

Sunday 9th August 2026

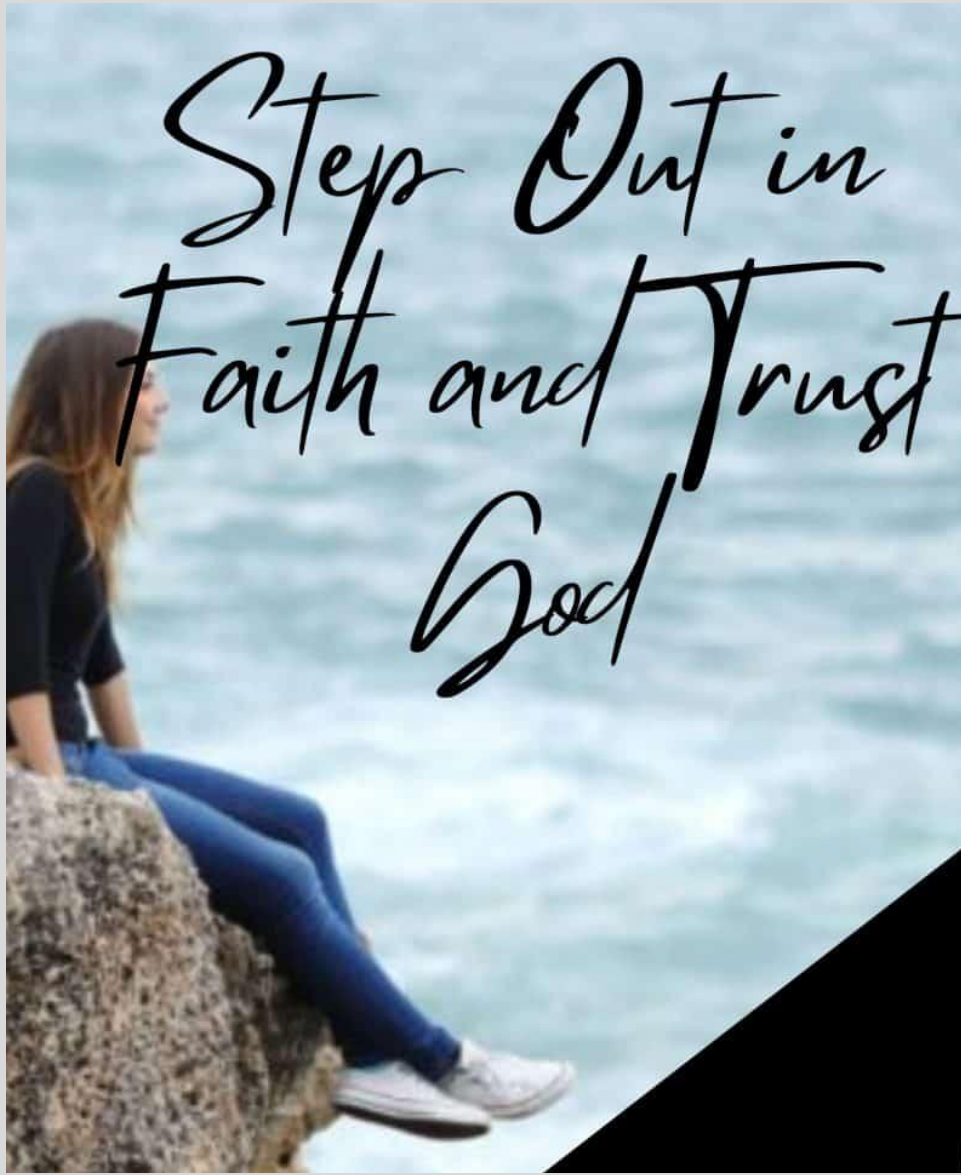
Christ Church with St Mary's

Service of Holy Communion

**Theme: Stepping out in faith
and trusting God**



We say together the words in **bold**



Welcome and Introduction

Grace, mercy and peace
from
God our Father
and
the Lord Jesus Christ
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**

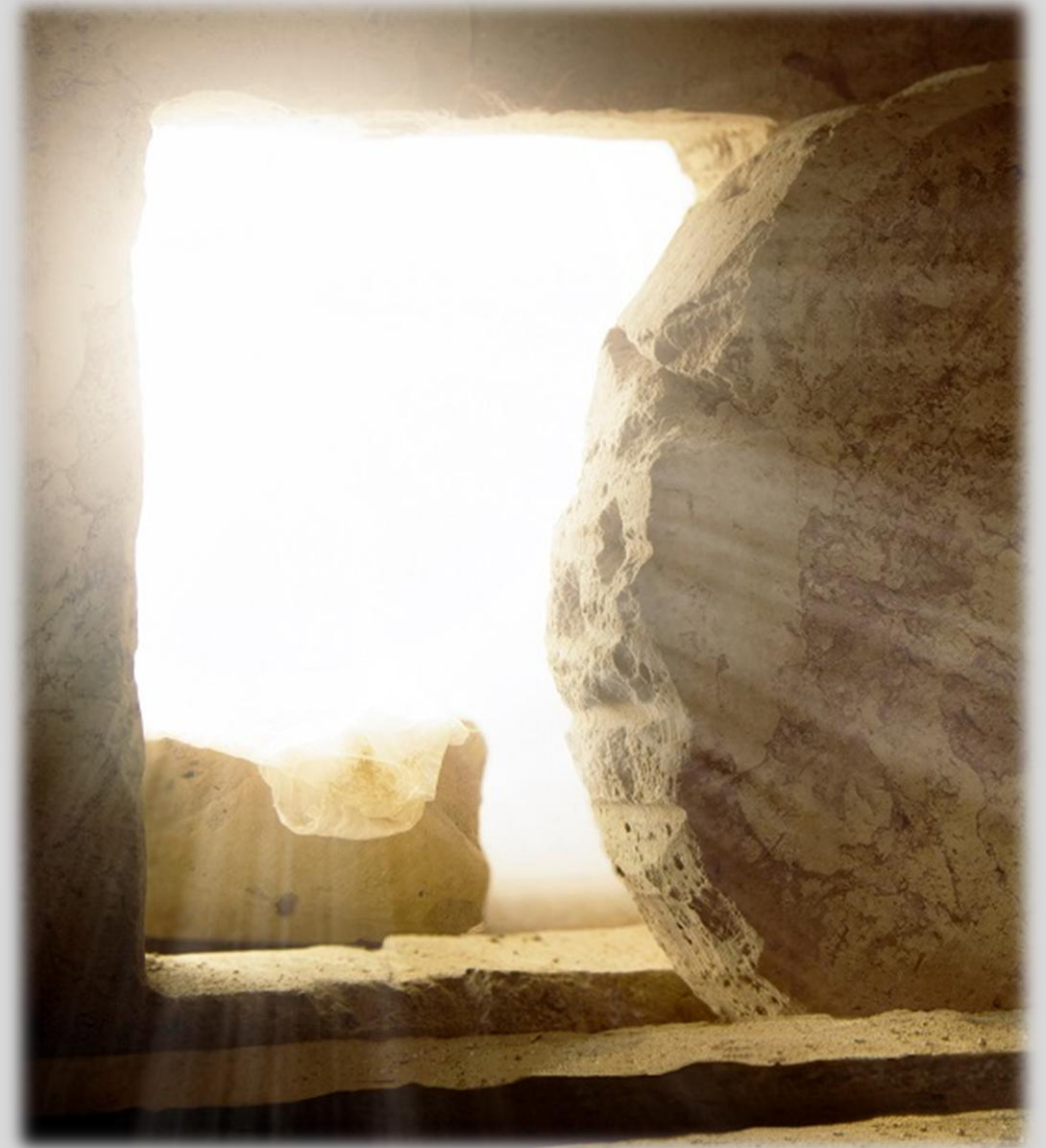
**1 At the name of Jesus
ev'ry knee shall bow
ev'ry tongue confess him
King of glory now
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.**



**2At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight
all the angels' faces
all the hosts of light
thrones and dominations
stars upon their way
all the heav'nly orders
in their great array.**



