



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 20 July 2025

Welcome to worship with Inverurie West Parish Church. Whether you are joining us online or in-person; as a newcomer, occasional visitor, or regular, we are delighted to have you with us. This morning we continue our joint services with the congregation of St Andrew's for the months of July and August. Summer services start at the earlier time of 10 am.

Today we are looking at both Psalm 135 and our foundational Christian Nicene Creed as we ask: is it possible, and desirable to 'find Christ in the psalms'?

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship (Adapted from Psalm 135: 1-4)

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: Praise the name of the Lord,
give praise, O servants of the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God!

Leader: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant.

People: For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE (CH4 132)

Opening Prayer (Including the Lord's prayer)

Our heavenly father
May your holy name be honoured
May your kingdom come
May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today what we really need
Forgive us the wrong we do
as we forgive those who wrong us

Lead us away from temptation
Keep us safe from evil

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours forever
Amen

Intro to the word (including the Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY (CH4 356)

Reading 1 : Psalm 135: 5-18 read by Biff Barrow

5
I know that the Lord is great,
that our Lord is greater than all gods.

6
The Lord does whatever pleases him,
in the heavens and on the earth,
in the seas and all their depths.

7
He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth;
he sends lightning with the rain
and brings out the wind from his storehouses.

8
He struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
the firstborn of people and animals.

9
He sent his signs and wonders into your midst, Egypt,
against Pharaoh and all his servants.

10

He struck down many nations
and killed mighty kings—

11

Sihon king of the Amorites,
Og king of Bashan,
and all the kings of Canaan—

12

and he gave their land as an inheritance,
an inheritance to his people Israel.

13

Your name, Lord, endures forever,
your renown, Lord, through all generations.

14

For the Lord will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants.

15

The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
made by human hands.

16

They have mouths, but cannot speak,
eyes, but cannot see.

17

They have ears, but cannot hear,
nor is there breath in their mouths.

18

Those who make them will be like them,
and so will all who trust in them.

Reflection

THERE IS A REDEEMER (CH4 559)

Prayer

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH (CH4 167)

Grace

Blessing

News

Summer services - Please remember that our services in July and August start at 10 am! July services will be hosted at the West and August services at St Andrew's. There is no junior church in July and August but children are always welcome at services.

Annual leave - Rhona's summer annual leave runs from Monday July 28th to Monday August 18th. Rev Carl Irvine will be providing pastoral cover during these three weeks.

The 'Cuppa and Chat' in St. Andrew's will start again on Friday 1 August, from 10am to 12noon.

Garden Party Sunday July 27th. Isla, Sharon & Alison are having another of their popular garden parties this summer, in aid of the maintenance of the organ. Please give your name to Isla if you would like to attend

Car Boot Sale, with additional stalls in the hall, at St. Andrew's Church on Saturday 23 August, 10am – 12noon. To book a pitch at £12, or table in the hall at £10, please phone 01467 628740. Take away tea, coffee and bacon rolls will be available at £5.

Bike Ride - Fetternear Hall is now booked on Saturday 30 August for the Bennachie Bike Ride. Plenty time to get 'race fit'! Meanwhile, volunteers are definitely needed. Please speak to Joyce Petrie if you are able to help.

Soup and Sweet in St. Andrew's Old Hall on Saturday 11 October. Molly is already taking names for tickets, so get in now to avoid disappointment!

'Play church' - Rhona is working on some ideas for a new monthly group for children on a Sunday afternoon, beginning in September. More information will be provided over the summer, but if you're interested in finding out more, please speak to Rhona.

Clothing donations sought - Westhill Community Church and Kingshill Parish Church are once again looking for good quality lightly used men's clothing for asylum seekers whom they are assisting. They are in particular need of: backpacks, lightweight jackets, trousers/jeans, joggers, t-shirts, trainers and shoes

Donations can be dropped off at Westhill Community Church on:
Tuesday, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am – 3pm
Or

Kingshill Church on:
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12 noon

If you have suitable items but no transport to take them to Westhill, they can be left in the Quiet Room at the Acorn Centre until we can arrange a drop off.

Foodbank - We don't have a current wishlist from the Foodbank but regularly needed items include: Tinned spaghetti/macaroni, Tinned meat (hot or cold), Tinned vegetables, Tea bags (40s/80s, please), Tinned tomatoes, Small jars of coffee, Pot noodles/Mug Shots, UHT Milk (semi-skimmed or full cream)

Fundraising and Stewardship - If you regularly shop online - or even if you do so only occasionally, there is an easy way to help fundraise for the church. The first step is to register with the Easyfundraising website, at this address: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/inverurie-west-parish-church> After this, whenever you use their link to go to major retailers like Amazon, Tesco or Expedia, and make a purchase, the church gets a small donation. As an example, the last time Rhona booked a holiday, the church got £16! If you need help registering, please chat to one of the Grants team (Janet Duncan, Alison Sharp, Laura Gray, Biff Barrow, Rhona).

Practical help - if you, or anyone you know need shopping, errands etc done, we have lots of volunteers keen to help. For assistance ring Joyce Petrie on 01467 620932 or email help@inveruriwestchurch.org

For prayer requests, joys and concerns, or content which you would like shared on Sunday, please email Rhona on r.cathcart@inveruriewestchurch.org by Saturday night, or you can text her on her mobile.

Donations to the work of the church (either nationally or to an individual congregation like ours) can be made online at <https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate/111>