

S A I N T J A M E S C H U R C H C A R L I S L E

Service of Holy Communion
6.30pm, Sunday, 8th November, 2009



Welcome to our service of Holy Communion. We invite all who are baptised and love the Lord to join us at his table. We continue our evening series looking at the early church in Corinth and its relevance to our local church in Carlisle. What do you do “for the sake of the gospel”?

*If you are new to St. James
please fill in one of the Welcome Cards on the pews*

*If you have a mobile telephone,
please ensure that it is switched off. Thank you.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Kepplewray Report

Opening Sentence:

“I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.”

1 Corinthians Chapter 9 verses 22b-23

Songs

I see the king of glory

Coming on the clouds with fire;
The whole earth shakes,
The whole earth shakes.
I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin;
The people sing,
The people sing:

Hosanna,

Hosanna,

Hosanna in the highest.

(Repeat)

I see a generation
Rising up to take their place,
With selfless faith,
With selfless faith.
I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek;
We're on our knees,
We're on our knees.

Please Pray For:

Those who are ill or in hospital at this time, especially Fiona Hurley, Peggy Fluck, Glenda Davidson, Maureen Richardson, Betty Rudman, Rosie Thwaites, Thompson Bowerbank and Nora Klein.

Heal my heart and make it clean;
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love
Like You have loved me,
Break my heart for what breaks Yours;
Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause,
As I walk from earth into eternity.

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Your grace is enough more than I need

At your word I will believe
I wait for you draw near again
Let your Spirit make me new

*And I will fall at your feet
I will fall at your feet
And I will worship you here*

Your presence in me
Jesus light the way
By the power of your word
I am restored I am redeemed
By your Spirit I am free

Freely you gave it all for us
Surrendered your life upon that cross
Great is the love poured out for all
This is our God
Lifted on high from death to life
Forever our God is glorified
Servant and King rescued the world
This is our God

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Time of confession

*As the music plays, we have an opportunity to reflect on the
past week, when we have not put Christ first in our lives, and
we ask for His forgiveness.*

Collect for Purity

**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**

Assurance of forgiveness

Listen to God's promise to all who are truly sorry: As
high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His
love for those who respond to Him. As far as the east is
from the west, so far has He removed our sins from us.

Song

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,

The city of our God, the holy place,
The joy of the whole earth.
Great is the Lord in whom we have the victory,
He aids us against the enemy,
We bow down on our knees.

*And Lord, we want to lift Your name on high,
And Lord, we want to thank You,
For the works You've done in our lives;
And Lord, we trust in Your unfailing love,
For You alone are God eternal,
Throughout earth and heaven above.*

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Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son, and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Acclamation of Faith

Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again

Song

I will sing the wondrous story

Of the Christ who died for me;
How He left His home in glory
For the cross on Calvary.
I was lost but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray;
Threw His loving arms around me,
Drew me back into His way.

I was bruised but Jesus healed me,
Faint was I from many a fall;
Sight was gone, and fears possessed me,
But He freed me from them all.
Days of darkness still come o'er me;
Sorrow's paths I often tread,
But the Saviour still is with me,
By His hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet,
Then He'll bear me safely over,
All my joys in Him complete.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

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Closing Prayer and Blessing

Prayer Ministry is available on the
balcony after this service

Please join us for Refreshments
in the Welcome Area after the Service

Songs Before the Service

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Notices

Intercessions

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.

Reading:

1 Corinthians Chapter 9 verses 1-27

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After the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Song

King of Kings, majesty,

God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End:
All within me falls at Your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve Your majesty.*

Earth and heaven worship You,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner near to Your throne:
All within me cries out in praise.

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Sermon

"for the sake of the gospel"

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one
body by the cross, and we were all baptised by one
Spirit into one body. We meet in his name and share his
peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you
and with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Song

(During this song the offering will be taken to the front)

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice,
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,
And I'm in that place once again.
And I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon
The cross where You died,
I'm humbled by Your mercy
And I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You,
Once again I pour out my life.*

Now You are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace,
And I'm full of praise once again.
I'm full of praise once again.

Thank You for the cross,
Thank You for the cross,
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.

(Repeat)

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Offertory Prayer

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven
and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were
unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs
from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of
our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So
cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood
of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and
that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit
and eat in your kingdom. 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 him 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 the 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 for the forgiveness of
sins; do this 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 voices to
join the eternal song of heaven, saying:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.**

The Administration

These words are said at the administration of the bread:

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given
for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.
Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with
thanksgiving.

These words are said at the administration of the cup:

May the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed
for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.
Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed
for you, and be thankful.

*To minimise the risk of Swine Flu communicants are asked to
retain their piece of bread and then to dip this into the cup.*

Music during Communion

You chose the Cross (instrumental)

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,
And 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.*

And 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.

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing:
How great is our God. *(Repeat)*

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