



## Sunday 16 July 2023

Welcome to Christ Church Glasgow! We are a new church committed to God, committed to each other and committed to telling the people of Glasgow the good news about Jesus Christ. We are glad you're with us today and would love to get to know you better so please feel free to ask any questions.

### Welcome

#### Call to Worship (from Psalm 86)

**Leader:** *Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;  
no deeds can compare with yours.  
All the nations you have made  
will come and worship before you, Lord;  
they will bring glory to your name.*

**All:** *For you are great and do marvellous deeds;  
You alone are God.*

**Leader:** *Teach me your way, Lord,  
that I may rely on your faithfulness;  
Give me an undivided heart,  
that I may fear your name.*

**All:** *I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;  
I will glorify your name for ever.  
For great is your love toward me;  
You have delivered me from the depths,  
From the realm of the dead*

#### Song – To God be the glory

To God be the glory,  
great things He has done  
So loved He the world  
that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life  
an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate  
that all may go in

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
Come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son  
Give Him the glory  
great things He has done*

O perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus  
a pardon receives  
*Praise the Lord ...*  
Great things He has taught us  
Great things He has done  
And great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder our worship  
when Jesus we see  
*Praise the Lord ...*

**Call to Worship**  
If worship is offering all that we are to all that God is, this is a proclamation of our intention. It is also a challenge to ourselves about what we worship daily.

### Songs

We sing songs to worship God and to encourage one another. If you are not able to join in, please take time to reflect on the God we sing to.

## Prayer

When we pray we are talking to God. We approach him with reverence and want to give him our adoration, confess our sins and thank him.

## Prayer of confession

Confession is when we are honest about ourselves, each other, and with God. As we admit our misplaced affections, we are called to reorder our lives. Only by being honest about our sin will the good news of grace be significant.

## Psalms

The Psalms are a collection of songs from the Bible. They can be sung, spoken or prayed. They contain the experience of every human emotion.

## Prayer for others

We pray because we know we can bring our concerns for ourselves, for others, for the world and for the church to God. God cares about the world and all people.

## Prayer (including Prayer of Confession)

*Most Holy and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to change what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## Psalm 103

Praise God, my soul! With all my heart  
Let me exalt his holy name.  
Forget not all his benefits;  
His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.  
The LORD forgives you all your sins,  
And heals your sickness and distress;  
Your life he rescues from the grave,  
And crowns you in his tenderness.  
And crowns you in his tenderness.  
  
He satisfies your deep desires  
From his unending stores of good,  
So that, just like the eagle's strength,  
Your youthful vigour is renewed.  
The LORD is known for righteous acts  
And justice to downtrodden ones.

To Moses he made known his ways,  
His mighty deeds to Israel's sons.  
His mighty deeds to Israel's sons.

The LORD is merciful and kind,  
To anger slow, and full of grace.  
He will not constantly reprove,  
Or in his anger hide his face.  
He does not punish our misdeeds,  
Or give our sins their just reward.  
How great his love—as high as heaven—  
Towards all those who fear the LORD!  
Towards all those who fear the LORD!

## Children leave

## Passing of the Peace

As a long-standing tradition of the church, this is a time when we have the opportunity to greet one another, regardless of our relationship, as individuals made in God's image. It is also a call to be united despite our differences.

## Prayer for others

### Song – Yet not I but through Christ in me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more  
for heaven now to give  
He is my joy  
my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love  
my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine  
I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need His power is displayed  
To this I hold  
my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won  
and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure  
the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled  
and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised  
to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released  
I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said  
that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete  
still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### Bible reading – Exodus 19:1-25

**19** On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt – on that very day – they came to the Desert of Sinai.<sup>2</sup> After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

**3** Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, ‘This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: **4** “You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. **5** Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, **6** you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.’

**7** So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. **8** The people all responded together, ‘We will do everything the LORD has said.’ So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

**9** The LORD said to Moses, ‘I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will always put their trust in you.’ Then Moses told the LORD what the people had said.

**10** And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Make them wash their clothes **11** and be ready by the third day, because on that day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. **12** Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, “Be careful that you do not approach the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain is to be put to death. **13** They are to be stoned or shot with arrows; not a hand is to be laid on them. No person or animal shall be permitted to live.” Only when the ram’s horn sounds a long blast may they approach the mountain.’

**14** After Moses had gone down the mountain to the people, he consecrated them, and they washed their clothes. **15** Then he said to the people, ‘Prepare yourselves for the third day. Abstain from sexual relations.’

### Bible reading

The Bible is the Word of God. When we read it we are listening to God speaking to us.

<sup>16</sup>On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup>Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. <sup>19</sup>As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

<sup>20</sup>The LORD descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up <sup>21</sup>and the LORD said to him, ‘Go down and warn the people so they do not force their way through to see the LORD and many of them perish. <sup>22</sup>Even the priests, who approach the LORD, must consecrate themselves, or the LORD will break out against them.’

<sup>23</sup>Moses said to the LORD, ‘The people cannot come up Mount Sinai, because you yourself warned us, “Put limits around the mountain and set it apart as holy.”’

<sup>24</sup>The LORD replied, ‘Go down and bring Aaron up with you. But the priests and the people must not force their way through to come up to the LORD, or he will break out against them.’

<sup>25</sup>So Moses went down to the people and told them.

### Talk

The talk is a time of teaching from the Bible reading. The aim is not just for head information, but heart transformation, as the good news of Jesus Christ is explained and applied to our lives.

### THE GOD WHO SAVES: A Meeting with God

#### Song - Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven	What other glory consumes like fire
Who else could make every king bow down	What other power can raise the dead
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles	What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God	Only a Holy God
<i>Come and behold Him ...</i>	
What other beauty demands such praises	Who else could rescue me from my failing
What other splendour outshines the sun	Who else would offer His only Son
What other majesty rules with justice	Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God	Only a Holy God
<i>Only my Holy God</i>	
<i>Come and behold Him ...</i>	
<i>Come and behold Him</i>	
<i>The One and the Only</i>	
<i>Cry out sing holy</i>	
<i>Forever a Holy God</i>	
<i>Come and worship the Holy God</i>	

### Close