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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 Ephesians 1)

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in the heavenly realms
with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

All: *For he chose us in him before the creation of the world
to be holy and blameless in his sight.*

Leader: In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through
Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will
– to the praise of his glorious grace,
which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

All: *In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches
of God's grace that he lavished on us.
To the praise of his glory.*

Song – Come praise and glorify

Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally

*To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice

In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill

Chorus

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God the Three in One

Chorus

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.

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.

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.

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.

Psalm 130 - LORD, from the depths I call to you

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

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

Song- His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more*

What love could remember
no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

Chorus

What patience would wait
as we constantly roam
What Father so tender
is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest
the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

Bible reading – Exodus 5-6:12

5 Afterwards Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, 'This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: "Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness."'

2 Pharaoh said, 'Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go.'

3 Then they said, 'The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, or he may strike us with plagues or with the sword.'

4 But the king of Egypt said, 'Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labour? Get back to your work!' **5** Then Pharaoh said, 'Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working.'

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.

⁶ That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and overseers in charge of the people: ⁷ 'You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. ⁸ But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don't reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, "Let us go and sacrifice to our God." ⁹ Make the work harder for the people so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies.'

¹⁰ Then the slave drivers and the overseers went out and said to the people, 'This is what Pharaoh says: "I will not give you any more straw. ¹¹ Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all."' ¹² So the people scattered all over Egypt to gather stubble to use for straw. ¹³ The slave drivers kept pressing them, saying, 'Complete the work required of you for each day, just as when you had straw.' ¹⁴ And Pharaoh's slave drivers beat the Israelite overseers they had appointed, demanding, 'Why haven't you met your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as before?'

¹⁵ Then the Israelite overseers went and appealed to Pharaoh: 'Why have you treated your servants this way? ¹⁶ Your servants are given no straw, yet we are told, "Make bricks!" Your servants are being beaten, but the fault is with your own people.'

¹⁷ Pharaoh said, 'Lazy, that's what you are – lazy! That is why you keep saying, "Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD." ¹⁸ Now get to work. You will not be given any straw, yet you must produce your full quota of bricks.'

¹⁹ The Israelite overseers realised they were in trouble when they were told, 'You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day.' ²⁰ When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, ²¹ and they said, 'May the LORD look on you and judge you! You have made us obnoxious to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.'

²² Moses returned to the LORD and said, 'Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? ²³ Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all.'

6 Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country.'

² God also said to Moses, 'I am the LORD. ³ I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. ⁵ Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

⁶ 'Therefore, say to the Israelites: "I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.

⁷ I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. ⁸ And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.”

⁹ Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and harsh labour.

¹⁰ Then the LORD said to Moses, ¹¹ ‘Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his country.’

¹² But Moses said to the LORD, ‘If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips?’

Exodus 6:28-30

²⁸ Now when the LORD spoke to Moses in Egypt, ²⁹ he said to him, ‘I am the LORD. Tell Pharaoh king of Egypt everything I tell you.’

³⁰ But Moses said to the LORD, ‘Since I speak with faltering lips, why would Pharaoh listen to me?’

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: Freedom from slavery

Song – How great Thou art

O Lord my God
when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
Thy hand hath made
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout
the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul
my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art
Then sings my soul
my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art*

When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze

Chorus

And when I think
that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross
my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Chorus

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home
what joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim
my God how great Thou art

Chorus

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 fulfills each promise of His Word
When winter fades
I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

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

The Lord is our salvation
The Lord is our salvation

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