



Sunday 5 March 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 24)

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

All: *For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the waters.*

Leader: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?

All: *Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to an idol
or swear by what is false.*

Leader: They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God their Saviour.

All: *Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, O God of Jacob.*

Song – Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy holy holy	Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty	Though the darkness hide Thee
Early in the morning	Though the eye of sinful man
Our song shall rise to Thee	Thy glory may not see
Holy holy holy	Only Thou art holy
Merciful and mighty	There is none beside Thee
God in three persons	Perfect in power
Blessed Trinity	In love and purity
Holy holy holy	Holy holy holy
All the saints adore Thee	Lord God Almighty
Casting down their golden crowns	All Thy works shall praise Thy name
Around the glassy sea	In earth and sky and sea
Cherubim and seraphim	Holy holy holy
Falling down before Thee	Merciful and mighty
Which wert and art	God in three persons
And evermore shalt be	Blessed Trinity

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.

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

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 (concluded by 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 for ever.
Amen

Psalms 51 – Wisdom in the secret heart

Behold I was brought forth in iniquity
And in sin did my mother conceive me
Behold You delight
In the truth in the inward being
You teach me
Wisdom in the secret heart

Our sins not far
But right in front of me
Against You and You alone, God

I am guilty
Wash me thoroughly
Cleanse me from iniquity
And teach me
Wisdom in the secret heart

*Create in me a clean heart
Oh God
Renew a right spirit within me
Oh God*

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.

*Cast me not away from Your presence
Take not Your Holy Spirit*

*Restore in me the joy of Your salvation
And teach me*

Wisdom in the secret heart

Send me
The chief of sinners to proclaim

"Come be forgiven of sin;

The lamb of God was slain"

Open my lips and my mouth
will declare your endless praise

And teach me

Wisdom in the secret heart

Chorus

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.

Song – Jesus loves me

Jesus loves me
This I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong

*Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so*

Jesus loves me
He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let His little child come in

Chorus

Jesus loves me He will stay
Close beside me all the way
On the cross You died for me
I will ever live for Thee

Chorus

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.

Prayer for others

Song – The perfect wisdom of our God

The perfect wisdom of our God
Revealed in all the universe
All things created by His hand
And held together at His command
He knows the mysteries of the seas
The secrets of the stars are His
He guides the planets on their way
And turns the earth
through another day

The matchless wisdom of His ways
That mark the path of righteousness
His word a lamp unto my feet
His Spirit teaching and guiding me

And O the mystery of the cross
That God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the wise
And all the glory might go to Christ

O grant me wisdom from above
To pray for peace and cling to love
And teach me humbly to receive
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty
Each strand of sorrow has a place
Within this tapestry of grace
So through the trials I choose to say
Your perfect will in Your perfect way

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.*

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Within this tapestry of grace
So through the trials I choose to say
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Bible reading – James 3:13-18

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such ‘wisdom’ does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Talk

FAITH THAT WORKS: Wisdom

Song – Be Thou my vision

Be Thou my Vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
In the day or the night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom
And Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

High King of heaven
Thou bright Heaven's sun
Grant me its joys
after vict'ry is won
Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my Vision
O Ruler of all

Close

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.*