**3 Humbled for a season
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.**



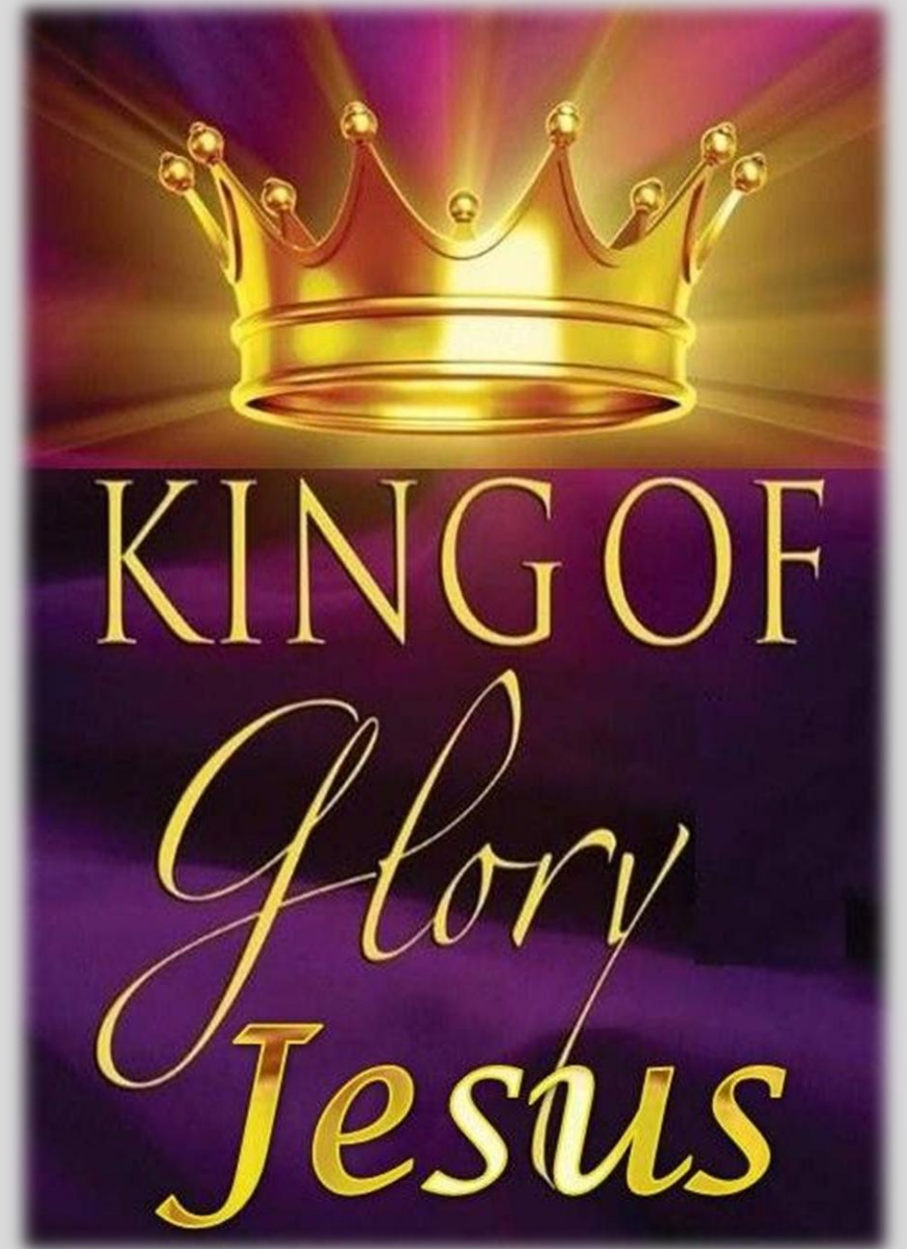
**4 Bore it up triumphant
with its human light
through all ranks of creatures
to the central height
to the throne of Godhead
to the Father's breast
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.**



**5 In your hearts enthrone him
there let him subdue
all that is not holy
all that is not true
crown him as your captain
in temptation's hour
let his will enfold you
in its light and pow'r.**



**6 Truly, this Lord Jesus
shall return again
with his Father's glory
with his angel train
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.**





Offertory
and
thank you
prayer



Children's Talk– 'Stepping out in faith and trusting God'



Prayer with the children

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hidden
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

St Paul says

‘Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved
do not grieve the Holy Spirit
put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice’.

So let us confess our sins to God
who forgives us in Christ.

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong we have thought
and said and done and are mindful of all
that we have failed to do.**

**For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and help us to live each
day in the light of Christ our Lord.**

Amen

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins
and assure us of his
eternal love in
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**



**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, you are seated at the
right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.**



**For you alone are the Holy One
you alone are the Lord
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**



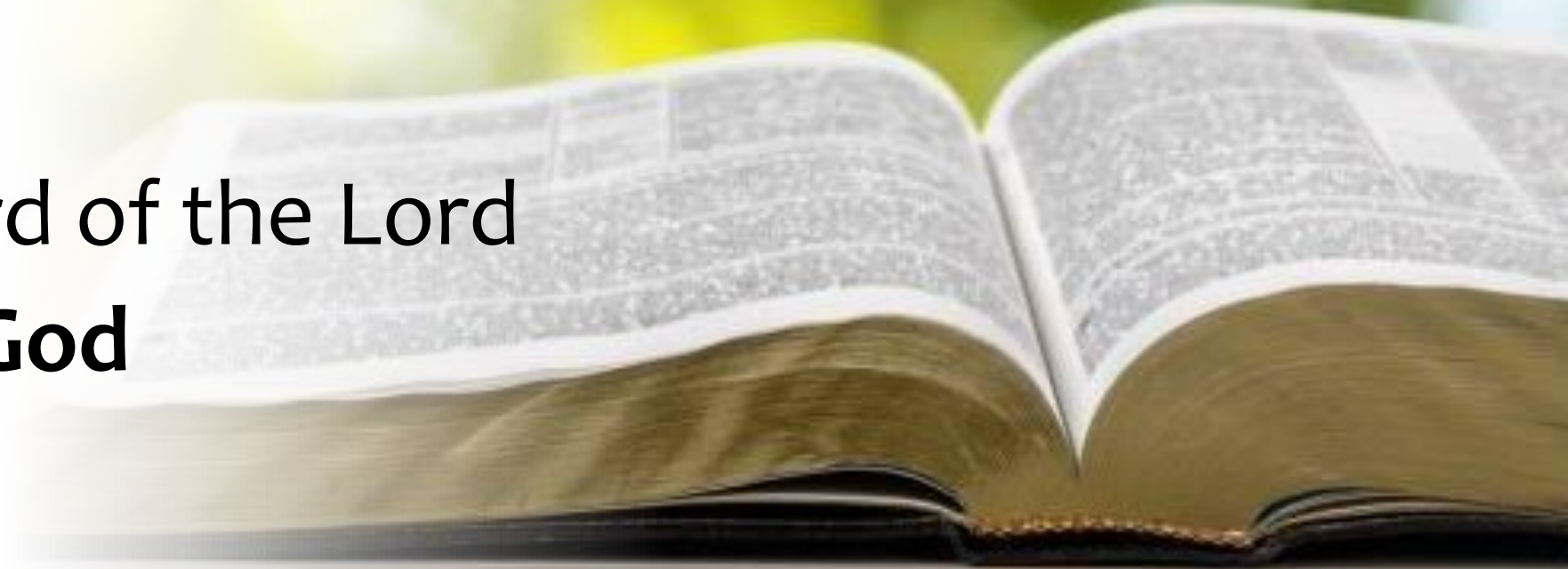
The Collect prayer for today

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Romans 10 : 5 - 15

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God





**¹Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea.
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying 'Christian, follow me.'**

**²As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake
turned from home and toil and kindred
leaving all for his dear sake.**

³Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store
from each idol that would keep us
saying 'Christian, love me more.'

⁴In our joys and in our sorrows
days of toil and hours of ease
still he calls, in cares and pleasures
that we love him more than these.

**GOD
cares**

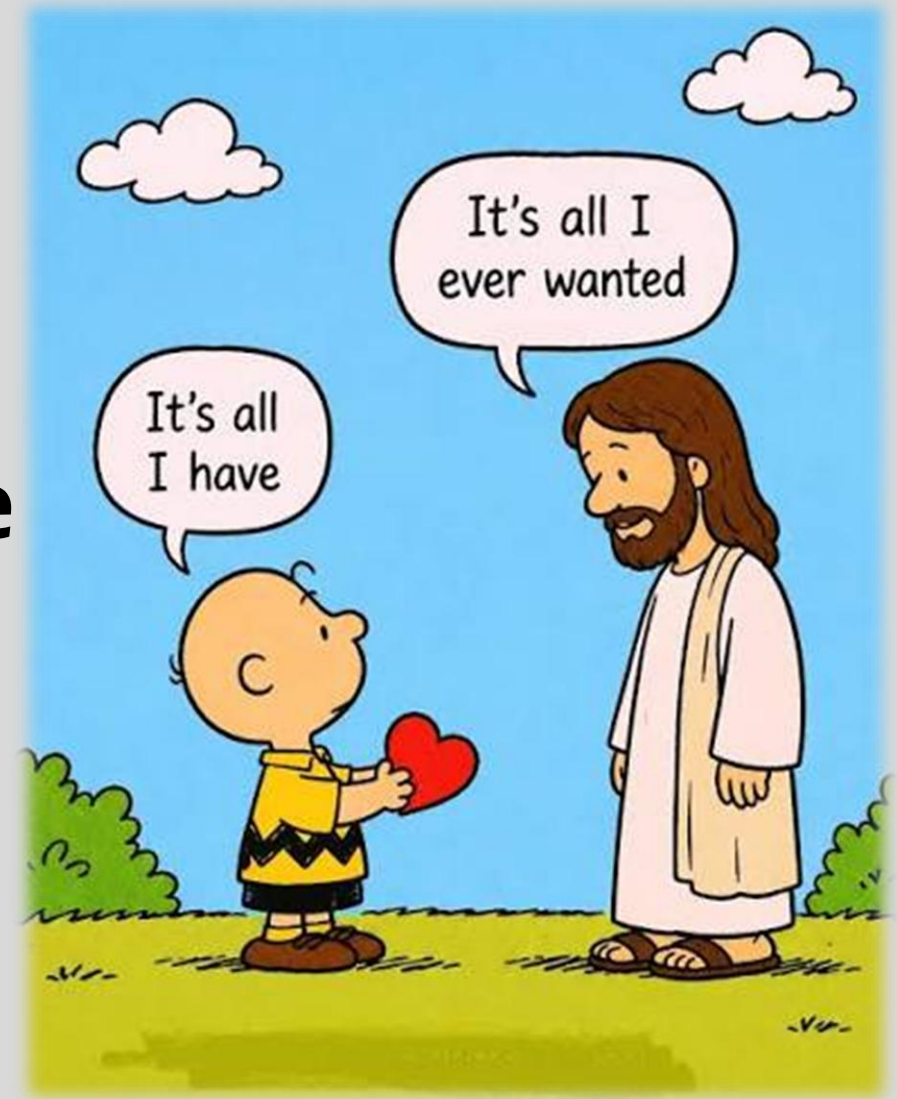
*about everything
that concerns you,*

So feel free

to talk to him about

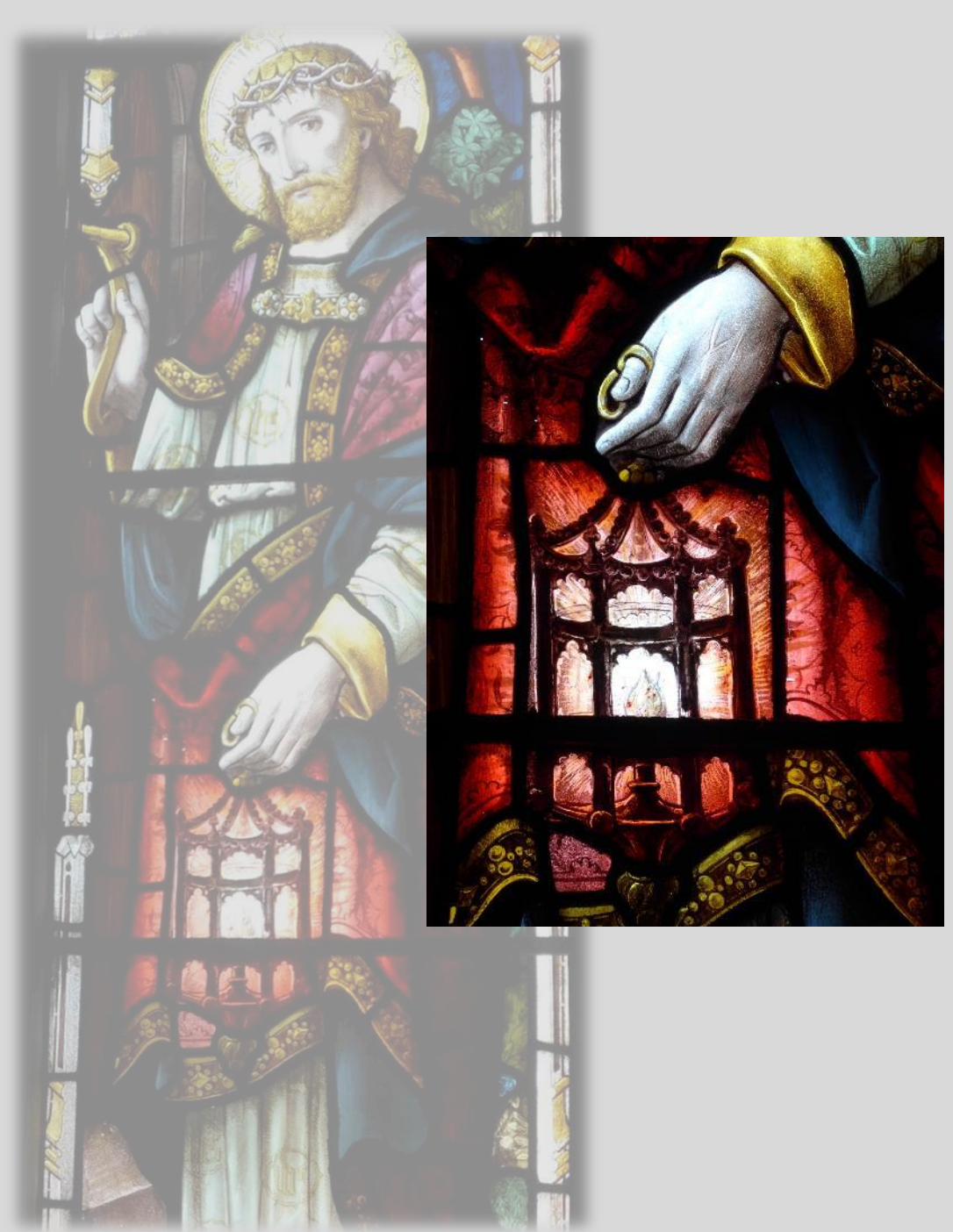
anything

**5 Jesus calls us: by thy mercies
Saviour, make us hear thy call
give our hearts to thine obedience
serve and love thee best of all.**



Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the Light of the
World, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me
will never walk in
darkness but will have
the light of life.

Alleluia



Hear the Gospel of
our Lord Jesus Christ
according to.....
Glory to you O Lord

Matthew 14 : 22 - 33

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ





Sermon – ‘Stepping out in faith and trusting God’

