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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 103)

Leader: **Praise the LORD, my soul;**
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

All: *Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits –
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.*

Leader: **The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.**

All: *He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbour his anger for ever;*

Leader: **He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.**

All: *As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.*

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 - Praise my soul the King of heaven

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| Praise my soul the King of heaven | Father-like He tends and spares us |
| To His feet your tribute bring | Well our human frame He knows |
| Ransomed healed restored forgiven | In His hands He gently bears us |
| Who like me His praise should sing | Rescues us from all our foes |
| Praise Him praise Him | Praise Him praise Him |
| Praise Him praise Him | Praise Him praise Him |
| Praise the everlasting King | Widely as His mercy flows |
| Praise Him for His grace and favour | Angels help us to adore Him |
| To our fathers in distress | We behold Him face to face |
| Praise Him still the same for ever | Sun and moon bow down before Him |
| Slow to anger, swift to bless | All who dwell in time and space |
| Praise Him praise Him | Praise Him praise Him |
| Praise Him praise Him | Praise Him praise Him |
| Glorious in His faithfulness | Praise with us the God of grace |

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus gave a model prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) to teach us how to pray. We use this prayer corporately each week as a reminder.

Prayer (including the Lord's Prayer)

*Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory, are yours,
now and forever.*

Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, died, and buried;
he descended to the dead;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Psalm 46 – God is our refuge and our strength

God is our refuge and our strength,
our ever-present aid;
And therefore,
though the earth gives way,
we will not be afraid.

Though mountains fall into the sea,
though waters foam and roar,
We will not fear,
though mountains quake
as waves engulf the shore.

A river flows, whose streams delight
the city of our God—
The holy place, in which the LORD
Most High has his abode.

God is within his holy place;
the city will not yield,
For God will come at break of day
to be her help and shield.

Be still, and know that I am God,
on earth exalted high;
And all the nations of the world
my name will glorify.

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.

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.

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 ...

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 ...

*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

Song - Jesus draw me ever nearer

Jesus draw me ever nearer
As I labour through the storm
You have called me to this passage
And I'll follow though I'm worn

Jesus guide me through the tempest
Keep my spirit staid and sure
When the midnight meets the morning
Let me love You even more

*May this journey bring a blessing
May I rise on wings of faith
And at the end of my heart's testing
With Your likeness let me wake*

May this journey...
Let the treasures of the trial
Form within me as I go
And at the end of this long passage
Let me leave them at Your throne

May this journey...

Bible reading

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

Bible reading – Exodus 17:8-18:27

⁸ The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. ⁹ Moses said to Joshua, ‘Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.’

¹⁰ So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. ¹¹ As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. ¹² When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up – one on one side, one on the other – so that his hands remained steady till sunset. ¹³ So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven.’

¹⁵ Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner. ¹⁶ He said, ‘Because hands were lifted up against the throne of the LORD, the LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.’

18 Now Jethro, the priest of Midian and father-in-law of Moses, heard of everything God had done for Moses and for his people Israel, and how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

² After Moses had sent away his wife Zipporah, his father-in-law Jethro received her ³ and her two sons. One son was named Gershom, for Moses said, ‘I have become a foreigner in a foreign land’; ⁴ and the other was named Eliezer, for he said, ‘My father’s God was my helper; he saved me from the sword of Pharaoh.’

⁵ Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, together with Moses’ sons and wife, came to him in the wilderness, where he was camped near the mountain of God. ⁶ Jethro had sent word to him, ‘I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons.’

⁷ So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. They greeted each other and then went into the tent. ⁸ Moses told his father-in-law about everything the LORD had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians for Israel’s sake and about all the hardships they had met along the way and how the LORD had saved them.

⁹ Jethro was delighted to hear about all the good things the LORD had done for Israel in rescuing them from the hand of the Egyptians. ¹⁰ He said, ‘Praise be to the LORD, who rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians and of Pharaoh, and who rescued the people from the hand of the Egyptians. ¹¹ Now I know that the LORD is greater than all other gods, for he did this to those who had treated Israel arrogantly.’ ¹² Then Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and other sacrifices to God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat a meal with Moses’ father-in-law in the presence of God.

¹³ The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood round him from morning till evening. ¹⁴ When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, ‘What is this you are doing for the

people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand round you from morning till evening?’

¹⁵ Moses answered him, ‘Because the people come to me to seek God’s will. ¹⁶ Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God’s decrees and instructions.’

¹⁷ Moses’ father-in-law replied, ‘What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸ You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. ¹⁹ Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people’s representative before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰ Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. ²¹ But select capable men from all the people – men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain – and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²² Let them serve as judges for the people at all times, but let them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. ²³ If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied.’

²⁴ Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said. ²⁵ He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²⁶ They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves.

²⁷ Then Moses sent his father-in-law on his way, and Jethro returned to his own country.

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.

THE GOD WHO SAVES: The Journey

Song – O church arise

O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say
that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword
that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have
the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross
where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie
crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength
in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith
to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls
and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

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