

Notices

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Services this Sunday

10.30 am Morning Worship
6.30 pm Holy Communion

Preacher

Peter Cantley
Ben Mattinson

Cummersdale

10.30am Morning Worship Frank Tebbutt

Mon 14 10.00am Parent and Toddler Bible Study

11.30am Women's Fellowship Lunch

Tues 15 6.30-7.30pm Carol Singing on Denton Street

Wed 16 10.15am Toddlers Christmas Service and Party

Thurs 17 10.30am - 11.30am Sticky Fingers

11.30am Midweek Service

12.30pm Christmas Leisurely Lunch

7.00pm Bereavement Support

Fri 18 7.45pm Badminton/Table Tennis

Sat 19 8.00pm The Gap Christmas Party
@ 118 Dalston Road

SAINT JAMES CHURCH CARLISLE

Service of Holy Communion
6.30pm, Sunday, 13th December, 2009



Services Next Sunday

10.30 am Family Nativity

6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight

Preacher

Eddie Scrase-Field

John Libby

Cummersdale

3.00pm Carol Service

John Libby

Information

Carol Singing - Tuesday 15 December - This year we will be singing on the corner of Denton Street from 6.30-7.30pm. Please come along so that we can make a real impact in Denton Holme (also bring a torch or light if possible). Warm up afterwards at Wendy's house.



Christmas in the City - Thursday 17 December - flyers are available for this event from the back of church, please use these to invite friends along.

If you are able to provide **Mince Pies or Shortbread** for the services on 20th December please could you add your name to the sheet at the back of Church.

Christmas magazines are now available - could distributors please collect their bundle from the back of church.

Questionnaires regarding the Denton Street premises are available either from the Parish Centre, Op Shop, magazine or on the website. Please complete and return these as soon as possible to assist the new Vision Team.

Please Pray For:

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

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion. We invite all who are baptised and love the Lord to join us at his table. This evening we spend some time looking at, as well as sharing communion together. Why do we eat the Lord's supper?

*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 Notices

Opening Sentence:

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians Chapter 11 verses 26

Songs

We stand and lift up our hands,

For the joy of the Lord is our strength.

We bow down and worship Him now;

How great, how awesome is He.

And together we sing,

Everyone sing:

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty;
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty;
The earth is filled with His glory,
The earth is filled with His glory.*

It's rising up all around,

It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

(Repeat)

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Wonderful, so wonderful

Is Your unfailing love;
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
No heart could fully know
How glorious, how beautiful You are.

*Beautiful One, I love You,
Beautiful One, I adore,
Beautiful One, my soul must sing.*

Powerful, so powerful,
Your glory fills the skies,
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.
The beauty of Your majesty
Awakes my heart to sing
How marvellous, how wonderful You are.

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,
You captured my heart with this love,
'Cause nothing on earth
Is as beautiful as You.
(Repeat)

My soul, my soul must sing,
My soul, my soul must sing,
My soul, my soul must sing,
Beautiful One.

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I will love you for the cross,

And I will love You for the cost:
Man of sufferings,
Bringer of my peace.
You came into a world of shame,
And paid the price we could not pay:
Death that brought me life,
Blood that brought me home.
Death that brought me life,
Blood that brought me home.

*And I love You for the cross,
I'm overwhelmed by the mystery.
I love You for the cost,
That Jesus, You would do this for me.
When You were broken, You were beaten,
You were punished, I go free.
When You were wounded and rejected,
In Your mercy, I am healed.*

Jesus Christ, the sinner's friend;
Does this kindness know no bounds?
With Your precious blood
You have purchased me.
O the mystery of the cross,
You were punished, You were crushed;
But that punishment
Has become my peace.
Yes, that punishment
Has become my peace.

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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

Song

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit—
Till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.

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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

Behold the Lamb

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Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise

Who can compare to His greatness?
Creation displays in magnificent ways
His glory, His majesty, His splendour

*Great is the Father, great is the Son
Great is the Spirit, great is the Three In One
Singing great is the Lord
Great in His mercy, great in His love
Great in His power, great in His fullness above
Singing great is the Lord*

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise
Who can determine His greatness?
The heavens display in extravagant ways
Your glory, Your majesty, Your splendour

How marvellous, how glorious You are
How powerful, how merciful You are

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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.

Music during Communion

Lord I come to you (instrumental)

O Sacred King (instrumental)

Behold the lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

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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**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Time of confession:

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Promise of forgiveness:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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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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 11 verses 17-34

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After the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

“Why we eat the Lord’s supper”

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)

Oh, to see the dawn

Of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath –
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought,
Every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees,
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life;
'Finished!' the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

*(Final chorus)
This, the power of the cross:
Son of God – slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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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.