



## Sunday 24 September 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 Isaiah 12:1-5)

**Leader:** We will praise you, O Lord. Though you were angry with us, your anger has been turned away, and you have comforted us.

*All: The Lord, the Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. We will trust and not be afraid. With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

**Leader:** Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

*All: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known in all the earth.*

### Song – Praise is rising

Praise is rising  
Eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You  
Hope is stirring  
Hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You  
'Cause when we see You  
We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence  
All our fears are washed away  
(Washed away)

*Hosanna hosanna  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

Hear the sound of  
Hearts returning to You  
We turn to You  
In Your Kingdom  
Broken lives are made new  
You make us new  
'Cause when we see You  
We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence  
All our fears are washed away  
(Washed away)

*Hosanna hosanna ...*

### 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 – O praise the Name**

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

*O praise the Name...*

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

*O praise the Name...*

### **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 (including prayer of confession)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **Psalms 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.

## **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.

### 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.

### Prayer for others

#### 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

#### Bible reading – Revelation 3:7-13

<sup>7</sup>To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. <sup>8</sup>I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. <sup>9</sup>I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars – I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. <sup>12</sup>The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. <sup>13</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

#### Talk

VICTORY OF THE LAMB: An Open Door

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

### **Song – Living Hope**

How great the chasm  
that lay between us  
How high the mountain  
I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness  
Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope  
  
Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom  
such boundless grace  
The God of ages  
stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

**Close**

*Hallelujah  
praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning  
that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus Yours is the victory!

*Hallelujah  
praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope  
Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope*