

This is why we share the very same meal that Jesus did with his friends today to remind us of our stories of Jesus and what he did for us because he loves us so, so much.

The Distribution

The bread and the wine will be distributed to you in a moment. Please hold them both before you eat or drink, because as Jesus did, we too will offer a prayer of thanks to God.

Prayer of Thanks for God's amazing love

"This bread is my body," says Jesus. "Eat of it, all of you."

A prayer to remember others who need our love and prayers

"This wine is my blood and within it is a promise. Drink of it, all of you."

Prayer after Communion

All: Eternal God, whose Son is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life.

Lord Jesus, you have blessed me today and shown me your love. Help me to take your blessing and your love into the world. Amen.



St.Andrews with Castlegate

United Reformed Church



Sunday 2nd November 2025

All are welcome because we are one body in
Jesus Christ

The Invitation

Come everyone who wants to: Come if you can recite the creeds.
Come if you can't even remember the words to 'All things bright and beautiful'.

Come if you've been in the church since birth. Come if you've lost your way a few times but found your way here today; Come if you like to study theology, or if you prefer to read the Beano.

Come if you like to finger paint; Come if you prefer tradition and ritual and ceremony. Come if you like balloons and laughter and jumping in puddles.

Come if you like all these things and find the wonder of heaven in them all. Come as you are: old and young, female or male or however you identify yourself. Come just as you are: one family under God. Every one of you is invited to have a seat at our Lord's Table right here, right now.

Hymn 452 Let us break bread together

The Welcome

It looks like bread, and it is bread. But God is incredibly imaginative. There is a surprise in this bread, for within each crumb, God has folded nothing less, than heaven. And when we break it, and everyone has a piece, what we are doing is saying.....

All: "Let's share together the story of Jesus."

It looks like a goblet of wine, and it is wine, but God, being God, didn't leave it there, and has squeezed into each drop, a promise for the whole world. And when we pass it among us, and everyone has a taste, we are reminded.....

All: "God loves me, God loves us, God loves his creation".

So let's break bread and listen to the story, and share wine and hear the promise of salvation

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

One night, just before he would be arrested, falsely charged and then crucified, Jesus and the disciples were sitting in a room and the meal table was spread before them. There was lamb and herbs and bread as was the custom for the Passover meal. Soon they all had their fill and were talking to each other about the days and months that had passed, sharing their memories of what had happened to them while they were following Jesus. He then said to them, "Here's another story" and he lifted the bread lying on the table. He paused as everyone fell silent and listened, and he said, "This bread, this is the most important reminder you have of me. More than all these stories. This bread is an image of my body. I break it (*the bread on the table is broken as a symbol of what Jesus did*) to show you that my own body will break. I want you all to break this bread, so you know what's happening to me and I want you to do it regularly, even after I have left you, reminding yourselves of me each time and what I have done for you: dying because I love you all so, so much." All the disciples were speechless as Jesus passed the broken bread around. And after the bread was passed, Jesus lifted the goblet of wine and held it there in front of him while everyone fell silent again. "This wine," he said, "is another reminder of me. But it is a symbol of my blood that will be spilled when I die. But do not be afraid because tucked within this is a promise, a covenant, that I will be with you always wherever you go. I will never let you go. Understand that I love you so much even death cannot separate us!" And then Jesus passed the wine round and all those present drank. None of them fully understood exactly what had just taken place, just as none of us could with all honesty say we understand.