



Sunday 15 January 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 103)

Leader: Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

All: *Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits –
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.*

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

All: *For he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.*

Psalm 103

Praise God, my soul! With all my heart
Let me exalt His holy name.
Forget not all His benefits;
His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.
The LORD forgives you all your sins,
And heals your sickness and distress;
Your life He rescues from the grave,
And crowns you in His tenderness.
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Each human life is like the grass,
And like a meadow flower it grows.
Its place will never be recalled
Once over it the tempest blows.
But everlasting is God's love
For those who fear Him,
and their seed—
For those who keep His covenant,
And carefully His precepts heed.
And carefully His precepts heed.

God's kingly rule is over all;
In heaven He has set His throne.
O you His angels, praise the LORD,
Strong ones by whom His will is done.
O praise the LORD, you heavenly hosts,
His servants who perform His word.
Praise God, His works
throughout His realm,
And you, my soul, O praise the LORD!
And you, my soul, O praise the LORD!

Call to worship

With so many distractions vying for our attention, this is a time to focus our hearts and minds and prepare to worship God.

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

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.

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 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 (concluded by 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

Song – I will wait (Psalm 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
Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord
Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone
*I will wait for You I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied*

So put your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave

Children leave**The Peace of Christ**

In the ancient church, members of the congregation greeted one another with a sign of friendship. In the same way, let us welcome one another.

Prayer for others

His steadfast love has made a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice

Chorus

*I will wait for You I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight*

I pray my soul waits for the Lord
My hope is in His Word
More than the watchmen waits for dawn
My soul waits for the Lord

Song – Will your anchor hold

Will your anchor hold
in the storms of life
When the clouds unfold
their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift,
and the cables strain
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure
while the billows roll
Fastened to the rock
which cannot move
Grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love!*

Will your anchor hold
in the straits of fear
When the breakers roar
and the reef is near?
While the surges rage,
and the wild winds blow
Shall the angry waves
then your boat o'erflow?

Chorus

Will your anchor hold
in the floods of death
When the waters cold
chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail
While your anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Will your eyes behold
through the morning light
The city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe
by the heavenly shore
When life's storms are past
for evermore?

Chorus

Bible reading – James 1:1-12

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:

Greetings.

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. **4** Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. **5** If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. **6** But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. **7** That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. **8** Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

9 Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. **10** But the rich should take pride in their humiliation – since they will pass away like a wild flower. **11** For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

Bible reading

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

¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

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

FAITH THAT WORKS: Trials

Song – Jesus draw me ever nearer

Jesus draw me ever nearer
As I labour through the storm
You have called me to this passage
And I'll follow though I'm worn

*May this journey bring a blessing
May I rise on wings of faith
And at the end of my heart's testing
With Your likeness let me wake*

Jesus guide me through the tempest
Keep my spirit staid and sure
When the midnight meets the morning
Let me love You even more

Song – When trials come

When trials come no longer fear
For in the pain our God draws near
To fire a faith worth more than gold
And there His faithfulness is told
And there His faithfulness is told
Within the night I know Your peace
The breath of God brings strength to me
And new each morning mercy flows
As treasures of the darkness grow
As treasures of the darkness grow

I turn to wisdom not my own
For ev'ry battle You have known
My confidence will rest in You
Your love endures Your ways are good
Your love endures Your ways are good

Close

Chorus

Let the treasures of the trial
Form within me as I go
And at the end of this long passage
Let me leave them at Your throne

Chorus

When I am weary with the cost
I see the triumph of the cross
So in its shadow I shall run
Till You complete the work begun
Till You complete the work begun
One day all things will be made new
I'll see the hope You called me to
And in Your kingdom paved with gold
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old