

St Andrew's with Castle Gate
1st February 2026
Worship led by Revd Louise Gee

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Hymn R&S 512 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

Opening prayers and Lord's Prayer

Reading Micah 6: 1-8

All age talk

Anthem

Hymn R&S 117 O Lord my God

Offertory prayer and prayer for the young people
(Junior Church leave)

Reading Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon

Hymn R&S 576 God's spirit is deep in my heart

Prayers of Intercession

Invitation Come to this table to meet the living God,
Love indescribable and beyond our imagining yet
closer than our own breathing.

Come to this table to meet the risen Christ
Flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone,
God with us, embodied in our living.

Come to this table to meet the life-giving spirit,
Interpreting our search for truth and justice,
Breathing into us renewing power.

Come to find, to meet, to hold the living, loving God
Made new for us in bread and wine. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn This is my body

This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

This is my blood, poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon I shall I go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

Love one another; I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

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Lord's Supper

Hear the narrative of the institution of the Lord's
Supper as it was recorded by the Apostle Paul. The
tradition which I handed on to you came to me from

the Lord himself; that on the night of his arrest the Lord Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

Celebrating the Feast

Gracious God, for loving us enough to share our humanity –
born among us, walking our earth, experiencing our frailty and fears, our joys and our sorrows

**in awe and wonder
we thank you**

For loving us enough to share our death –
dying on a cross, bearing our sins, enduring suffering and sorrow, darkness and despair

**in awe and wonder
we thank you**

For loving us enough to share *your* life –
life eternal, abundant, brimming over in all its fullness, beyond our finest words or wildest imagining

**in awe and wonder
we thank you**

For inviting us to share in bread and wine –
gratefully remembering, eagerly anticipating, conscious of all you have done and all you have yet to do

**in awe and wonder
we thank you.
Amen**

Breaking and sharing together

Now as our Lord has commanded us, we do this in remembrance of him.

He took bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and shared it with his friends.

May the bread of life nourish you, sustain you, strengthen your faith and build you up in hope.

Jesus took wine, poured it into a cup, blessed it, and gave it to his friends: to drink and remember him for ever.

May Christ's rich wine warm you, uplift you, excite you and flow within you to his praise and glory

Prayer after communion

The meal is ended, but the journey is not over,
for after worship comes service,
after blessing, response.
Christ is waiting:
walk with him - and he will walk with you. **Amen**

Hymn

R&S 345 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

A Blessing

**All-knowing God, go before us this week
and give us grace to see your handiwork.
Travel with us as we go through the ups and
downs that will come our way.
Lead us to be more like Jesus, loving those we
meet with an extravagant and unexpected love.
Amen**

May the blessing of Almighty God;
Father Son and Holy Spirit,
be with each one of you and those you love today and
always. **Amen** (sung).

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