CHRIST CHURCH THORNTON

Service of Holy Communion
Sunday 15 November 2026
Jesus - Our Vision for Christ Church

Welcome

Worship in Song

If Christ is mine I need no more
He is the greatest gift of all
The one who angel hosts adore
Now has me safely in his hold
His life my life His death my death
All mine his every righteous breath
My precious child the Father cries
When all of Christ is all of mine

If Christ is mine my guilt is gone
It died with him upon the tree
The weight of sin I held so long
Was laid on Jesus there for me
O sweet forgiveness precious peace
Condemned no more my soul is free
My weary burden cast aside
When all of Christ is all of mine

If Christ is mine I will not fear
Though many stand against his name
Above their noise his voice is clear
Behold I've overcome the grave
My living Lord my risen king
What's left to fear if I'm with him
For death is swallowed up in life
When all of Christ is all of mine

What joy to know that Christ is mine
Who holds me ever in his love
The sure foundation of my life
Whose grace will always be enough
Though all I have is stripped away
Still I rejoice for Christ remains
And when he comes he'll lift me high
For all of Christ is all of mine

Confession

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the power of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of truth, we do not speak the good news of your love, nor do we live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with the desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is that while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, our sins are forgiven and we can approach the throne of God in confidence.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Special Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Readings

1 Chronicles 25.1-8 *(Church Bible page 353)*
Ephesians 4.1-16 *(Church Bible page 977)*

Sermon

Worship in Song

We are his kingdom we are his bride
For us he paid the price, for us he bled and died
We are his people his treasured prize
For us he conquered sin for he is risen

With thankfulness we will sing *(repeat)*
So we declare the praises
Of Jesus Saviour and King
He is the cornerstone Hallelujah
And now we stand as his church
Until the day when he comes in glory, hallelujah

We are a priesthood beloved ones
He draws the scattered near
He builds his kingdom here
A holy nation now set apart
To be his hands and feet
To speak his mercy

With thankfulness we will sing
Adopted now we are his

The Apostles' Creed

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

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

The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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

Worship in Song

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

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

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

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless I stand before the throne
Faultless I stand before the throne

Offertory Prayer

Lord God, take our hearts and set them on fire for you. Take our lives and transform them to be like that of Jesus. Take our church and resurrect it with your life-giving Spirit. Take our gifts and use them for the fulfilment of your vision of peace and unity. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:
When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **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 for ever. Amen.

Giving of Communion

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.

Breaking of the 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 receive communion

Worship in Song *- during communion*

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
into the arms of Christ my Lord

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life, without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Saviour

Worship in Song *- during communion*

All I have and all I am is yours
there's nothing that I have on earth
that doesn't come from you.
I lay aside my pride and worldly worth;
to serve you is the greatest thing that I could ever do.

For unless you build this house, I am building it in vain.
Unless the work is yours,
there is nothing to be gained.
I want something that will stand
when your holy fire comes;
something that will last
and to hear you say, 'well done'
Giving glory to you, Lord, glory to you, Lord.

So easy to desire what others have,
Instead of seeing all the gifts
that you have given me.
So help me fan the flame which you began,
and burn in me a love for you
that all will clearly see.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worship in Song

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.

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 wrath 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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.