



## Sunday 23 July 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 145)

**Leader: We will exalt you, our God the King;  
We will praise your name for ever and ever.  
Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.**

*All: The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.  
The Lord is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.*

**Leader: All your works praise you, Lord;  
your faithful people extol you.**

*All: They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,  
so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.*

#### Song – Let Your kingdom come

Your glorious cause O God  
Engages our hearts  
May Jesus Christ be known  
Wherever we are  
We ask not for ourselves  
But for Your renown  
The cross has saved us so we pray  
Your kingdom come

Give us Your strength O God  
And courage to speak  
Perform Your wondrous deeds  
Through those who are weak  
Lord use us as You want  
Whatever the test  
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till  
Our dying breath

*Let Your kingdom come  
Let Your will be done  
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name  
Let Your song be heard  
ev'rywhere on earth  
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done  
Let Your kingdom come*

*Let Your kingdom come ...*

#### 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 - Ancient of days**

Blessing and honour glory and power

Be unto the Ancient of Days

From ev'ry nation all of creation

Bow before the Ancient of Days

*Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth*

*Shall declare Your glory*

*Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne*

*In worship*

*You will be exalted O God*

*And Your kingdom shall not pass away*

*O Ancient of Days*

Your kingdom shall reign

Over all the earth

Sing unto the Ancient of Days

For none can compare

To Your matchless worth

Sing unto the Ancient of Days

*Ev'ry tongue ...*

### **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 forever.

Amen.

### **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.

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.

### **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.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

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.

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 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 – Revelation 2:18-29

<sup>18</sup> 'To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. <sup>19</sup> I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

<sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, I have this against you: you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup> I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. <sup>22</sup> So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. <sup>23</sup> I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

<sup>24</sup> Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, "I will not impose any other burden on you, <sup>25</sup> except to hold on to what you have until I come."

<sup>26</sup> To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations – <sup>27</sup> that one "will rule them with an iron sceptre and will dash them to pieces like pottery" – just as I have received authority from my Father. <sup>28</sup> I will also give that one the morning star. <sup>29</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

### Talk

VICTORY OF THE LAMB:

Thyatira: The Once and Future King

### **Song – King of Kings**

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father*

*Praise the Son*

*Praise the Spirit three in one*

*God of Glory*

*Majesty*

*Praise forever to the King of kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

### **Song – Hear the call of the kingdom**

Hear the call of the kingdom  
Lift your eyes to the King  
Let His song rise within you  
As a fragrant offering  
Of how God rich in mercy  
came in Christ to redeem  
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the kingdom  
To be children of light  
With the mercy of heaven  
the humility of Christ  
Walking justly before Him  
Loving all that is right  
That the life of Christ  
may shine through us

**Close**

*Praise the Father ...*

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

*Praise the Father ...*

*King of heaven we will answer the call  
We will follow  
bringing hope to the world  
Filled with passion  
filled with power to proclaim  
Salvation in Jesus' name*

Hear the call of the kingdom  
To reach out to the lost  
With the Father's compassion  
In the wonder of the cross  
Bringing peace and forgiveness  
And a hope yet to come  
Let the nations put their trust in Him  
*King of heaven ...*