



Sunday 20 August 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 146)

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul.
I will sing praise to My God as long as I live.

All: Blessed is he whose hope is in the Lord, his God, maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them; the Lord, who remains faithful forever.

Leader: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

*All: The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.
The Lord reigns forever. Praise the Lord!*

Song – God immortal invisible

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| God immortal invisible | Holy is the Lord, is the Lord |
| Clothed in light inaccessible | Holy |
| God most Holy God only wise | <i>And our praise will rise to the Lord of life</i> |
| God most blessed most glorious | <i>Come and worship Him in His majesty</i> |
| God Almighty victorious | <i>Awesome God most high</i> |
| Present with us yet veiled from sight | <i>See His glory shine over all mankind</i> |
| Holy is the Lord, is the Lord | <i>Come and worship Him in His majesty</i> |
| Holy | <i>Awesome God most high</i> |
| <i>And our praise will rise to the Lord of life</i> | God of splendour we see in part |
| <i>Come and worship Him in His majesty</i> | But through Christ He has come to us |
| <i>Awesome God most high</i> | Wondrous glory has won our hearts |
| Giving life to both great and small | <i>And our praise will rise...</i> |
| He's the source and the life of all | |
| Needing nothing to make Him whole | |
| Man does flourish then fade to nought | |
| Like a breath that is quickly gone | |
| But our God's the eternal One | |

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.

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 (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 for ever. Amen.

The Apostle's 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 100 – All people that on earth do dwell

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| All people that on earth do dwell | O enter then his gates with praise |
| Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice | And in his courts his love proclaim |
| Serve him with joy, his praises tell | Give thanks and bless him all your days |
| Come now before him and rejoice! | Let every tongue confess his name |
| Know that the Lord is God indeed | The Lord our mighty God is good |
| He formed us all without our aid | His mercy is forever sure |
| We are the flock he loves to feed | His truth at all times firmly stood |
| The sheep who by his hand are made | And shall from age to age endure |

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 - This is amazing grace

Who breaks the power
of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty
and so much stronger
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless
in awe and wonder
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for
All that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan
a son and daughter
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Bible reading – Exodus 21-23

21 'These are the laws you are to set before them:

² 'If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve you for six years. But in the seventh year, he shall go free, without paying anything. ³ If he comes alone, he is to go free alone; but if he has a wife when he comes, she is to go with him. ⁴ If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the woman and her children shall belong to her master, and only the man shall go free.

⁵ 'But if the servant declares, "I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free," ⁶ then his master must take him before the judges. He shall take him to the door or the door-post and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life.

⁷ 'If a man sells his daughter as a servant, she is not to go free as male servants do. ⁸ If she does not please the master who has selected her for himself, he must let her be redeemed. He has no right to sell her to foreigners, because he has

Who rules the nations
with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

This is amazing grace ...

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave
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Bible reading

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

broken faith with her. ⁹ If he selects her for his son, he must grant her the rights of a daughter. ¹⁰ If he marries another woman, he must not deprive the first one of her food, clothing and marital rights. ¹¹ If he does not provide her with these three things, she is to go free, without any payment of money.

¹² 'Anyone who strikes a person with a fatal blow is to be put to death. ¹³ However, if it is not done intentionally, but God lets it happen, they are to flee to a place I will designate. ¹⁴ But if anyone schemes and kills someone deliberately, that person is to be taken from my altar and put to death.

¹⁵ 'Anyone who attacks their father or mother is to be put to death.

¹⁶ 'Anyone who kidnaps someone is to be put to death, whether the victim has been sold or is still in the kidnapper's possession.

¹⁷ 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.

¹⁸ 'If people quarrel and one person hits another with a stone or with their fist and the victim does not die but is confined to bed, ¹⁹ the one who struck the blow will not be held liable if the other can get up and walk around outside with a staff; however, the guilty party must pay the injured person for any loss of time and see that the victim is completely healed.

²⁰ 'Anyone who beats their male or female slave with a rod must be punished if the slave dies as a direct result, ²¹ but they are not to be punished if the slave recovers after a day or two, since the slave is their property.

²² 'If people are fighting and hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows. ²³ But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, ²⁴ eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵ burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

23 'Do not spread false reports. Do not help a guilty person by being a malicious witness.

² 'Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, ³ and do not show favouritism to a poor person in a lawsuit.

⁴ 'If you come across your enemy's ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to return it. ⁵ If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen down under its load, do not leave it there; be sure you help them with it.

⁶ 'Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits. ⁷ Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty.

⁸ 'Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the innocent.

⁹ 'Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt.

¹⁰ 'For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, ¹¹ but during the seventh year let the land lie unploughed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it, and the wild animals may eat what is left. Do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove.

¹² 'Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work, so that your ox and your donkey may rest, and so that the slave born in your household and the foreigner living among you may be refreshed.

¹³ 'Be careful to do everything I have said to you. Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips.

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.

Talk

THE GOD WHO SAVES: Generous Justice

Song – O great God of highest heaven

O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Song – The Lord is my salvation

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me
scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades
I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me

In times of waiting times of need
When I know loss when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord ...

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord ...

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

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