

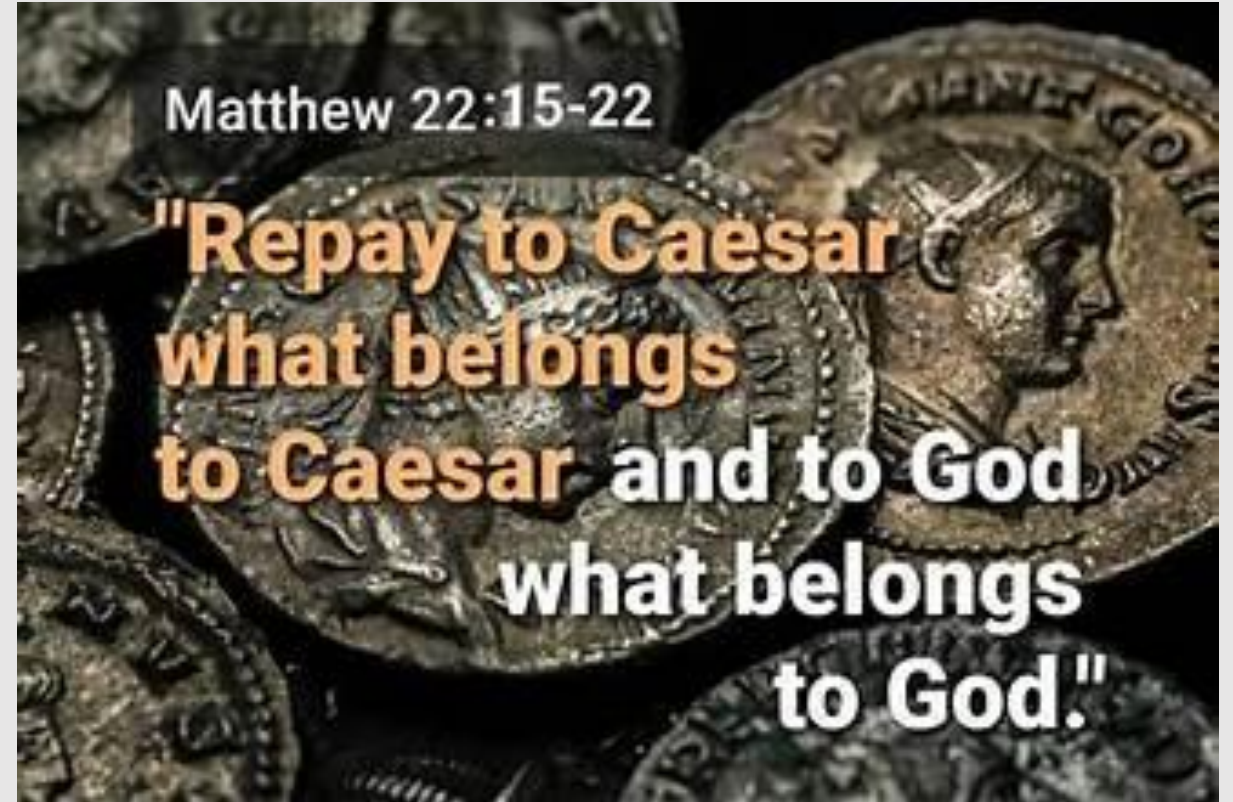
Sunday 18th October 2026

Christ Church with St Mary's

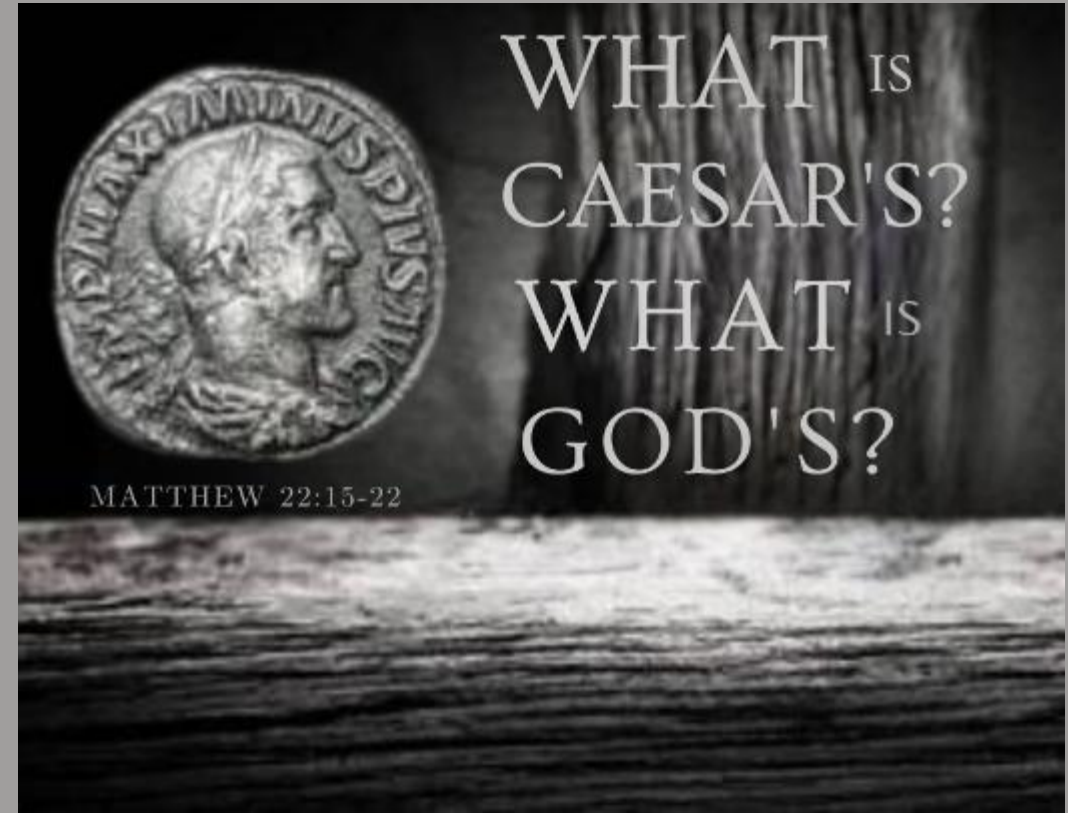
Informal Service of Holy Communion

Theme: 'The Coin and the Heart'

We say together all words in **bold**



Welcome and Introduction





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

In the beginning
before time
before people
before the world began

All : GOD WAS



Here and now
among us
beside us
clearer than air
closer than breathing

All : GOD IS



In all that is to come
when we have turned
to dust and human
knowledge has been
completed

All : **GOD WILL BE**



Not despairing of earth
but delighting in it
not condemning the world
but redeeming it
through Jesus Christ
by the power of
the Holy Spirit



All: GOD WAS, GOD IS, GOD WILL BE.

Here for you

Let our praise be Your welcome

Let our songs be a sign

We are here for You

We are here for You



Let Your breath come from heaven

Fill our hearts with Your life

We are here for You

We are here for You

Chorus

To You our hearts are open
Nothing here is hidden
You are our one desire
You alone are holy
Only You are worthy
God let Your fire fall down



Verse 2

Let our shout be Your anthem

Your renown fill the sky

We are here for You

We are here for You

Let Your Word move in power

Let what's dead come to life

We are here for You

We are here for You



Bridge



We welcome You with praise

We welcome You with praise

Almighty God of love

Be welcome in this place

We welcome You with praise

We welcome You with praise

Almighty God of love

Be welcome in this place

Let ev'ry heart adore
Let ev'ry soul awake
Almighty God of love
Be welcome in this place
We welcome You with praise
We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love
Be welcome in this place





Offertory
and
thank you
prayer



Children's Talk – 'Whose Face is on the Coin?'

A group of four children are sitting in a row, facing forward with their eyes closed and hands clasped in prayer. From left to right: a girl in a pink shirt, a girl in a white shirt, a boy in a blue shirt, and a girl in a pink and white shirt. The background is slightly blurred, showing a classroom setting with a blue poster on the wall.

Prayer with the children

**O Lord, help me to
understand that
nothing will come my
way that you and I
together can't handle.**

Amen

Confession

All of us carry with us past experiences, past failures or mistakes, which lie like burdens in our lives.

All of us have histories in relationships, things which we wish we had not done or said, or which will not enhance our future together.

In the silence that follows, let us reflect on things we would rather not carry with us and in the light of Christ confess our sins.