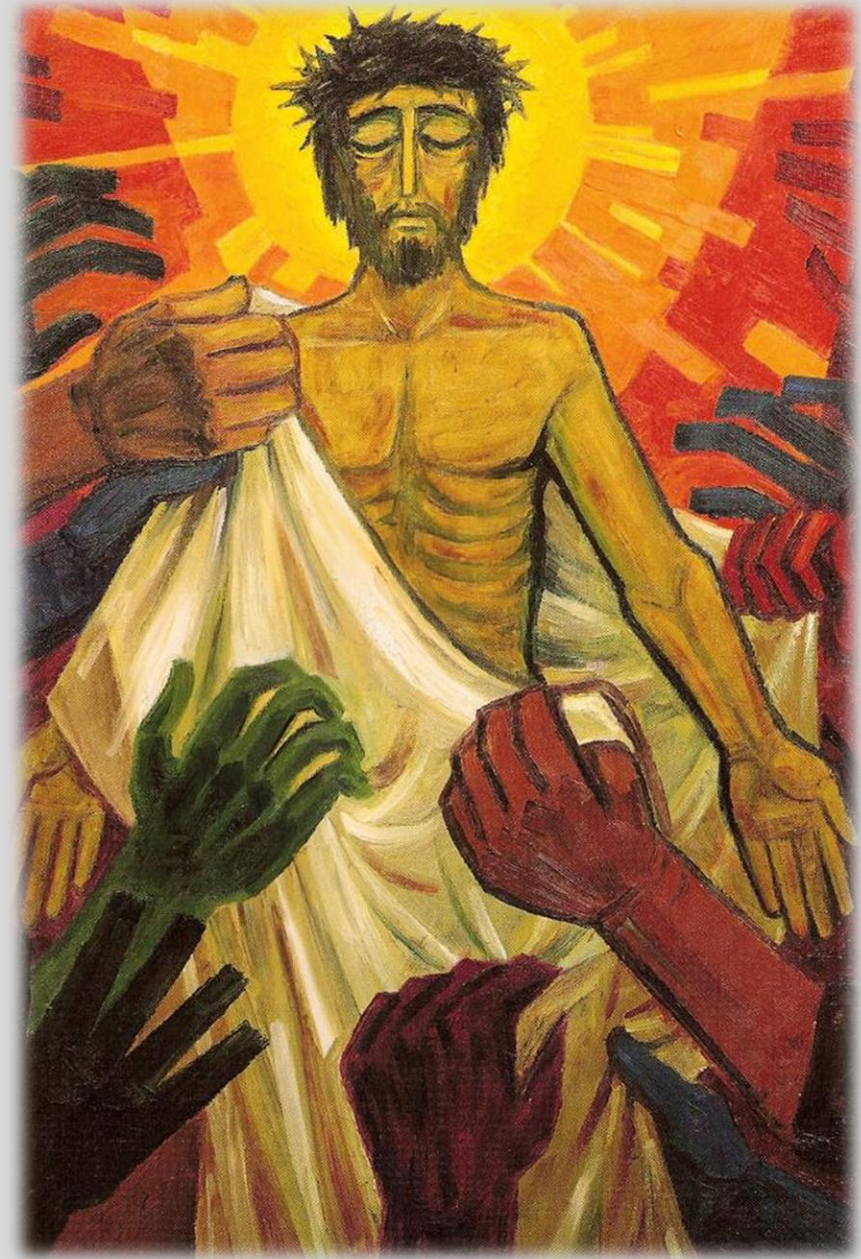
The Creed

**We believe in God the Father
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour
Son of God in human frame
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**



**Christ, who on the cross forsaken
like a lamb to slaughter led
suffered under Pontius Pilate
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen
heaven's king to rule and reign
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**



**We believe in God the Spirit
in one Church, below, above
saints of God in one communion
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.**

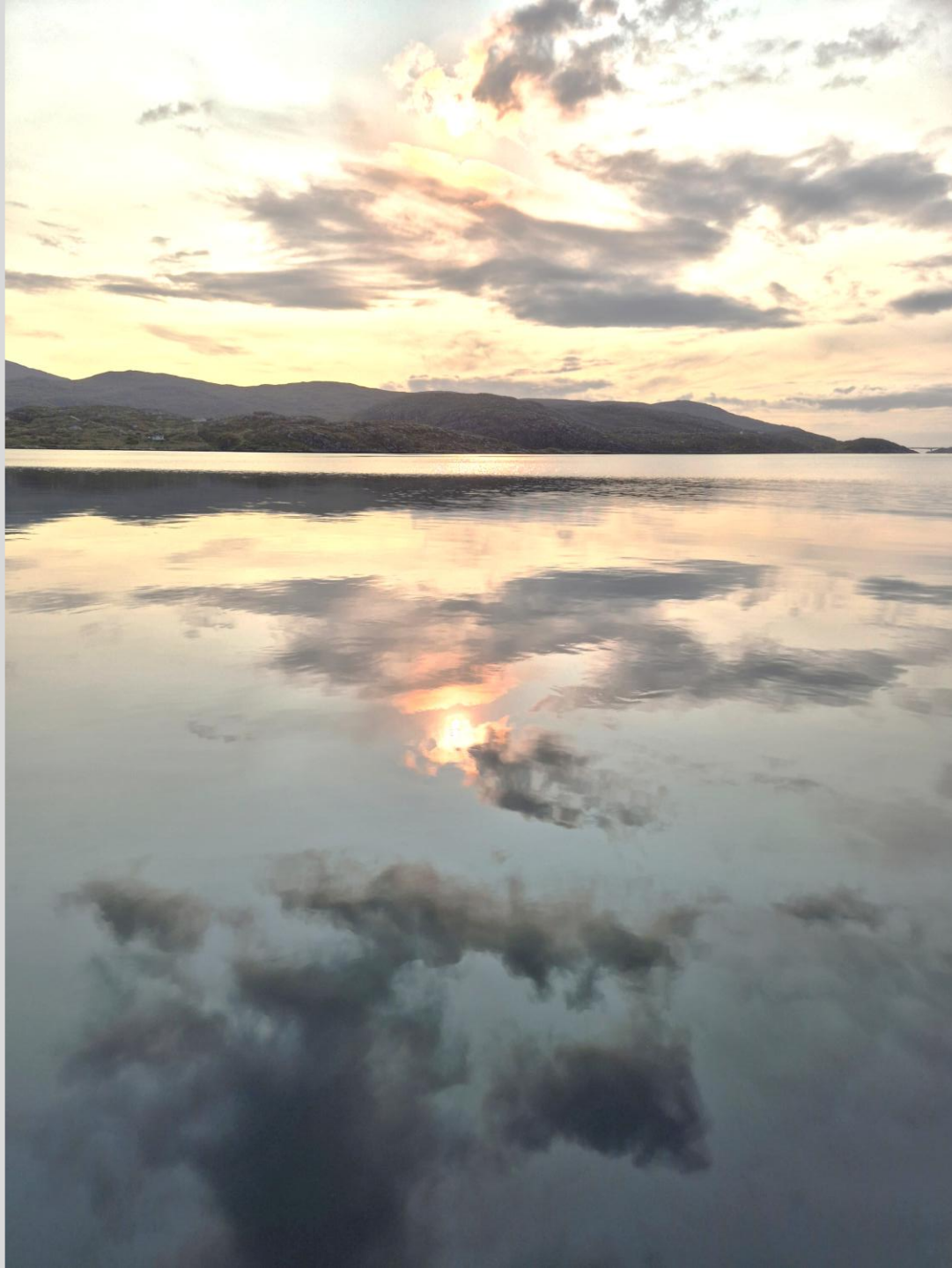


Prayers of Intercession



Final Response

**Merciful Father - Accept these prayers
for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

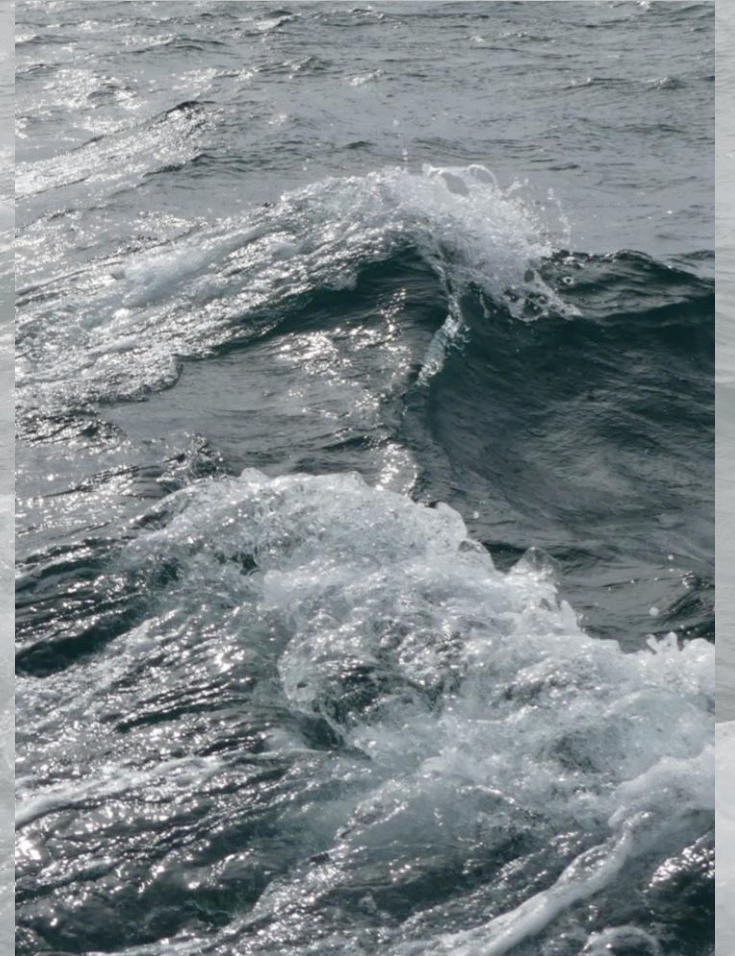


The Peace

God is love and those who
live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

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

**¹Eternal Father strong to save
whose arm doth bind
the restless wave
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**



**2 O Saviour,
whose almighty word
the winds and waves
submissive heard
who walkedst on the foaming deep
and calm, amid its rage didst sleep
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**



**³O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
upon the waters dark and rude
and bid their angry tumult cease
and give for wild confusion, peace
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**



**⁴O Trinity of love and pow'r,
our brethren shield in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest fire and foe
protect them whereso'er they go
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise
from land and sea.**



Pour upon the poverty of our love
and the weakness of our praise,
the transforming fire of your presence.

