



## Sunday 5 May 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 27)

**Leader:** **The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?**

*All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?*

**Leader:** **One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek,  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

*All: To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.*

**Leader:** **My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"**

*All: Your face, Lord, I will seek*

#### Song – All creatures of our God and King

All creatures of our God and King

All the redeemed washed by His blood

Lift up your voice and with us sing

Come and rejoice in His great love

Oh praise Him

Oh praise Him

Alleluia

Alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam

Christ has defeated every sin

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

Cast all your burdens now on Him

*O praise Him O praise Him*

*O praise Him O praise Him*

*Alleluia alleluia alleluia*

*Alleluia alleluia alleluia*

Let all things their Creator bless

He shall return in pow'r to reign

And worship Him in humbleness

Heaven and earth will join to say

Oh praise Him

Oh praise Him

Alleluia

Alleluia

Praise praise the Father praise the Son

Then who shall fall on bended knee

And praise the Spirit Three-in-One

All creatures of our God and King

*O praise Him O praise Him*

*O praise Him O praise Him*

*Alleluia alleluia alleluia*

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## 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 (with prayer of confession)

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful in our relationship with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, work, even family. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you and your people. We have not loved our neighbour as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our relationship with you and one another.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Psalm 42 – Lord from sorrows deep I call

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

## 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 – Speak O Lord**

Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ  
might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory  
Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights  
of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged  
from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand  
on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk  
as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

## **Bible reading**

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

## **Bible reading**

**14** At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Greeks believed. <sup>2</sup> But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the other Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. <sup>3</sup> So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders. <sup>4</sup> The people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, others with the apostles. <sup>5</sup> There was a plot afoot among both Gentiles and Jews, together with their leaders, to mistreat them and stone them. <sup>6</sup> But they found out about it and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and to the surrounding country, <sup>7</sup> where they continued to preach the gospel.

<sup>8</sup> In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. <sup>9</sup> He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed <sup>10</sup> and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

<sup>11</sup> When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” <sup>12</sup> Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup> The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

<sup>14</sup> But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: <sup>15</sup> “Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea

and everything in them.<sup>16</sup> In the past, he let all nations go their own way.<sup>17</sup> Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.”<sup>18</sup> Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

<sup>19</sup> Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.<sup>20</sup> But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

<sup>21</sup> They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch,<sup>22</sup> strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.<sup>23</sup> Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.<sup>24</sup> After going through Pisidia, they came into Pamphylia,<sup>25</sup> and when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

<sup>26</sup> From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.<sup>27</sup> On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.<sup>28</sup> And they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

## 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.

## TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH:

### The Pattern of Mission

#### **Song - God is for us**

We won't fear the battle  
We won't fear the night  
We will walk the Valley  
with You by our side  
You will go before us  
You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge  
only You can save

*Sing with joy now our God is for us  
The Father's love  
is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now no love is greater  
Who can stand against us  
if our God is for us*

Even when I stumble  
Even when I fall  
Even when I turn back  
still Your love is sure  
You will not abandon  
You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward  
with never ending grace

*Sing with joy now our God is for us ...  
Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave His Son to free us  
Holds me in His love  
Sing with joy now our God is for us ...*