



Sunday 19 November 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 1 Chronicles 29)

Leader: *Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.*

All: *Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour.*

Leader: *For everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.*

All: *Wealth and honour come from you; you are the ruler of all things.*

Leader: *In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.*

All: *Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.*

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.

Song - Come praise and glorify

Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice

In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill
To the praise ...

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God the Three in One
To the praise ...

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.

Prayer (including prayer of confession)

Gracious God, we come before you confessing our sins: our wrong thoughts and futile thinking, our selfish desires and evil passions, our unkind words and unjust acts. Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Please forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a burden of guilt and shame. Cleanse our hearts we pray and give us grace to grow more and more into the people you created us to be. In Jesus name. Amen.

Song - The Church's one foundation

The Church's one foundation	Though with a scornful wonder
Is Jesus Christ her Lord	Men see her sore oppressed
She is His new creation	By schisms rent asunder
By water and the Word	By heresies distressed
From heav'n He came and sought her	Yet saints their watch are keeping
To be His holy bride	Their cry goes up how long
With His own blood He bought her	And soon the night of weeping
And for her life He died	Shall be the morn of song
Elect from every nation	Yet she on earth hath union
Yet one o'er all the earth	With God the Three in One
Her charter of salvation	And mystic sweet communion
One Lord, one faith, one birth	With those whose rest is won
One holy name she blesses	O happy ones and holy
Partakes one holy food	Lord give us grace that we
And to one hope she presses	Like them the meek and lowly
With every grace endued	On high may dwell with Thee
'Mid toil and tribulation	
And tumult of her war	
She waits the consummation	
Of peace forevermore	
Till with the vision glorious	
Her longing eyes are blest	
And the great Church victorious	
Shall be the Church at rest	

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.

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

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.

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.

Psalm 130

LORD, from the depths I call to you;
Lord, hear me from on high
And give attention to my voice
when I for mercy cry.

LORD, in your presence who can stand,
if you our sins record?
But yet forgiveness is with you,
that we may fear you, LORD.

I wait—my soul waits—for the LORD;
my hope is in his word.
More than the watchman waits for dawn
my soul waits for the Lord.

O Isr'el, put your hope in God,
for mercy is with him
And full redemption. From their sins
his people he'll redeem.

Bible reading – Revelation 3:14-22

¹⁴ 'To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. ¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so that you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so that you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so that you can see.

¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. ²⁰ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

²¹ To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Talk

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The Church in Laodicea: Compromised Christianity

Song – Come O fount of every blessing

Come O fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Your grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Songs of God's abundant treasure
Sung by angel tongues above
Songs that tell the boundless measure
Of my Lord's unchanging love

I remember God's great mercy
By His help I've safely come
And I know He will not fail me
But will surely bring me home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering far away from God
And to rescue me from danger
Shed for me His precious blood

Through God's grace I am His debtor
Daily I this thought renew
Let that grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to You
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Take my heart O take and seal it
Seal it from Your courts above

Song – Build my life

Worthy of ev'ry song
we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise
we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

*Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
to those around me*

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Holy there is no one like You ...

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