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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, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O 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, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

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

Song - Come people of the risen King

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

*Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice*

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Rejoice rejoice ...

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

Rejoice rejoice ...

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.

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 (including the 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 forever.
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.

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	What other name remains undefeated
and darkness trembles	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
What other splendour outshines the sun	from my failing
What other majesty rules with justice	Who else would offer His only Son
Only a Holy God	Who else invites me to call Him Father
<i>Come and behold Him</i>	Only a Holy God
<i>The One and the Only</i>	Only my Holy God
<i>Cry out sing holy</i>	<i>Come and behold Him ...</i>
<i>Forever a Holy God</i>	
<i>Come and worship the Holy God</i>	

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.

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.

Bible reading

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

Children leave

The Peace of Christ

In the ancient church, members of the congregation greeted one another with a sign of friendship. In the same way, let us welcome one another.

Prayer for others

Psalm 34

At all times I will bless the LORD;
I'll praise him with my voice.
Because I glory in the LORD,
let troubled souls rejoice.

Together let us praise the LORD;
exalt his name with me.
I sought the LORD; his answer came:
from fears he set me free.

They look to him and shine with joy;
they are not put to shame.

This suffering man cried to the LORD;
from him deliverance came.

The angel of the LORD surrounds
and guards continually
All those who fear and honour him;
he sets his people free.

Come, taste and see—the LORD is good;
who trusts in him is blessed.

O fear the LORD, you saints; with need
you will not be oppressed.

Bible reading – 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.^[b] ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For,

'All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures for ever.'

And this is the word that was preached to you.

2 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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.

Talk

EXILES ON MISSION: Desiring God

Song – Build my life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing	<i>Holy there is no one like You</i>
Worthy of all the praise	<i>There is none beside You</i>
we could ever bring	<i>Open up my eyes in wonder</i>
Worthy of ev'ry breath	<i>and show me who You are</i>
we could ever breathe	<i>And fill me with Your heart</i>
We live for You	<i>And lead me in Your love</i>
	<i>to those around me</i>
Jesus the name above ev'ry other name	
Jesus the only one who could ever save	I will build my life upon Your love
Worthy of ev'ry breath	It is a firm foundation
we could ever breathe	I will put my trust in You alone
We live for You	And I will not be shaken
We live for You	<i>Holy there is no one like You ...</i>

Song – Be Thou my vision

Be Thou my vision	Riches I heed not
O Lord of my heart	Nor man's empty praise
Naught be all else to me	Thou mine inheritance
Save that Thou art	Now and always
Thou my best thought	Thou and Thou only
By day or by night	Be first in my heart
Waking or sleeping	High King of heaven
Thy presence my light	My treasure Thou art
Be Thou my wisdom	High King of heaven
Be Thou my true Word	When vict'ry is won
I ever with Thee	May I reach heaven's joys
And Thou with me Lord	O bright heaven's Sun
Thou my great Father	Heart of my own heart
I Thy true son	Whatever befall
Thou in me dwelling	Still be my vision
And I with Thee one	O Ruler of all