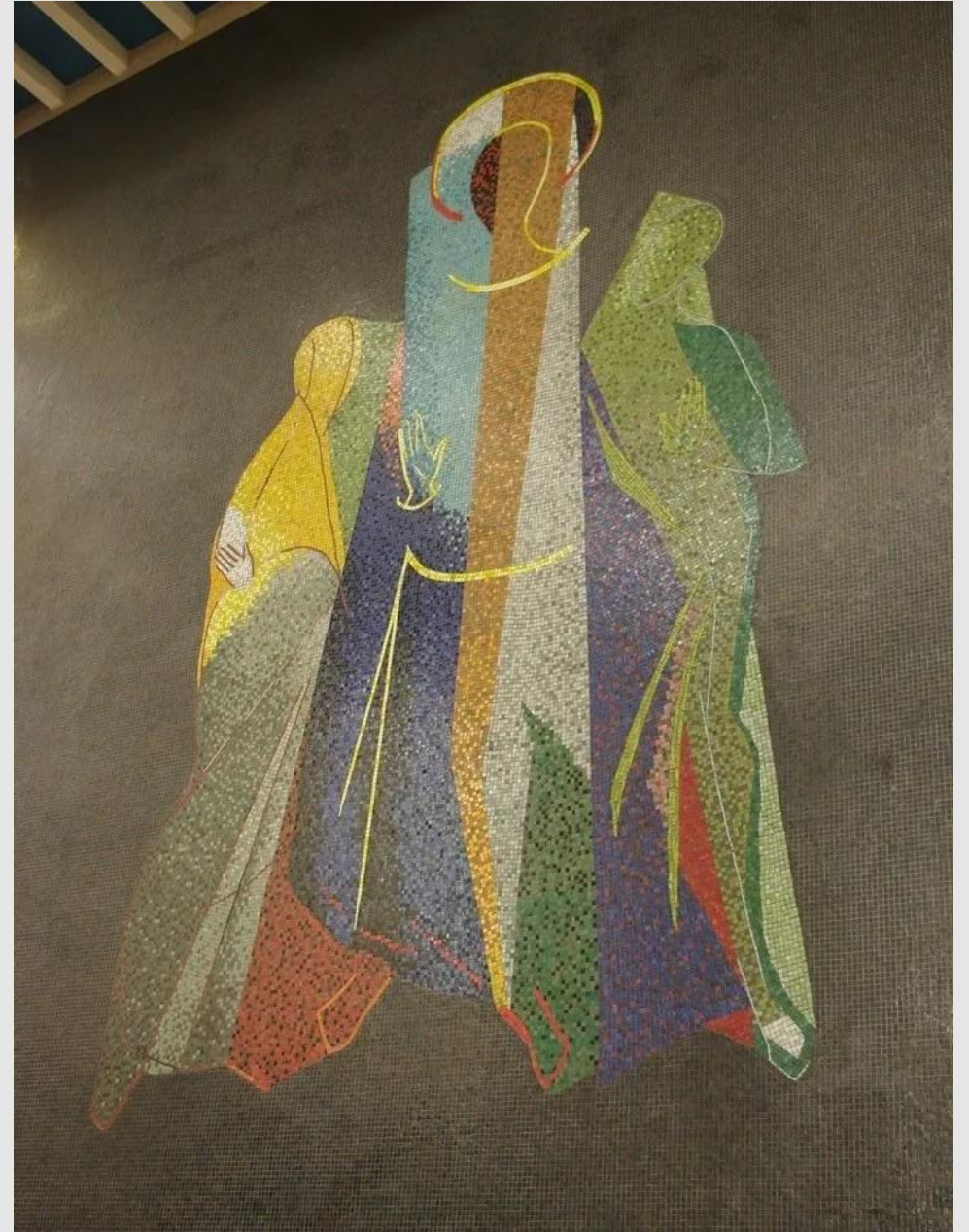
Sunday 19th April 2026

Christ Church with St Mary's

Service of Informal Holy Communion

Theme: 3rd Sunday of Easter

We say together the words in **bold**





The Lord be with you



and also with you.



Parish Bible verse
2025 - 2026

**Love never wrongs
anyone- hence love
is the fulfilment
of the law.**

Romans 13:10

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.



Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out,
I'll ... Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord...
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge:

You give and take away (x 2)
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name



Offertory
and
thankyou
prayer



Children's talk – "Who are you?"



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

1 Peter 1:17-23

This is the word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God



Goodness Of God

1. 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

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 24: 13-35

This is the word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God





Sermon - “Who are you?”

