



**Christ Church
St. Andrews**

Glorifying God : Building Community

30th November 2025 at 11am.
Today's Service will be a service of
baptism and will be led by
Anthony, our vicar, who will also
speak.

THE MAN OF
LAWLESSNESS

II THESSALONIANS 2:1-12



Opening prayer

Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting an Advent candle

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

We light this candle to celebrate the light that Jesus brings into our lives.

Introductory call to worship (Based on Psalm 9)

We will give thanks to You, LORD, with all our hearts;

We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and rejoice in You;

**We will sing the praises of Your name,
O Most High.**

**Water You turned into wine,
Opened the eyes of the blind;
There's no one like You,
None like You.**

**Into the darkness You shine;
Out of the ashes we rise.
There`s no one like You,
None like You.**

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, awesome in power,
Our God, Our God.*

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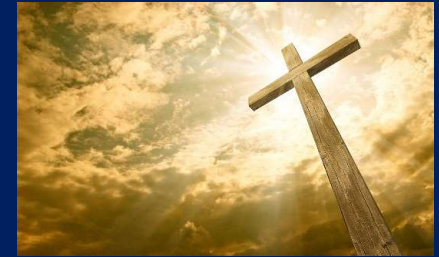
**And if our God is for us,
then who could ever stop us;
And if our God is with us,
then what could stand against?
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then who could ever stop us;
And if our God is with us,
then what could stand against?**

What could stand against?

***Our God is greater, our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, awesome in power,
Our God, Our God.***



Be high and lifted up,
Be high and lifted up,
Be high and lifted up, Jesus.
It's You we glorify,
It's You we're lifting high,
Your name be glorified.



*Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
You are worthy of our praise.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
You are worthy of our praise.*

Baptism of Elliot



Baptism promises

Elliot do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

Baptism promises

Elliot in baptism you continue your journey in faith. Will you take your place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, I will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore, I ask: Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Welcome from the church

People of God, will you welcome Elliot and uphold each of him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Signing of the cross

Elliot, I sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin,
the world and the devil, and we pray that you
remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.
Amen.**

May almighty God deliver each of you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Creed

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe and trust in God, the Father almighty,
who created heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who makes it possible for us to be a child of God.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who helps us daily to follow Jesus.

Baptism of Elliot



Prayer

After which the children aged 0-4 go to the creche. The older children's group is in the Christian Centre.

**Jesus, hope of the nations,
Jesus, comfort for all who mourn
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth.**

**Jesus, light in the darkness,
Jesus, truth in each circumstance,
You are the source of heaven's light on earth.**

**In history, You lived and died,
You broke the chains, You rose to life.**

You are the hope, living in us.

You are the Rock, in whom we trust.

You are the light shining for all the world to see.

You rose from the dead, conquering fear.

Our Prince of Peace, drawing us near.

Jesus our hope

Living for all who will receive.

Lord, we believe.

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Jesus, comfort for all who mourn
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth.**

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You broke the chains, You rose to life.**

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You are the Rock, in whom we trust.
You are the light shining for all the world to see.
You rose from the dead, conquering fear.
Our Prince of Peace, drawing us near.
Jesus our hope
Living for all who will receive.
Lord, we believe. Lord, we believe.
Lord, we believe.*



**Here is love vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom,
shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout heaven's eternal days.**

**On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above;
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.**

**Let me all your love accepting,
Love you, ever all my days;
Let me seek your kingdom only
And my life be to your praise;
You alone will be my glory,
Nothing in the world I see;
You have cleansed and sanctified me,
You have loved and set me free.**

**In your truth you will direct me
By your Spirit, thru' your Word;
And your grace my need is meeting,
As I trust in you, my Lord.
All your fulness you are pouring
From your endless wells above,
Without measure, full and boundless
As I yield myself in love.**



Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.

Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;

Keep me burning till the break of day.

The Welcome

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father who we will serve together; we welcome you.

REPORTBACK

Reading and talk – 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

¹Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us – whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter – asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. ³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ⁴ He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshipped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

⁵ Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? ⁶ And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. ⁷ For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendour of his coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, ¹⁰ and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

¹¹ For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie ¹² and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**The splendour of the King,
Clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
Trembles at His voice.**

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see,
How great, how great is our God.*

**From age to age he stands,
And time is in His hands.
Beginning and the End.
Beginning and the End.
The Godhead three in one,
Father Spirit Son.
The Lion and the Lamb.
The Lion and the Lamb.**

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see,
How great, how great is our God.*

Name above all names.

Worthy of all praise.

**My heart will sing,
How great is our God.**

Name above all names.

Worthy of all praise.

**My heart will sing,
How great is our God.**

Men

*How great is our
God, sing with me,
How great is our
God, and all will see,
How great, how
great is our God.*

(Repeat)

Ladies

**Name above all names.
Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing,
How great is our God.**

(Repeat)

(Men and ladies)

***How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see,
How great, how great is our God.***

(Repeat)



Prayers led by John and Sue Furneaux (which may include)



Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.



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

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 forever. Amen.

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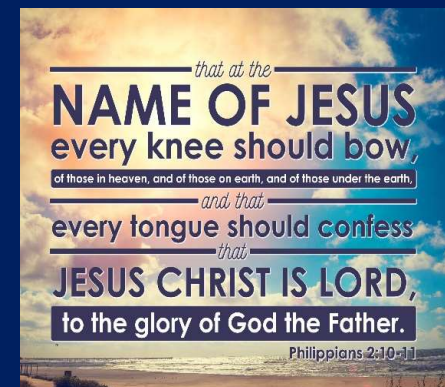
**At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.**

**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:**

**Name him, brothers, name him,
With love as strong as death,
But with awe and wonder
And with bated breath:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.**

**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 power.**

Brothers, 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.



**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.**



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JESUS IS STILL
ON HIS THRONE
BUILDING
HIS CHURCH

**Our aim at Christ Church
St Andrews is to glorify God
by building a Christ centred
community through the
power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Refreshments are served at
the back of church.**



**If you would like to pray
with someone about
anything, please go to our
trained team in the
St John's Chapel.**

**Thank you for joining us.
We hope to see you again.**