

ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Order of Service

7th of June 2026

10:30am

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Good morning and welcome to everyone who has joined us at St. Ninian's this morning. We hope you will enjoy our worship of God together today. As a congregation our mission is to **'Worship God together, encourage personal faith and prayer, spread the Good News about Jesus Christ, and love and care for others in our community.'** If you are a visitor, there is a **visitors' book** at the front door, please sign it.

Today, we celebrate together the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**. Everyone is welcome to join us to share the Lord's Supper.

Before the service there is weekly a **Prayer Group** that meets in Room 6 (the Alpha Room) from 10:00am – 10:15am. Everyone is welcome, please ask a steward for Room 6, the Alpha Room.

There is a **crèche** and both a primary and secondary **Sunday School** this morning. The organist is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. The reader this morning is **Margo Dunn**. Leading worship is the **Rev. James Aitken**.

Following worship there is **fellowship, friendship, and refreshments** in the Martin Shields' Hall. Please join us.

St. Ninian's uses the Revised Common Lectionary which is an approved week-by-week three-year cycle of biblical readings. In 2026 we are in Year A and the principal Gospel readings come from the **Gospel of Matthew**. The readings lead us from Advent through the Christian year, the Bible, and Jesus' life through birth, baptism, his public ministry, his death, resurrection and ascension.

ENTRANCE

The service begins with a **sentence from the Bible** (1 John 5: 4), a **call to stand** (please do so if you are able to), an **introit** from the choir, and the **entrance of the Bible**. For the rest of the service the words in bold are read or sung by everyone. We sit to pray and stand to sing.

INTROIT

WELCOME, INTIMATIONS and SHARING OF THE PEACE
We welcome one another with Christ's words 'Peace be with you'.

APPROACH TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Let us open our eyes,

All: to see Christ among us.

Minister: Let us open our ears,

All: to hear God's living word.

Minister: Let us open our mouths,

All: to speak and sing God's praises.

Minister: Let us open our arms,

All: to feel Christ's loving embrace.

Minister: Let us open our hearts,

All: to receive God's Spirit.

HYMN 63 (Psalm 100) All people that on earth do dwell

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER

We continue our worship celebrating what God has given us while apologizing for what we have done to harm God, his creation, and his people.

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9: 9 – 13 Pg 796

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

HYMN 351 Jesus hands were kind hands

Children leave for Sunday School. Visiting children are welcome to join in.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9: 18 – 26 Pg 796

HYMN 724 Christ's is the world in which we move

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We cry out for help for others and ourselves. During the prayers this response is sung periodically:

Minister: Lord in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Freely given, our offering supports the work of Christ's church and symbolises our spiritual dedication to the building-up of the Kingdom of God.

HYMN 656 I come with joy, a child of God

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus took bread, broke it, and shared it and wine with his disciples asking them to remember him by doing the same. We remember him today by taking bread and wine and by announcing them as symbols of Jesus' body broken for us. All are welcome to share the gluten-free bread and the non-alcoholic wine.

Invitation and Confession of Faith

Jesus invites us to the table. We respond to that invitation by reading together a statement of what we believe, The Apostle's Creed, which connects us through the centuries to the worldwide Church.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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.**

Narrative of the Institution

We hear Paul tell the story of Jesus' last supper with his disciples, and his instruction to them to repeat the meal in memory of him.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26

Pg 950

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks for God's creation, new life in Jesus Christ, and the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing us into communion with God and each other.

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: Generous God...

Leader: Loving God....

Minister: Gracious God...

Leader: Now, generous, loving, gracious God ... we proclaim your greatness and sing your praises in the angels' song:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (Isaiah 6:3)

Leader: Eternal God ... Amen.

Breaking of Bread

In preparation for sharing bread we break it as a symbol of Christ's body broken for us in solidarity with all broken humanity.

Communion

Minister: Jesus, Lamb of God,

All: have mercy on us.

Minister: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

All: have mercy on us.

Minister: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

All: grant us peace.

The elders are served first then distribute the bread and wine to the congregation. If you do not wish to take part pass the elements to your neighbour.

Post-communion Prayer

SENDING OUT

HYMN 352

O for a thousand tongues to sing

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**