(silence)

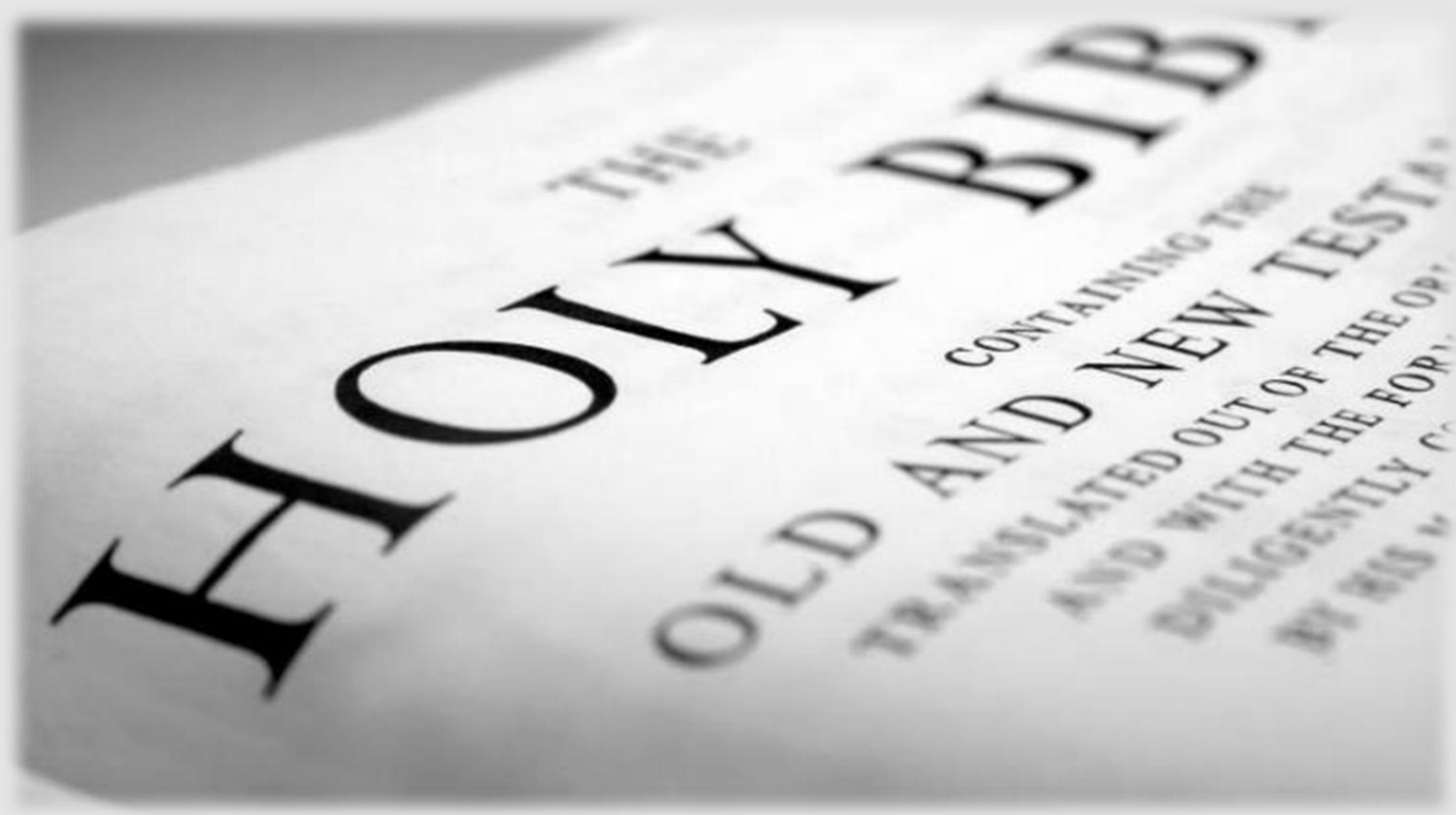
**All: Take all these our burdens into your life,
O God. We lay them down in faith for healing,
forgiveness, re-creation and release.**

Amen

Words of Forgiveness

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

Amen



Reader: This morning the first reading comes from....

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Listen now for the Word of God.

God I Look To You

Verse

God I look to You

I won't be overwhelmed

Give me vision to see things like You do

God I look to You

You're where my help comes from

Give me wisdom You know just what to do



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Chorus 1

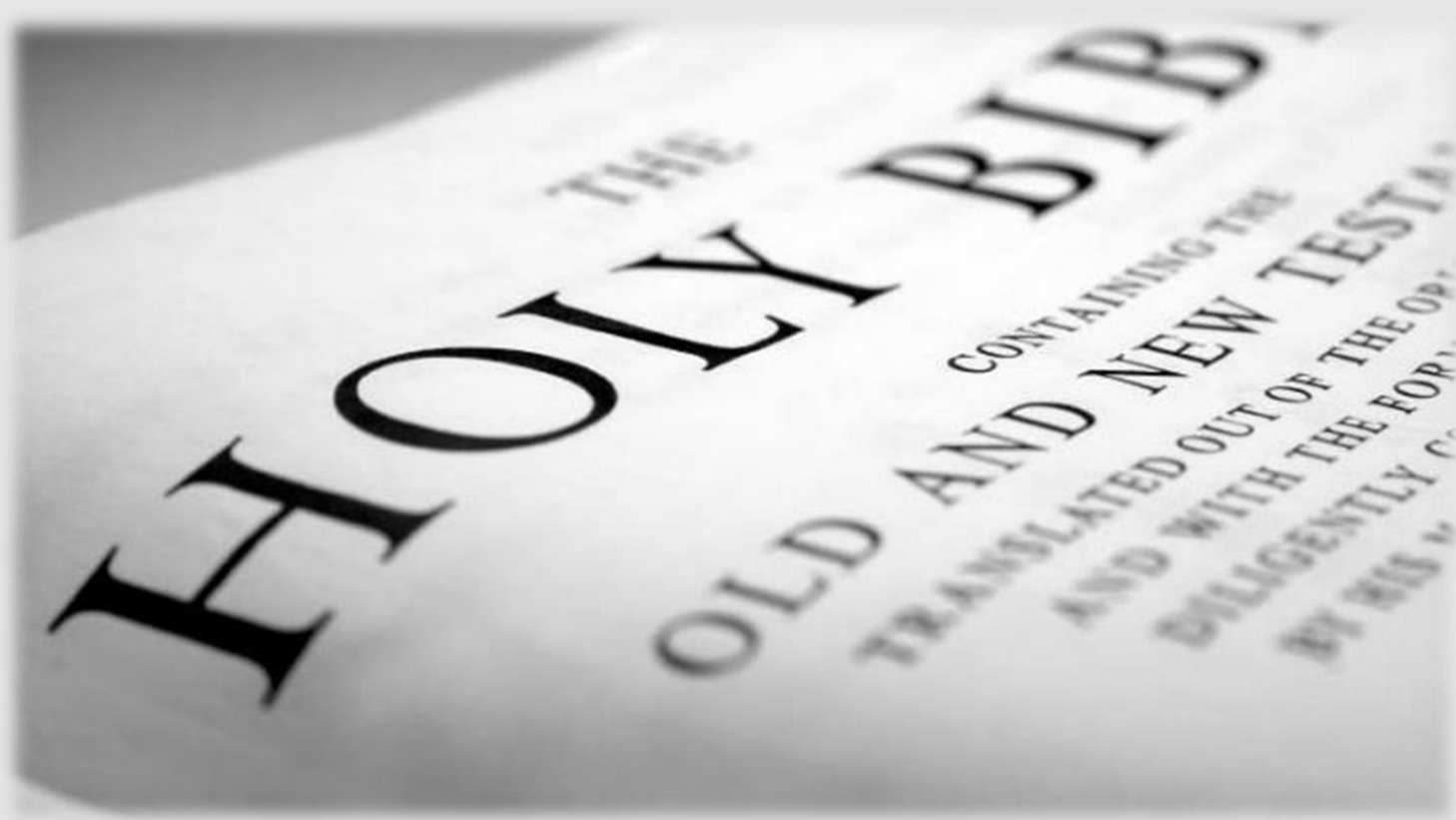
I will love You Lord my strength
I will love You Lord my shield
I will love You Lord my rock
Forever all my days I will love You God



Chorus 2

Hallelujah our God reigns
Hallelujah our God reigns
Hallelujah our God reigns
Forever all my days hallelujah





Reader: This morning the second reading comes from...

Matthew 22: 15-22

Listen now for the Word of God.



Sermon – ‘The Coin and the Heart’

We say together in faith



What We Believe

**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was and is and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father
who created all things:
**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

What We Believe

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:
**for with his blood
he purchased us for God
from every tribe and language
from every people and nation.**

What We Believe

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say ‘Come!’
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession



Final Response

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

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

One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

Verse 1

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change

One thing remains
One thing remains



Chorus

Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me



Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me

Your love



Verse 2

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains



Bridge

In death in life I'm confident and
Cover'd by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that
Can separate my heart from Your great love



In death in life I'm confident and
Cover'd by the power of Your great love
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Ending