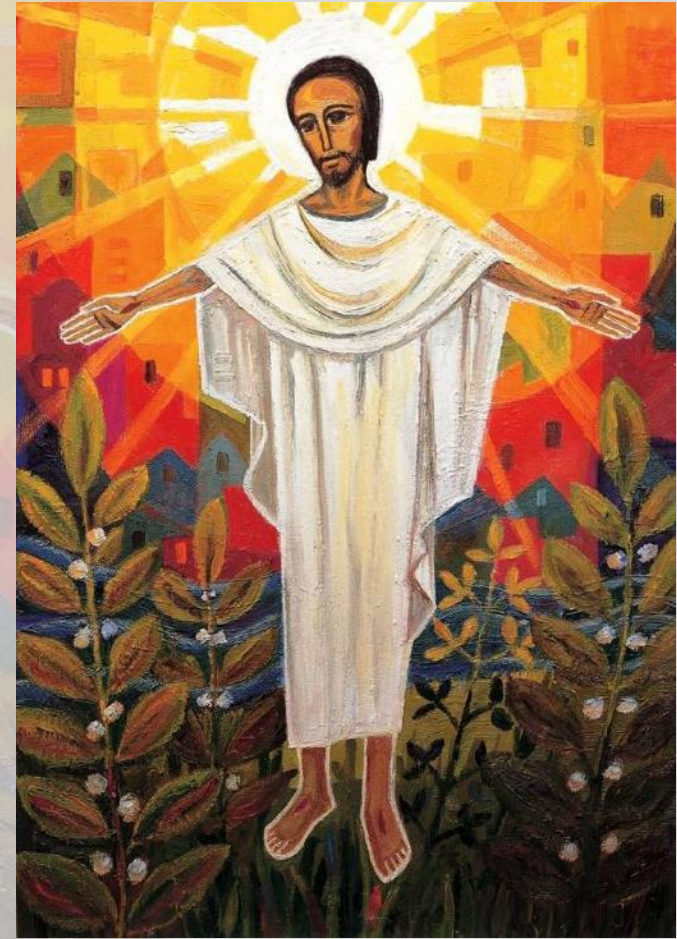
Amen



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 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
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.



**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

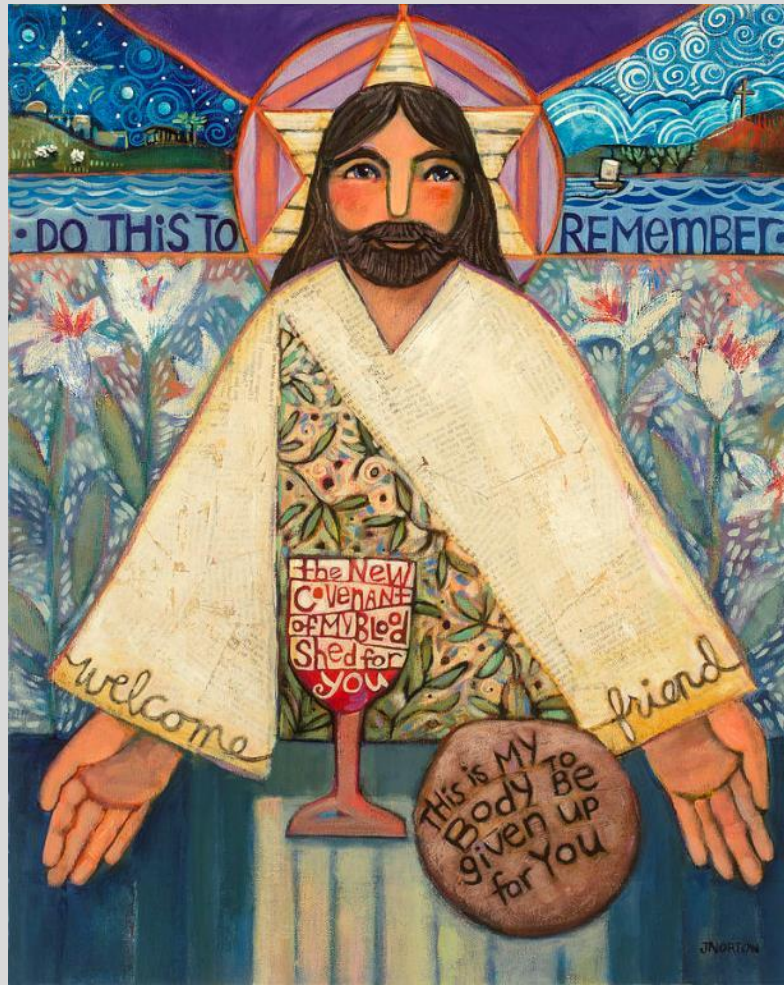
As we proclaim his death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.



**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.**

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 for ever.**

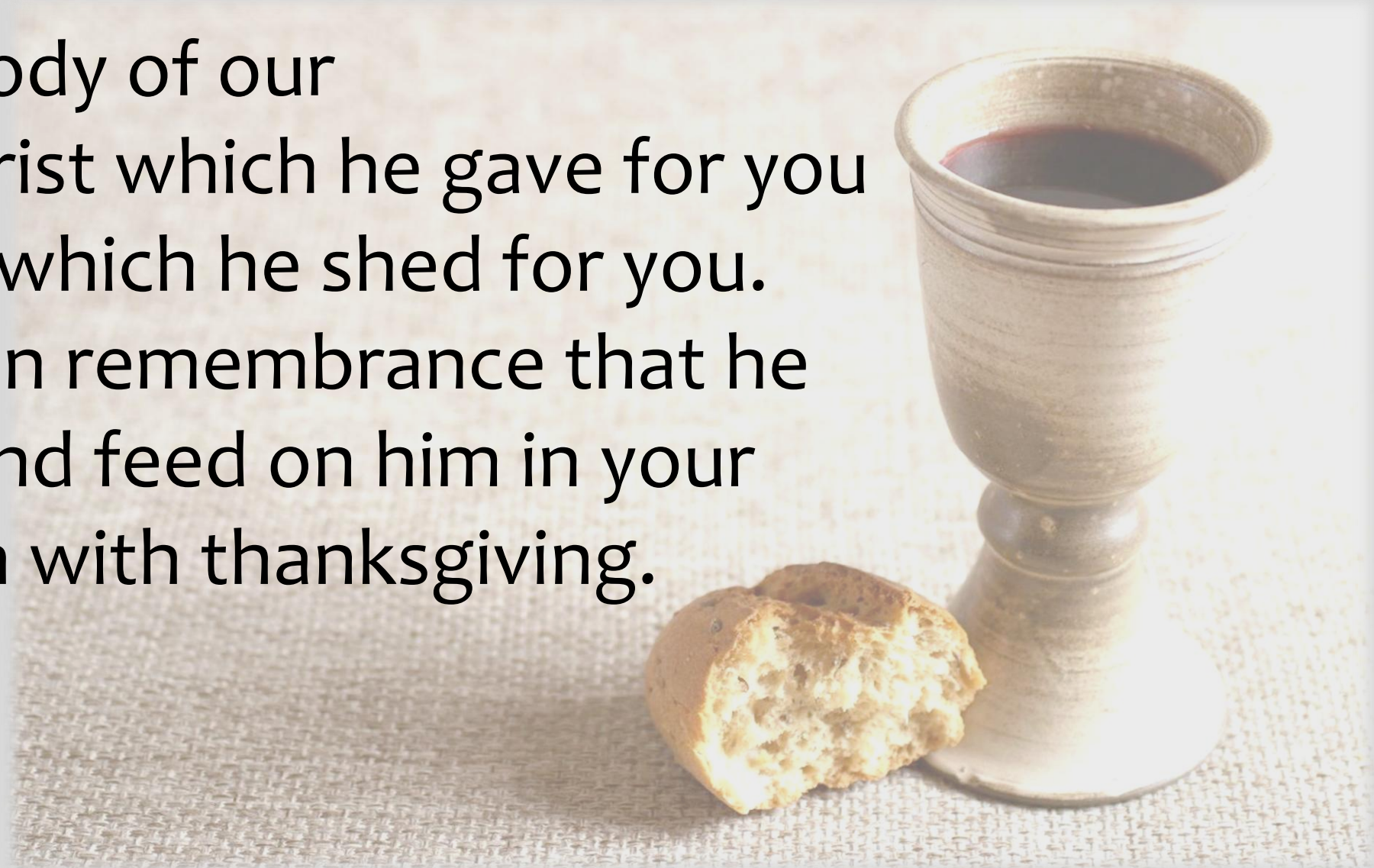
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We break this bread to share in the body of Christ



**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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 do not presume to come to this your table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to
gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son
Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made
clean by his body and our souls
washed through his most precious
blood and that we may evermore
dwell in him and he in us.**

Amen



We sing together –

**Jesus, Lamb of God
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer of the world
give us your peace.**



A close-up photograph of a large, rustic loaf of bread with a golden-brown, cracked crust. In the background, two more loaves of bread are visible, and a few wheat stalks lie on the wooden surface. The scene is set on a dark, textured wooden table.

Jesus Is the Bread of Life

Receiving the bread and wine

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we, who follow the path of your will,
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us with this sacrament,
united us with Christ and given us a foretaste
of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples.**



Amen

What is
going on ?

Family News



God's work. Our hands.

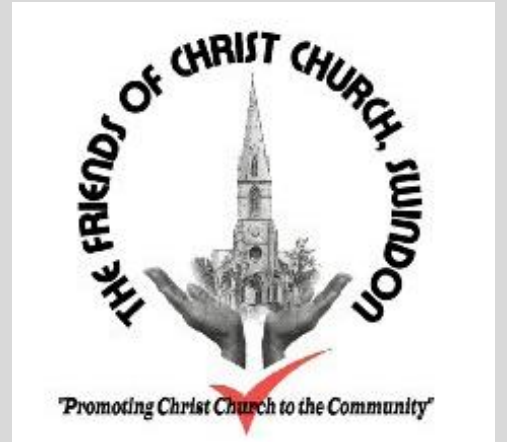




The Friends of Christ Church

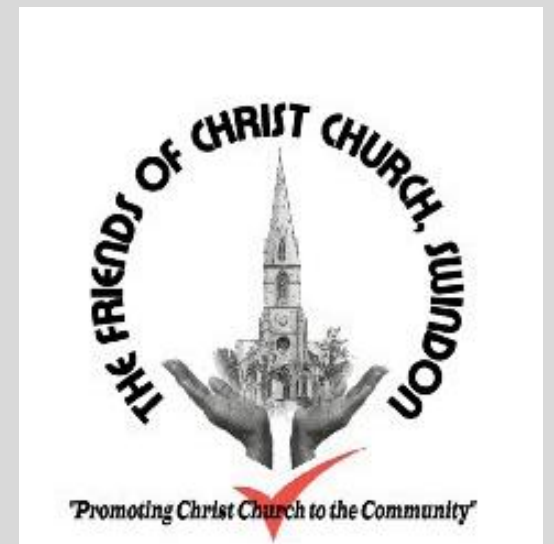
Who are we?

- Founded in 2001
- Aims are to maintain the church as a place of worship and community resource
- Support specific projects for the maintenance and enhancement of the fabric of the church and its environs
- Part of this includes support for the bellringers and our church choir
- We also support projects for other buildings associated with Christ Church - St Mary's in Commonweal Road and The Community Centre@ Christ Church



Recent Projects

- The Beacon on the Hill by Mark Bridgeman
- Christ Church – Stained Glass
- Redevelopment of Rose Garden to Jubilee Memorial Garden
- Major work on organ
- Church clock
- Stained glass
- The portable kitchen





25th Anniversary quiz

- Sat 19th September – 7pm
- £10 per person
- 2 – 6 people per team
- Fish & Chip supper included



The Friends of Christ Church

*25th Anniversary
Afternoon Tea
Celebration*

Sunday 20th Sep - 4 to 6:30pm
in the Community Centre

Enjoy a delicious selection of tea,
coffee, freshly made sandwiches,
homemade cakes, and traditional
scones with jam and cream.

Free to Members

Family and Friends welcome with donation
(please pre-book for catering numbers)

All Invited

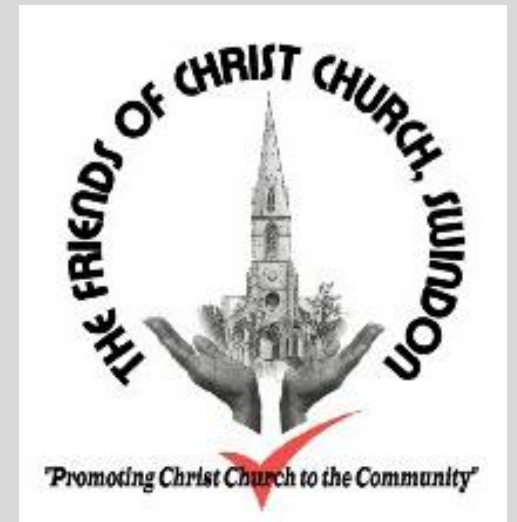


25th Afternoon Tea

- Sunday 20th September 4 - 6.30pm
- Sandwiches, cakes, scones with jam and cream
- FREE event for members
(family members welcome by donation)
- Prebooking essential
- Evensong afterwards

Benefits of being a Friend

- receive our annual newsletter
- have free entry to our annual lecture
- have access to educational tours plus other one-off activities
- have the option to propose future projects
- receive 10% off individual building/ hall hire
- receive 10% off event tickets for Christ Church and Community Centre (not group bookings or 25th quiz)
- help preserve, maintain and improve the building and its environs for the future - new ideas always welcome



Friends subscriptions

- Annual single membership - £10
- Annual family membership - £20 per family
(2 adults and dependants under 18)
- Life membership - a single payment of £125.



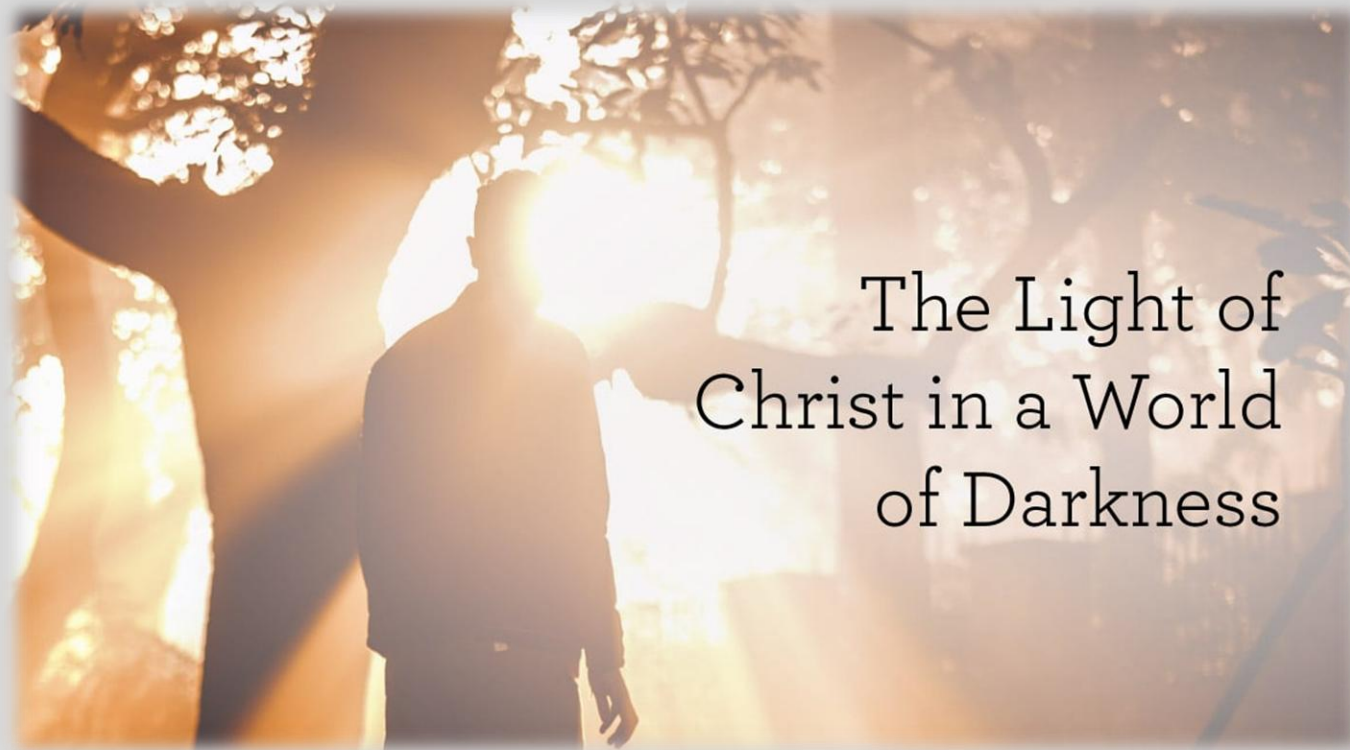
**Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news
to all the nations take
proclaim Christ Jesus,
Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world
his worthy praise may sing.**



