

ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Order of Service
6th of September 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 **Janet Little**. The beadle is Margaret Hunter. Leading worship is the **Rev. Dorothy Anderson**.

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: In the name of God,

**All: who created us,
who holds us and the whole world in his hands;**

Minister: In the name of the Son,

**All: who came into the world,
to reconcile us with God.**

Minister: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

**All: who fills us with eternal life,
who links us with all Christians
and incites us to peace,
we come together to offer our worship and praise.**

HYMN 106 (Psalms 149 & 150) Bring to the Lord a glad
new song

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

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 18: 15-20 Pg 985

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

HYMN 147 All creatures of our God and King
(Omit verse 5 & 6)

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

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 12: 1-14 Pg 68

HYMN 605 Thanks to God whose word was spoken

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 657 Father most loving, listen to your children

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 1153

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: 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)

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: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: have mercy on us.

Minister: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: have mercy on us.

Minister: Lamb of God, you take away the sin 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 182

Now thank we all our God

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.**