Your love

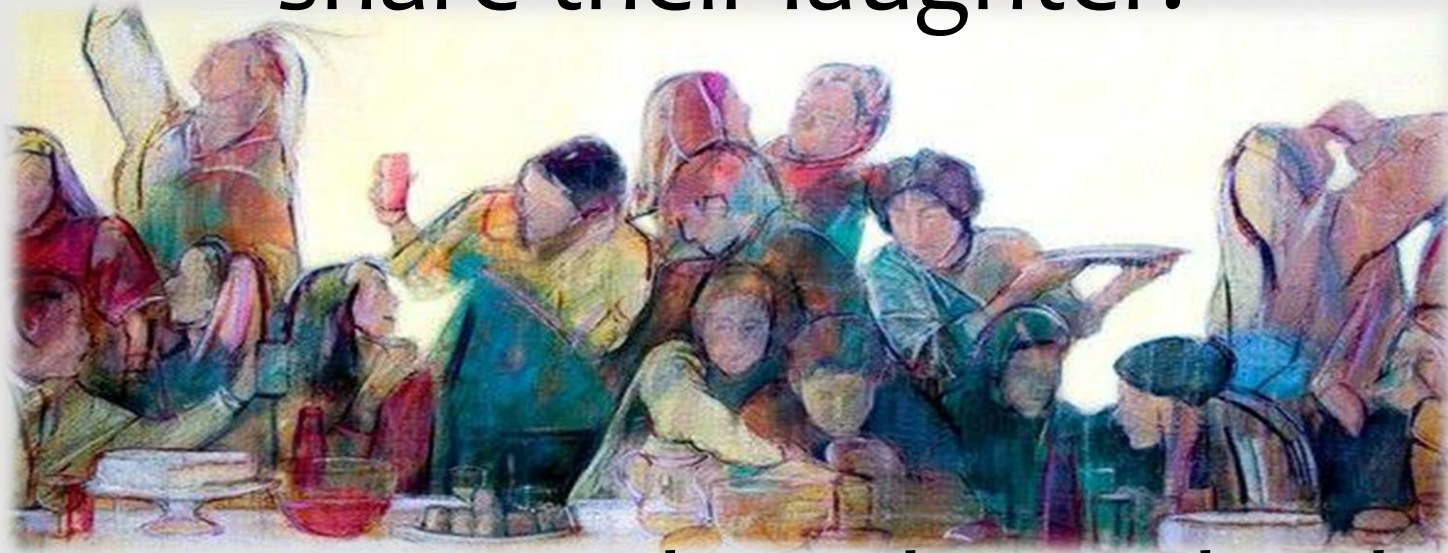


Invitation



Gathered round a table is where
Jesus so often met people
... gathered round the table of Matthew, Zacchaeus,
Simon, Peter, Lazarus and Martha and Mary,
the table of Joanna and Susannah

...gathered round a table where he could see people face to face, listen to their stories, share their laughter.



And here, we are gathered together because this is where Jesus has promised to be for those who want to meet him.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

All: **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

It is right to praise you, for you are the
One from whom we came
and the One to whom we will return.

You conceived the universe, wove the world
together and hold all life in your hand.



You watch us waking or sleeping
you keep every tear that we shed
you hear every prayer we make
you know both our best and our worst
and you will not let us go.

So, with rain, wind and sunshine
with all that moves in time with its Maker
we praise you.

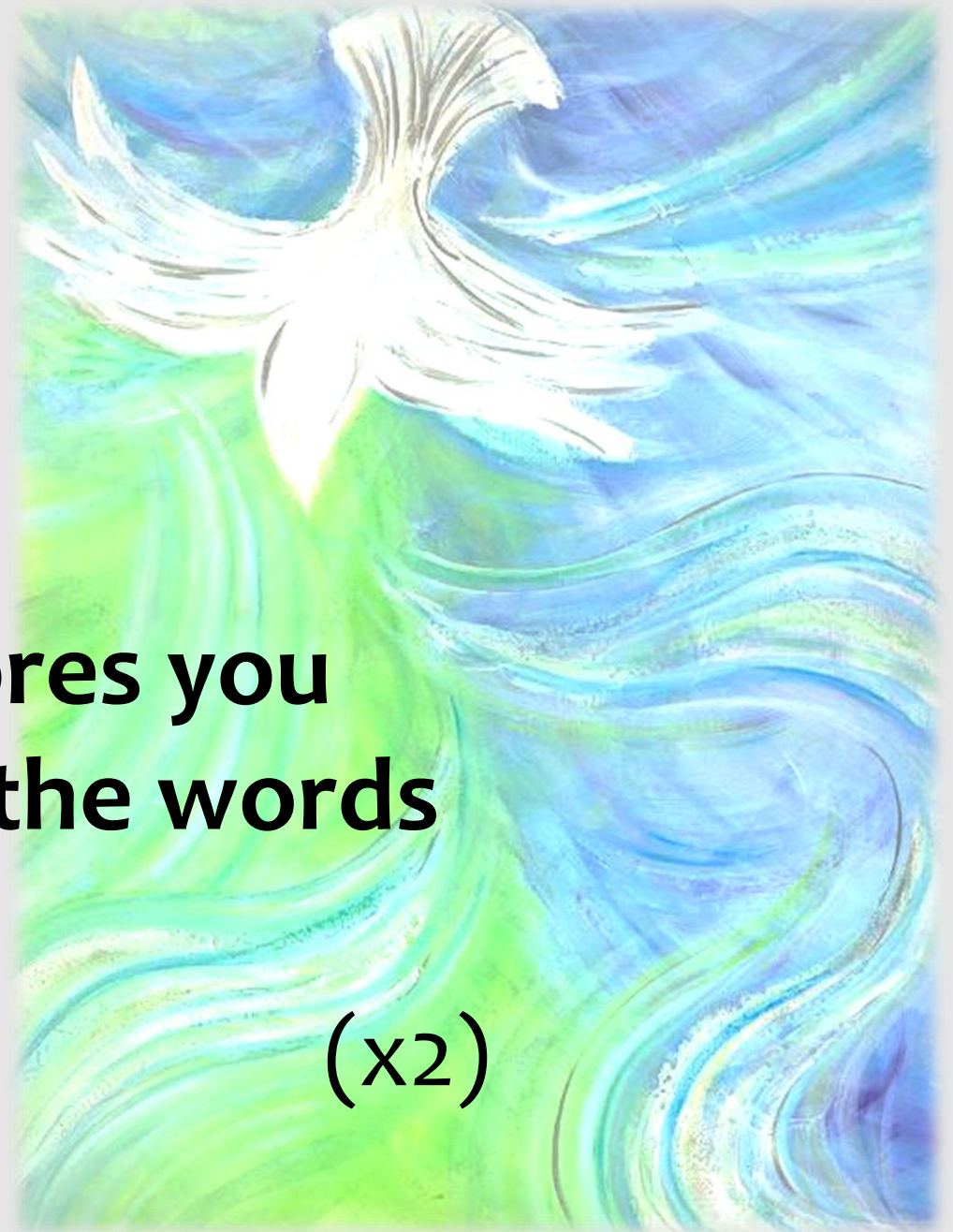
With angels and archangels, with the saints from
long ago, with our loved ones who are gathered
round your heavenly table,
we praise you.

With the church throughout the world,
with all who love Jesus and honour his name,
we praise you, singing the hymn of your
everlasting glory:

Argentinian Sanctus

**All: Holy, holy, holy
my heart, my heart adores you
my heart is glad to say the words
you are holy Lord.**

(x2)



So accept his invitation
and feel welcome at this table.



Jesus Christ
who here offers us a foretaste of eternal life
invites you to be his guests.

Prayer of Blessing

Yes, blessed is he...
who was born among us incognito,
who grew up without privilege or status,
who walked the way to heaven
through the back street of this world,

who told the deepest truths
in ordinary language,
who touched and healed,
blessed and disturbed
without fear or favour,
who showed inclusive
love in all its
unconditional glory;

who for all this, was crucified, died and was
buried, who, for all this and for all of us,
rose again; who, though high in heaven,
is present with us here and now.

Blessed is he in all his love and beauty.

God beyond holiness, as we do 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.



And let that same Spirit
stir our souls so that as
we share this sacrament,
we may recognise our
Lord and receive him
that he may be in us
and we in him for ever.
Amen.



The Breaking of the Bread

Among friends gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread and when he had
blessed it, he broke it and said

“Take this and eat it. It is my body. It is given for you.
Do this to remember me.”



Then later he took a cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks, he said,
“In this cup is the new relationship with God
made possible because of my death.
Take this all of you, to remember me”.