Prayers



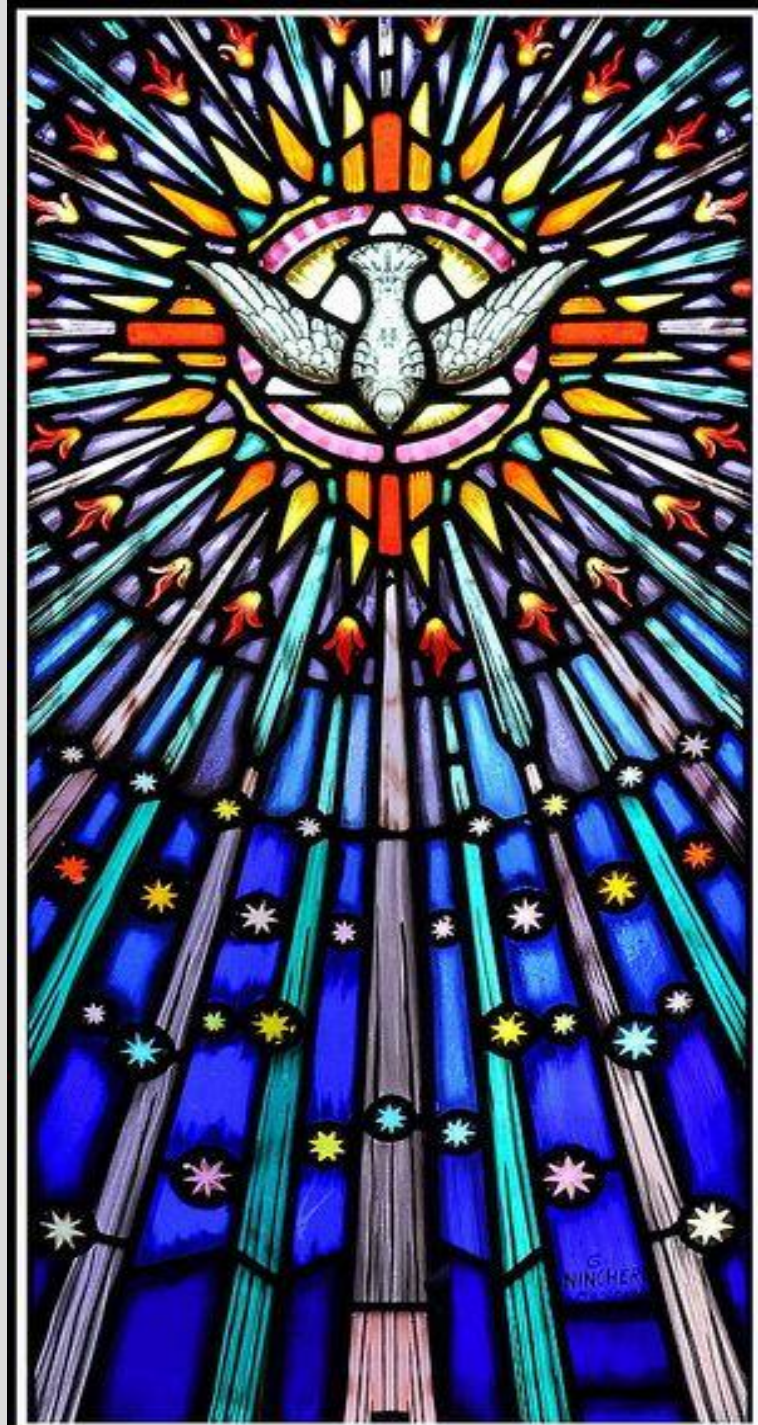
Final Response

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.



Lord You have my Heart

Lord You will have my heart
And I will search for Yours
Jesus take my life and lead
me on.

Lord you have my heart
And I will search for Yours
Let me be to you a sacrifice.



Chorus

And I will praise You Lord
And I will sing of love come down
And as You show Your face
We'll see Your glory here



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 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.

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

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Receiving
the
bread and wine



To be in Your Presence

To be in Your presence

To sit at Your feet

Where your love surrounds me

And makes me complete

This is. my desire O Lord, this is my desire

This is. my desire O Lord, this is my desire

To rest in Your presence
Not rushing away
To cherish each moment
Here I would stay

This is. my desire O Lord, this is my desire
This is. my desire O Lord, this is my desire

Holy Forever

Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus

(Jesus) Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been
redeemed

Sing the song forever to the Lamb

If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name

Sing the song forever to the Lamb

We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 2

Hear the people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

Tag

You will always be Holy
Holy forever

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

God's work-
our hands



Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

2.'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free

My God my Saviour has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains

Unending love amazing grace

3. The Lord has promised good to me

His word my hope secures

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine. (X 3)



Chorus

**My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

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.

A large, mature tree with dark, gnarled branches is covered in dense, vibrant pink blossoms. The tree dominates the left and center of the frame. In the foreground, a lush green lawn is dotted with several tulips in shades of pink, red, and yellow. The background shows more trees and a glimpse of a building, suggesting a park or garden setting. The overall atmosphere is bright and cheerful, typical of spring.

The Blessing