**2Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?**

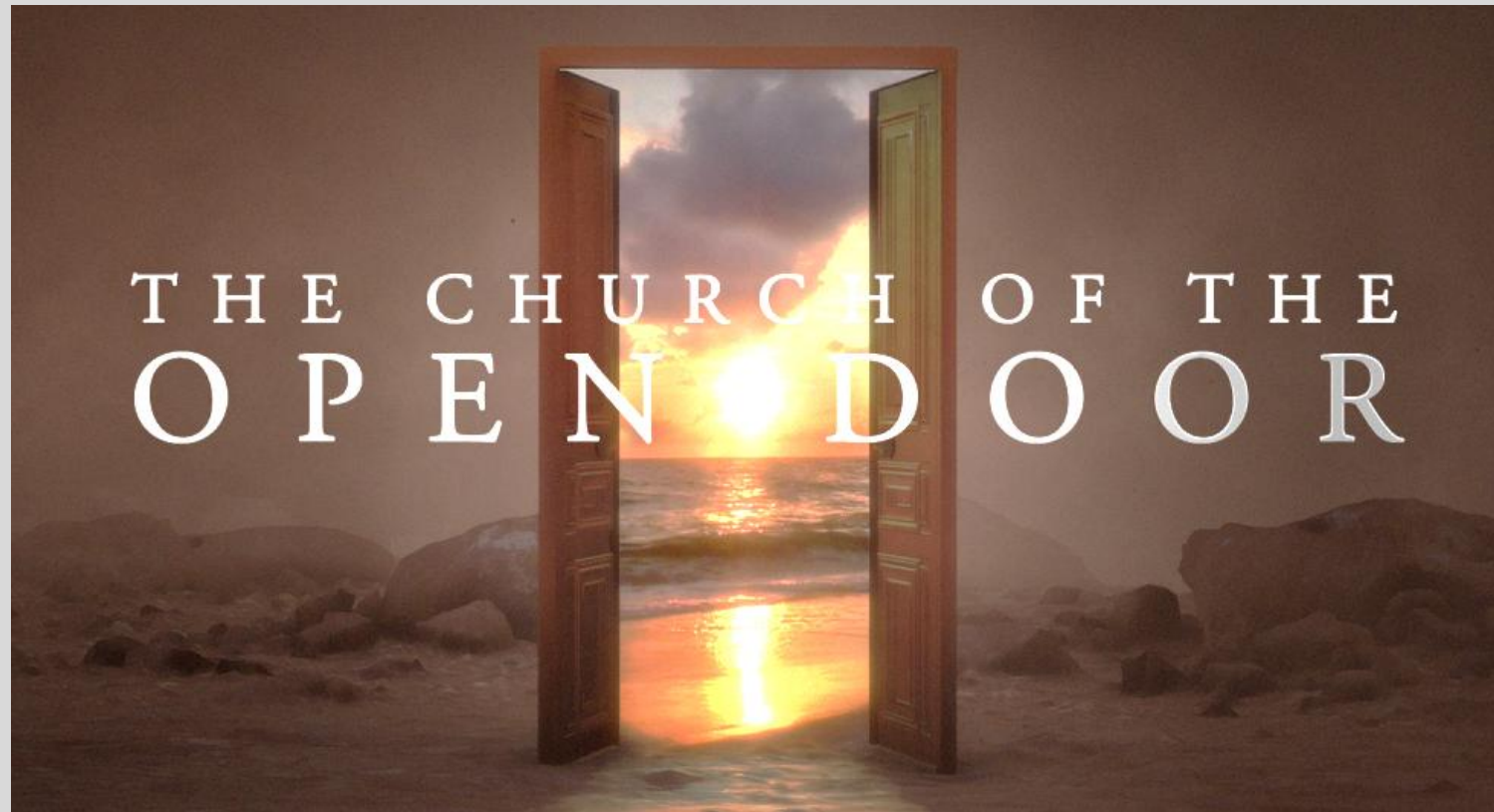


**3 Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind
a love like yours which cares for humankind.**

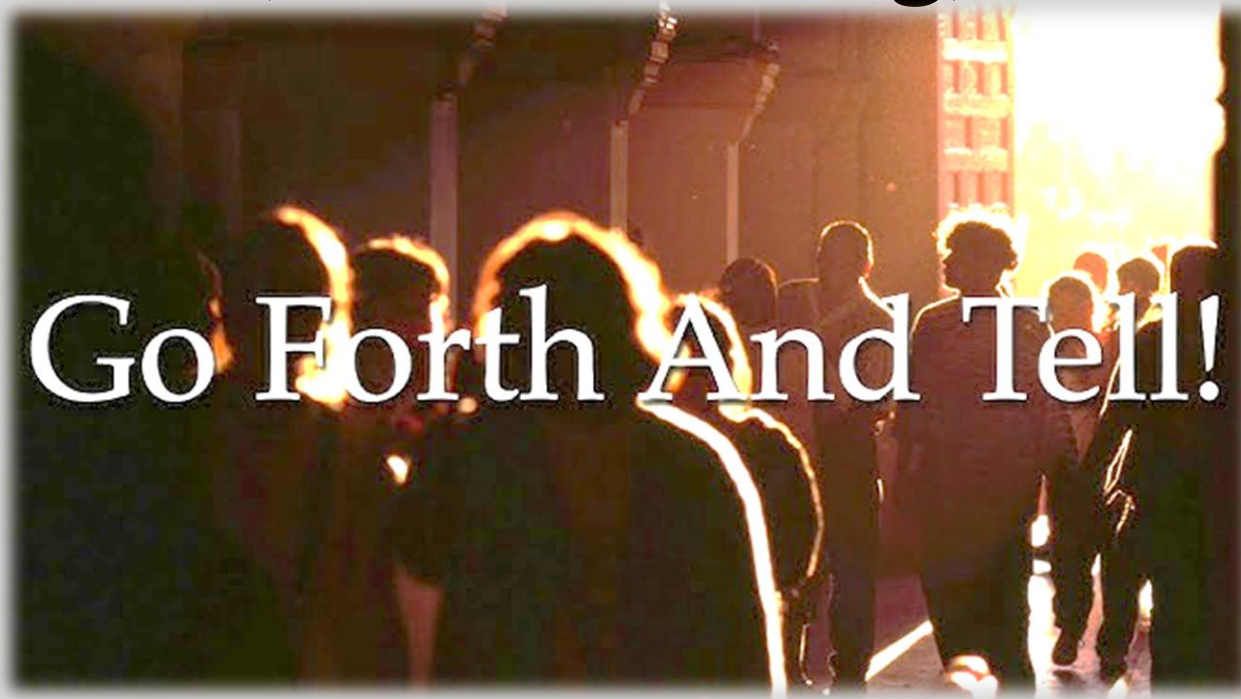


The Light of
Christ in a World
of Darkness

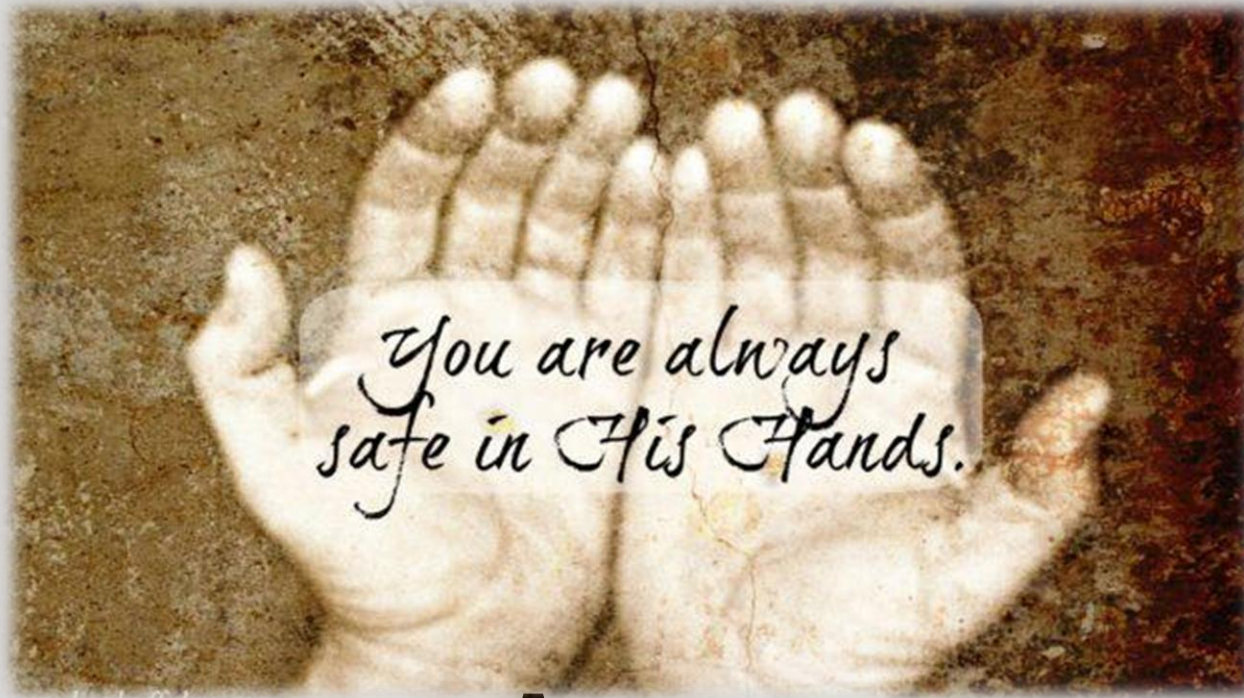
**4Go forth and tell! the doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts-let no one be denied
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose
your ransomed pow'rs for his sole glory use.**



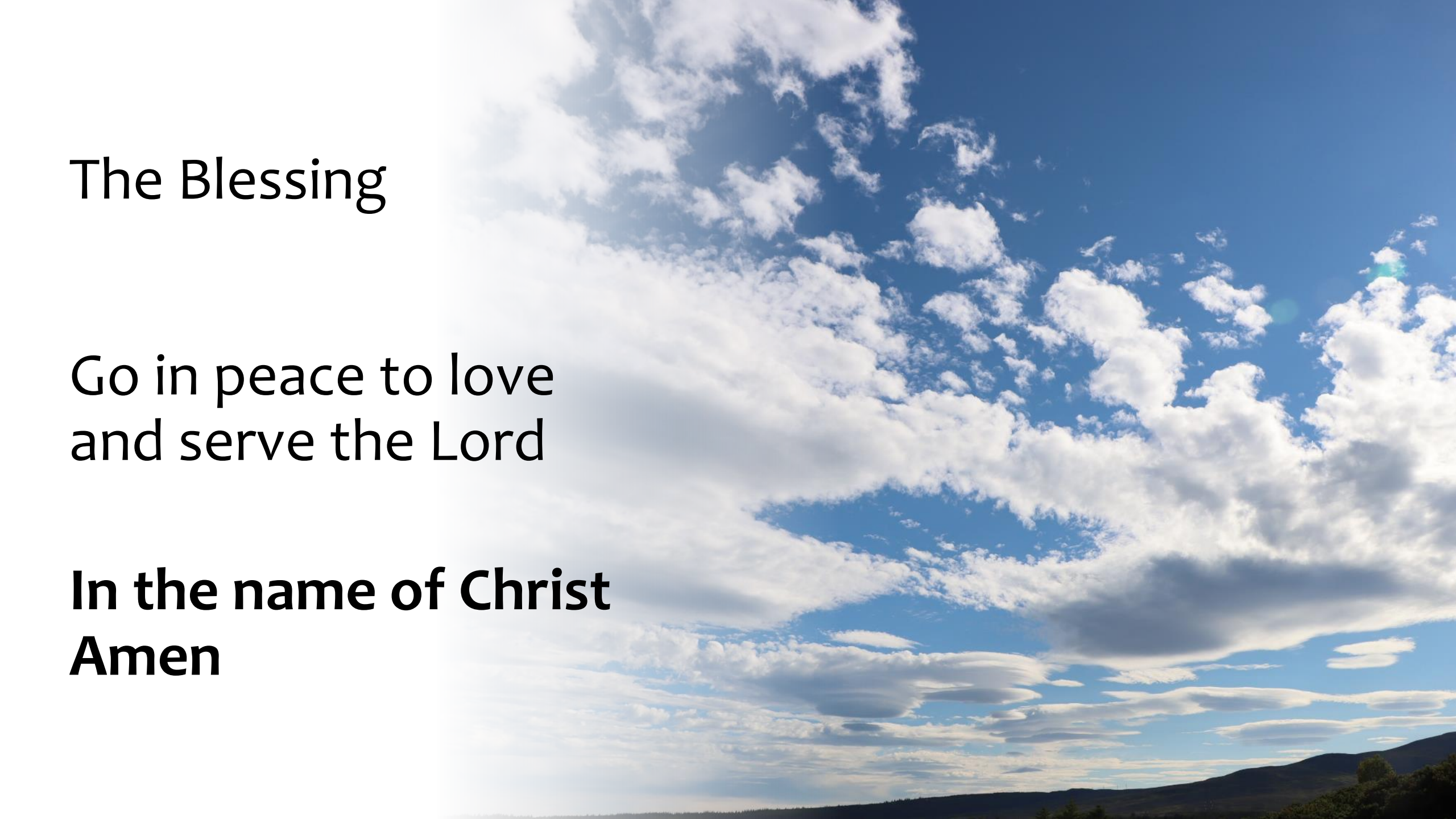
**5 Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King, for evermore.**



You are called and loved by God the Father
and kept safe by Jesus Christ.
Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance,
from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



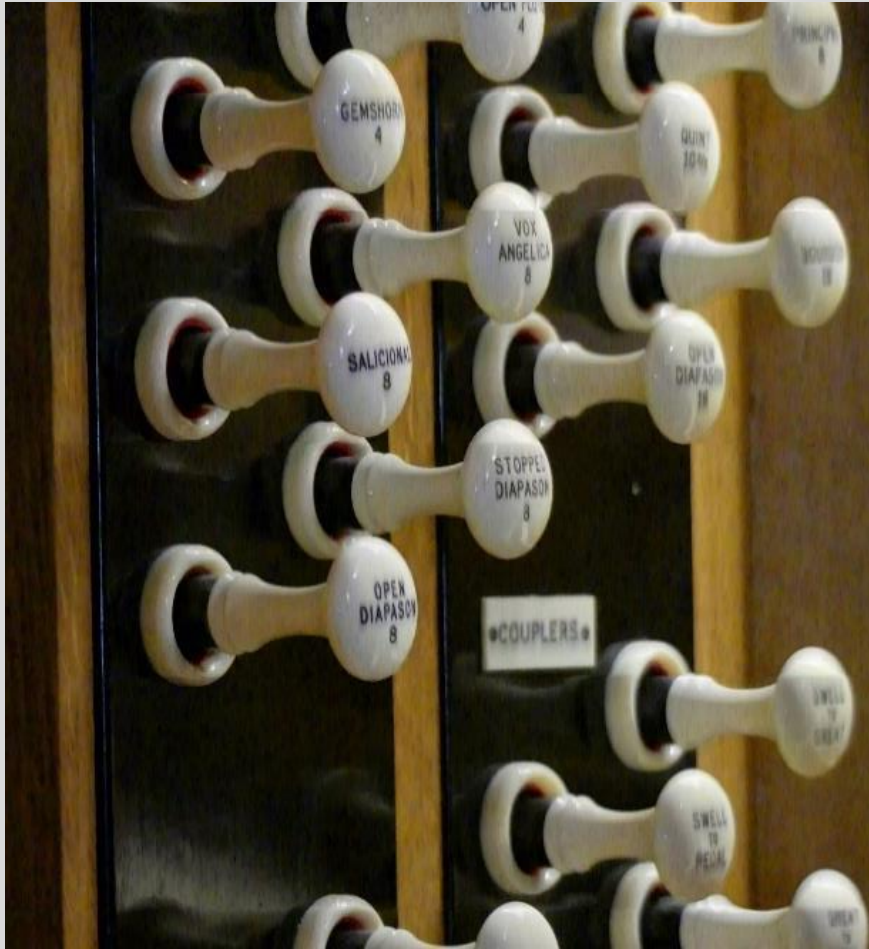
Amen



The Blessing

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ
Amen**



Christ Church Organ

Organ Voluntary