



## Sunday 8 October 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 86)

**Leader:** Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name.

*All: For you are great and do marvellous deeds; You alone are God.*

**Leader:** Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

*All: I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me; You have delivered me from the depths of the grave.*

### Song - Praise my soul the King of heaven

Praise my soul the King of heaven	Father-like He tends and spares us
To His feet thy 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 His people in distress	Ye 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

### 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.

## 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.

## 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 (with prayer of confession)

O Lord, we have not longed for your coming and your kingdom as we ought. We have not denied ourselves, taken up our cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cried out for justice nor cared enough about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord, forgive us for our offences and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

## Song - Rescuer

*He's our Rescuer*

*He's our Rescuer*

*We are free from sin forevermore*

*Oh how sweet the sound*

*Oh how grace abounds*

*We will praise the Lord our Rescuer*

There is good news for the captive

Good news for the shamed

There is good news for the one who walked away

There is good news for the doubter

The one religion failed

For the good Lord has come to seek and save

*He's our Rescuer ...*

He is beauty for the blind man

Riches for the poor

He is friendship for the one the world ignores

He is pasture for the weary Rest for those who strive

Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life

Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life

*He's our Rescuer ...*

So come and be chainless

Come and be fearless

Come to the foot of Calvary

There is redemption for every affliction Here at the foot of Calvary

*He's our Rescuer ...*

## 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

## Psalm 119 – Your word

Your word is good it's ever faithful

Worth more than gold, the heart's delight

Your word gives life

to all who hear and obey

Your word endures forever

Your word is true it never changes

It formed the earth, sustains it still

Your word defends

providing refuge and strength

Your word endures forever

*Your word is a lamp unto my feet  
Your word is a light unto my path  
For Your word is my hope,  
it's my joy, and my song  
Your word endures forever*

Your word transforms, it lifts the humble  
Rebukes the proud, protects the poor  
Your word discerns  
the mind and spirit of all  
Your word endures forever  
Your word endures forever

*Your word is a lamp unto my feet ...*

Your word is more  
than just letters on pages  
It's life and it's love  
and it's freedom for us

Your word is more  
than just wisdom of ages  
Its treasures are endless,  
it's always enough  
Your word is more  
than just stories of old  
It's the truth and the way  
and the story of love  
Your word is more  
than just breath into dust  
It's your Son as a man  
come to dwell here with us

*Your word is a lamp unto my feet ...*

### **Bible reading – Acts 1:1-11**

**1** In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>6</sup>Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

### **Talk**

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH - The Unstoppable Mission Of Jesus

### **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.

### **Song – Facing a task unfinished**

Facing a task unfinished  
That drives us to our knees  
A need that undiminished  
Rebukes our slothful ease  
We who rejoice to know You  
Renew before Your throne  
The solemn pledge we owe You  
To go and make You known

Where other lords beside You  
Hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied You  
Defy You still today  
With none to heed their crying  
For life and love and light  
Unnumbered souls are dying  
And pass into the night

*We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ, The Lord*

### **Song - In Christ alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm  
What heights of love,  
what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled,  
when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand  
In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

**Close**

We bear the torch that flaming  
Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission  
The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition  
To You we yield our powers

*We go to all the world ...*

O Father who sustained them  
O Spirit who inspired  
Saviour whose love constrained them  
To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us  
From lethargy awake  
Forth on Your errands send us  
To labour for Your sake

*We go to all the world ...*

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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