



## Sunday 3 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 (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 – 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 ...*

### 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.

## 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 (including prayer of confession)

*Almighty and most merciful God, we strayed from your ways and turned to our own ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and disobeyed you. Have mercy upon us Lord and forgive our sins. Enable us through your Spirit to live a faithful and joyful life, to the glory of your holy name. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.*

## Song - What can wash away my sins

What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my pardon this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow ...*

## 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.*

## Testimony

### Psalm 67

God be merciful and bless us;  
shine upon us with your face,  
That the earth may know your actions  
and all lands your saving grace.

O God, may the peoples praise you;  
may all peoples sing your praise.  
For you judge the nations justly,  
ruling over every race.

Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow ...*

This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow ...*

May they sing with joy and gladness;  
may they all rejoice as one.

O God, may the peoples praise you  
as they all unite in song.

Then the land will yield its harvest;  
God will pour his gifts abroad.  
God, our God, will surely bless us;  
all the earth will fear our God.

### **Bible reading**

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

### **Bible reading – Acts 8:26-40**

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means ‘queen of the Ethiopians’). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, ‘Go to that chariot and stay near it.’

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> ‘How can I,’ he said, ‘unless someone explains it to me?’ So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

‘He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.  
Who can speak of his descendants?  
For his life was taken from the earth.’

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, ‘Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?’ <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup> As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?’ <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

### **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**

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH: A Successful Conversion

**Song – Here is love**

Here is love, vast as the ocean,  
Lovingkindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,  
Shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten,  
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,  
Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
Poured incessant from above,  
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

**Song - Let Your kingdom come**

Your glorious cause O God  
Engages our hearts  
May Jesus Christ be known  
Wherever we are  
We ask not for ourselves  
But for Your renown  
The cross has saved us so we pray  
Your kingdom come

*Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your will be done  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name  
Let Your song be heard  
ev'rywhere on earth  
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done  
Let Your kingdom come*

In Your truth You will direct me  
By Your Spirit through Your Word;  
And Your grace my need is meeting,  
As I trust in You, my Lord.  
Of Your fullness You're outpouring  
Your great love and power anew,  
Without measure, full and boundless,  
Drawing out my heart to You.

Give us Your strength O God  
And courage to speak  
Perform Your wondrous deeds  
Through those who are weak  
Lord use us as You want  
Whatever the test  
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till  
Our dying breath

*Let Your kingdom come...*