

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.

Confession

Confession is when we are honest about ourselves with God. As we admit our misplaced affections, we are called to reorder our lives. Only by being honest about our sins will the good news of grace be amazing to us.

Sunday 3 December 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 72)

Leader: May his name endure for ever;

may it continue as long as the sun.

All: Then all nations will be blessed through him,

and they will call him blessed.

Leader: Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel,

who alone does marvellous deeds.

All: Praise be to his glorious name for ever;

may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Amen and Amen.

Song – Behold our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands Who has numbered every grain of sand Kings and nations tremble at His voice All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne Come let us adore Him Behold our King nothing can compare Come let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord Who can question any of His words

Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Behold our God ...

Who has felt the nails upon His hands Bearing all the guilt of sinful man God eternal humbled to the grave Jesus Saviour risen now to reign

Behold our God ...

You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth)

Behold our God ...

Prayer (with prayer of confession)

Lord, we want to enter your presence, awed by your majesty, greatness, and glory, yet encouraged by your love. Yet there is a coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward you, an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for you. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within us, in every thought, word, and deed. Give us a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to you, and always clings to the cross. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Receive these words of comfort from God For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Song - My God is all I need

Dark, dark is the valley
Faint, the light at my feet
But whatever may face me
My God is all I need

Bright, bright are the treasures Life may offer to me But whatever the pleasure My God is all I need

He is my strength when I cannot go on Peace when all my power is gone Hope, although the night is long and deep He is my song for He has rescued me Joy, now He has set me free Praise, praise to my Father be My God is all I need

Brief, brief are my days here Soon my journey complete But I look to my Saviour Where God has met my need Yes, He has met my need He is my strength ...

My God is so big so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
My God is so big so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
The mountains are His,
the valleys are His
The stars are His handiwork too
My God is so big so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
(There's nothing my God cannot do)

He is my strength ...

Praise, praise to my Father be My God is all I need

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.

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 2

Why do the heathen nations rage? Why do the peoples plot in vain? Earth's kings combine in enmity; Her rulers join against God's reign.

They take their stand against the LORD And challenge his anointed one:

"Let us break off their chains from us;
With their restraints let us be done."

The One enthroned in heaven laughs; The Lord on high derides them all. Then he rebukes them in his wrath; His rage and terror on them fall.

The LORD has made it known to them: "My chosen king I have installed On Zion, my own holy hill.
He is the one whom I have called."

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.

Bible reading - Acts 4:23-31

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. 'Sovereign Lord,' they said, 'you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one."

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.'

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Talk

ACTS: TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH - Mission Fuelled Prayer

Song – Your will be done

As in heaven so on earth My heart is drawn to self-exalting Help me seek Your kingdom first As Jesus walked so shall I walk Held by Your same unchanging love Be still my soul O lift your voice and pray Father not my will but Yours be done How in that garden he persisted I may never fully know The fearful weight of true obedience It was held by him alone What wondrous faith to bear that cross To bear my sin what wondrous love My hope was sure when there my Saviour prayed Father not my will but Yours be done

Your will be done my God and Father

Still I will trust in my good Father Yes to the one great King I bow As Jesus rose so I shall rise In ransomed glory at the throne My heart restored with all Your saints I sing Father not my will but Yours be done As we go forth our God and Father Lead us daily in the fight That all the world might see Your glory And Your Name be lifted high And in this Name we overcome For You shall see us safely home Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost when I am broken

In the night of fear and doubt

Song – From the squalor of a borrowed stable

From the squalor of a borrowed stable, By the Spirit and a virgin's faith
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the Saviour of the human race
But the skies were filled with the praise of heaven
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven
now the Friend of sinners
Humble servant in the Father's hands
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
Filled with mercy for the broken man
Yes, He walked my road
and He felt my pain,
Joys and sorrows that I know so well
Yet His righteous steps
give me hope again —
I will follow my Immanuel

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal
He was lifted on a cruel cross
He was punished
for a world's transgressions
He was suffering to save the lost
He fights for breath, He fights for me
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell
And with a shout our souls are free
Death defeated by Immanuel

Now He's standing

in the place of honour
Crowned with glory
on the highest throne
Interceding for His own beloved
Till His Father calls to bring them home
Then the skies will part
as the trumpet sounds
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell
But the Bride will run
to her Lover's arms
Giving glory to Immanuel!

Close

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