



Sunday 10 March 2024

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

With so many distractions vying for our attention, this is a time to focus our hearts and minds and prepare to worship God.

Call to Worship (from Psalm 103)

Leader: **Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**

All: *Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits –
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.*

Leader: **The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.**

All: *He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbour his anger for ever;*

Leader: **He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.**

All: *As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;*

Song – Praise my soul the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

To His feet thy tribute bring

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven

Who like me His praise should sing?

Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him!

Praise the everlasting King

Praise Him for His grace and favour

To His people in distress

Praise Him still the same forever

Slow to chide, and swift to bless

Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him!

Praise Him for His faithfulness

Father-like He tends and spares us

Well our feeble frame He knows

In His hands He gently bears us

Rescues us from all our foes

Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him!

Widely as His mercy flows

Angels, help us to adore Him

Ye behold Him face to face

Sun and moon, bow down before Him

Dwellers all in time and space

Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him!

Praise with us the God of grace

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus gave a model prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) to teach us how to pray. We use this prayer corporately each week as a reminder.

Prayer (with Lord's Prayer)

*Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory, are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, died, and buried;
he descended to the dead;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there 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.

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.

Bible reading

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

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.

Song - Lord from sorrows deep I call (Psalm 42)

Lord from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall
Hear my desperation
For so long I've pled and prayed
"God come to my rescue!"
Even so the thorn remains
Still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul
Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll
God be now my shelter
Why are you cast down my soul?
Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold
Cause this heart to praise You

Should my life be torn from me
Every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief
God, be then my treasure
Be my vision in the night
Be my hope and refuge
'Til my faith is turned to sight
Lord, my heart will praise You

*Oh my soul put your hope in God
My help my rock I will praise Him
Sing oh sing through the raging storm
You're still my God my salvation*

Children leave

Prayer for others

Song - O great God of highest heaven

O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me

Bible reading

Acts 9:1-31

Talk

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH:
A Surprising Conversion

Song – His mercy is more

What love could remember
no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more*

What patience would wait
as we constantly roam
What Father so tender
is calling us home

He welcomes the weakest
the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

Praise the Lord...

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

Praise the Lord ...

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