



Sunday 30 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 Isaiah 52 & 53)

**Leader: How beautiful on the mountains
 are the feet of those who bring good news,
 who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,
 who proclaim salvation, who say, 'Your God reigns!'**

*All: Burst into songs of joy together,
 for the Lord has comforted his people.
 And all the ends of the earth will see
 the salvation of our God.*

**Leader: He was pierced for our transgressions,
 he was crushed for our iniquities;
 the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
 and by his wounds we are healed.**

*All: We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
 each of us has turned to our own way;
 and the Lord has laid on him
 the iniquity of us all.*

Song – Jesus paid it all

I hear the Saviour say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

*Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Jesus paid it all...
For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb

Jesus paid it all...
And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
"Jesus died my soul to save"
My lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all...

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.

Confession

Confession is when we are honest about ourselves with God. As we admit our misplaced affections, we are called to reorder our lives. Only by being honest about our sins will the good news of grace be amazing to us.

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 (including Confession of Sins)

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offences against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Words of Assurance (from Isaiah 1:18)

‘Come now, let us settle the matter,’
says the Lord.
‘Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.’

Psalms 139 – Were I to cross from land to land

Were I to cross from land to land	How precious are Your thoughts to me
And sail afar by sea	How countless Lord they are
Descend the depths or climb the heights	More than the shores have grains of sand
My Lord remains with me	More than the skies have stars
Before the blood ran in these veins	Come search and test this heart O Lord
The days ordained for me	Dispel each anxious thought
Were written in Your book O Lord	And lead me onward evermore
Before I came to be	To tread the path I ought
I grieve to hear Your enemies	How blessed I am so bound with love
Speak hatred Lord of You	Surrounded yet so free
Long though they scheme with ill-intent	In doubt or blessing life or death
Their days are numbered too	My Lord remains with me

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

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.

Prayer for others

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 ...
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 ...

Bible reading – Revelation 3:1-6

3 'To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. ³Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

⁴Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. ⁵The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. ⁶Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Talk

VICTORY OF THE LAMB:
Sardis: Staying Alive

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

Song – Living hope

How great the chasm
that lay between us
How high the mountain
I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace
The God of ages
stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Close

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 ...

*Hallelujah praise the One
who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(Repeat)
Jesus Yours is the victory!

*Hallelujah praise the One ...
Hallelujah! Praise the One
who set me free
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope*