



## Sunday 27 August 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 Psalm 102 & 103)

**Leader:** *In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.*

**All:** *The children of your servants will live in your presence; their descendants will be established before you.*

**Leader:** *We praise you Lord, who crowns us with love and compassion, who satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's!*

**All:** *From everlasting to everlasting your love is with those who fear you, O Lord, and your righteousness with their children's children, with those who keep your covenant, and remember to obey your commandments.*

#### Song - Come and stand before your maker

Come and stand before your maker

Bringing reconciliation

Full of wonder full of fear

To a world that longs to know

Come behold his power and glory

The affections of a father

Yet with confidence draw near

Who will never let them go

For the one who holds the heavens

*Rejoice ...*

And commands the stars above

All our sickness all our sorrows

Is the God who bends to bless us

Jesus carried up the hill

With an unrelenting love

He has walked this path before us

*Rejoice*

He is walking with us still

*Come and lift your hands*

Turning tragedy to triumph

*and raise your voice*

Turning agony to praise

*He is worthy of all praise*

There is blessing in the battle

*Rejoice*

So take heart and stand amazed

*Sing the mercies of your king*

*Rejoice*

*And with trembling rejoice*

*When you cry to him he hears your voice*

We are children of the promise

*He will wipe away your tears*

The beloved of the Lord

*Rejoice*

Won with everlasting kindness

*In the midst of suffering*

Bought with sacrificial blood

*He will help you sing*

### 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.

## 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 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.

## Prayer (with prayer of confession)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you destroyed the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by our own selfishness and sin. We waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbour, and are constantly focused on ourselves. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Amen

## Words of Encouragement — 2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## 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 – Only a holy God**

Who else commands  
all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make  
every king bow down  
Who else can whisper  
and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty  
demands such praises  
What other splendour  
outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him*  
*The One and the Only*  
*Cry out sing holy*  
*Forever a Holy God*  
*Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him ...*

Who else could rescue me  
from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God  
Only my Holy God

*Come and behold Him ...*

### **Bible reading**

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

### **Bible reading – Exodus 24:1-18**

**24** Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance,<sup>2</sup> but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.’

<sup>3</sup> When Moses went and told the people all the LORD’s words and laws, they responded with one voice, ‘Everything the LORD has said we will do.’ <sup>4</sup> Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. <sup>6</sup> Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. <sup>7</sup> Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, ‘We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.’

<sup>8</sup> Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, ‘This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.’

<sup>9</sup> Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup> and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup> But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.’

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses set out with Joshua his assistant, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> He said to the elders, ‘Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.’

<sup>15</sup> When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup> and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup> To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

### **Talk**

#### THE GOD WHO SAVES: The Covenant

**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.

### **Song – It was finished upon that cross**

How I love the voice of Jesus  
On the Cross of Calvary  
He declares his work is finished  
He has spoken this hope to me  
Though the sun had ceased its shining  
Though the war appeared as lost  
Christ had triumphed over evil  
It was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse it has been broken  
Jesus paid the price for me  
Full the pardon He has offered  
Great the welcome that I receive  
Boldly I approach my Father  
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry  
It was finished upon that Cross

Death was once my great opponent  
Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us  
Rose that we would be free indeed

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Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us  
Rose that we would be free indeed  
Yes He rose  
that we would be free indeed

Free from ev'ry plan of darkness  
Free to live and free to love  
Death is dead and Christ is risen  
It was finished upon that Cross

Onward to eternal glory  
To my Saviour and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory  
It was finished upon that Cross

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### **Song – My hope is built on nothing less**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

*Christ alone cornerstone*  
*Weak made strong in the Saviour's love*  
*Through the storm He is Lord*  
*Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

*Christ alone cornerstone ...*

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

*Christ alone cornerstone ...*

**Close**