All who hunger and thirst for a better life,
for a deeper faith, for a better world,
here is the bread of life
feed on it with gratitude
here is the cup of salvation
drink from it and believe.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Sharing the bread and wine



I Speak Jesus

Verse 1

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your
presence
I speak Jesus



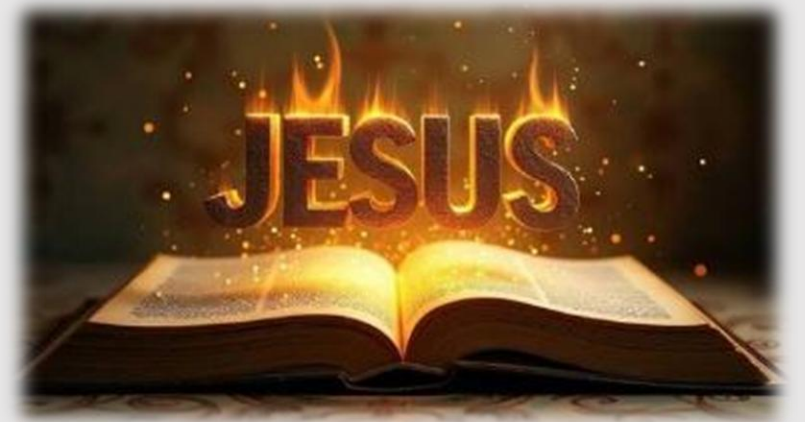
Verse 2

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus



Chorus

('Cause) Your Name is power
Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break every stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire



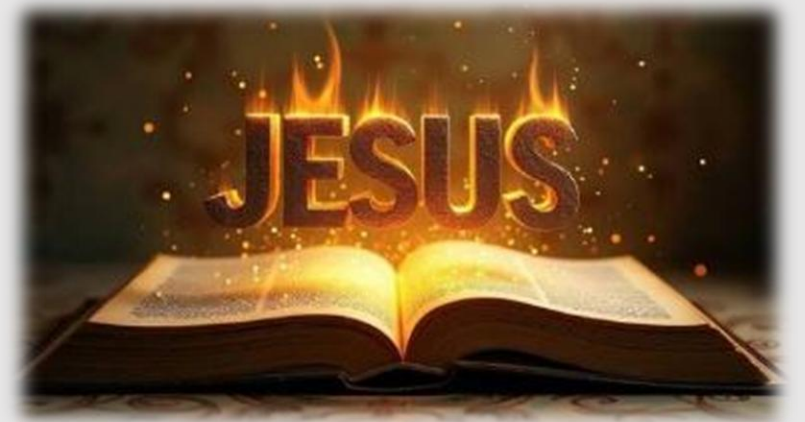
Verse 3

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus



Chorus

('Cause) Your Name is power
Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break every stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire



Verse 4

Shout Jesus from the mountains
Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly
I speak the holy Name Jesus

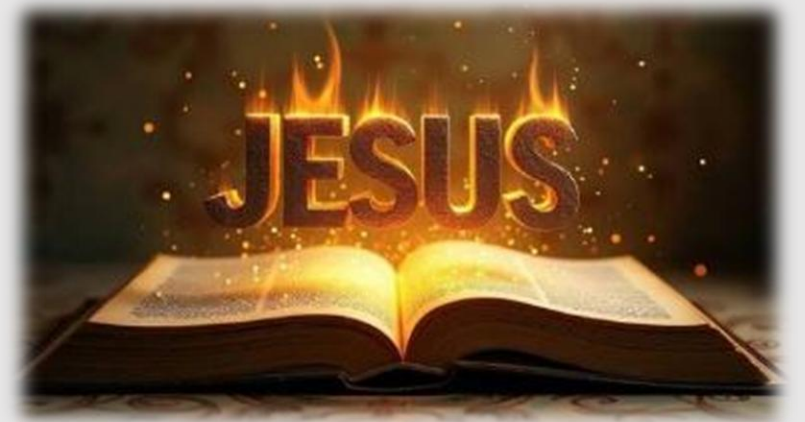


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Final verse

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your
presence
I speak Jesus



The Father's Song



Verse

I have heard so many songs
Listened to a thousand tongues
But there is one that sounds above them all
The Father's song the Father's love
You sung it over me and for eternity
It's written on my heart

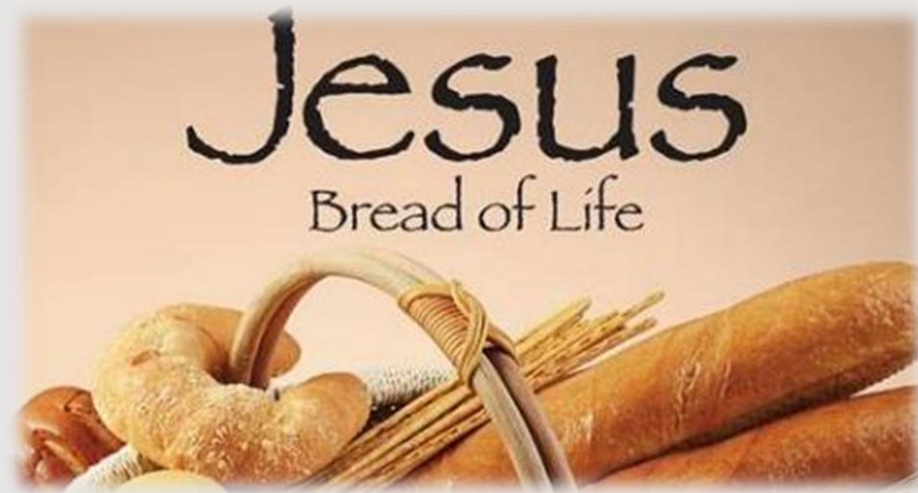
Chorus



Heaven's perfect melody
The Creator's symphony
You are singing over me
The Father's song
Heaven's perfect mystery
The King of Love has sent for me
And now You're singing over me
The Father's song

.Prayer after Communion

**In gratitude for this moment, this meal,
these people, we give ourselves to you.
Take us as we are to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.**



**Ask much of us,
expect much from us, enable much by us,
encourage many through us.**

**So Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth and
citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.**

Amen

The Peace

Not an easy peace
not an insignificant peace
not a half-hearted peace
but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ
is with us now.

Let us share it with each other.....

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you

Family News

What's going on?



Cornerstone

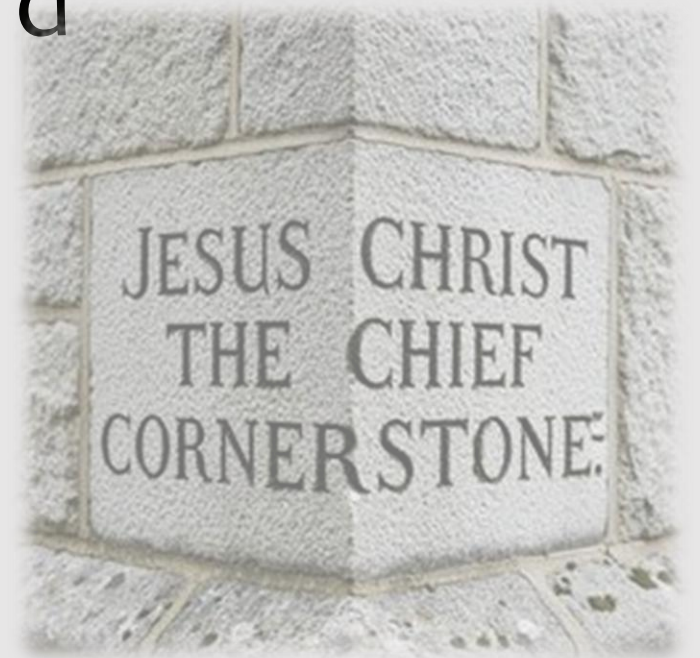
Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name



Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all



Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil



Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
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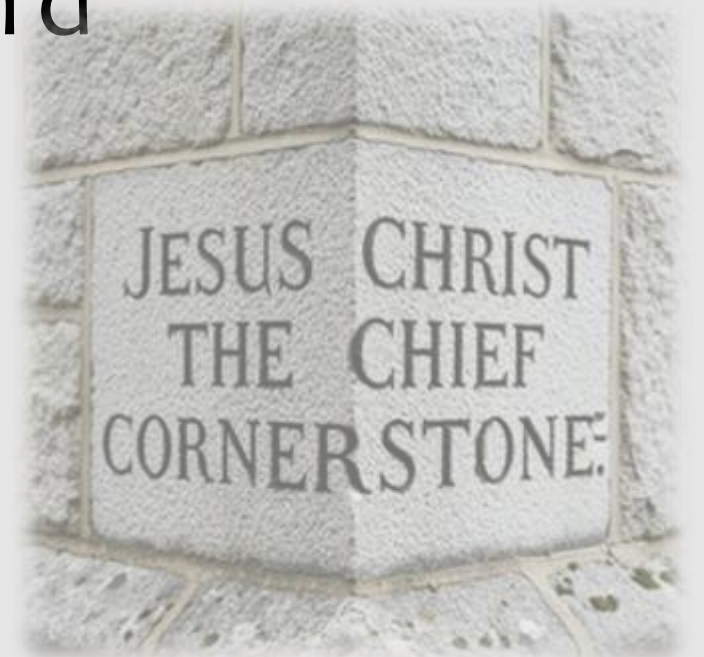
Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne



Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all



We say together

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have put your life into our hands
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew 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**



The Blessing