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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 Psalm 40:1-3)

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;
he turned to me and heard my cry.
All: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
Leader: He set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.
All: He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the Lord
and put their trust in him.

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*

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 Savior risen now to reign
Behold our God

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

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.

Prayer of confession

Confession is when we are honest about ourselves, each other, and with God. As we admit our misplaced affections, we are called to reorder our lives. Only by being honest about our sin will the good news of grace be significant.

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 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 (including prayer of confession)

O most merciful God, who pardons all who truly repent and turn to you: we humbly confess our sins. We have not loved you with a pure heart. Neither have we loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to your loving-kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and uphold us with your Spirit. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Psalm 67 – God be merciful and bless us

God be merciful and bless us;
shine upon us with your face,
That the earth may know your actions
and all lands your saving grace.

O God, may the peoples praise you;
may all peoples sing your praise.
For you judge the nations justly,
ruling over every race.

May they sing with joy and gladness;
may they all rejoice as one.
O God, may the peoples praise you
as they all unite in song.

Then the land will yield its harvest;
God will pour his gifts abroad.
God, our God, will surely bless us;
all the earth will fear our God.

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 – Better is one day

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs
and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings
Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
Better is one day...

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You
Better is one day ...

Bible reading

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

Bible reading – Exodus 15:1-21

15 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

'I will sing to the LORD,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea.

2 'The LORD is my strength and my defence;
he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3 The LORD is a warrior;
the LORD is his name.

4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army
he has hurled into the sea.
The best of Pharaoh's officers
are drowned in the Red Sea.

5 The deep waters have covered them;
they sank to the depths like a stone.

6 Your right hand, LORD,
was majestic in power.
Your right hand, LORD,
shattered the enemy.

7 'In the greatness of your majesty
you threw down those who opposed you.
You unleashed your burning anger;
it consumed them like stubble.

8 By the blast of your nostrils
the waters piled up.
The surging waters stood up like a wall;
the deep waters congealed in the heart
of the sea.

9 The enemy boasted,
"I will pursue, I will overtake them.
I will divide the spoils;
I will gorge myself on them.
I will draw my sword
and my hand will destroy them."

10 But you blew with your breath,
and the sea covered them.
They sank like lead
in the mighty waters.

11 Who among the gods
is like you, LORD?

Who is like you –
majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory,
working wonders?

12 'You stretch out your right hand,
and the earth swallows your enemies.

13 In your unfailing love you will lead
the people you have redeemed.
In your strength you will guide them
to your holy dwelling.

14 The nations will hear and tremble;
anguish will grip the people of Philistia.

15 The chiefs of Edom will be terrified,
the leaders of Moab will be seized with
trembling,
the people of Canaan will melt away;

16 terror and dread will fall on them.
By the power of your arm
they will be as still as a stone –
until your people pass by, LORD,
until the people you bought pass by.

17 You will bring them in and plant them
on the mountain of your inheritance –
the place, LORD, you made for your
dwelling,
the sanctuary, Lord, your hands
established.

18 'The LORD reigns
for ever and ever.'

19 When Pharaoh's horses, chariots and
horsemen went into the sea,
the LORD brought the waters of the sea
back over them, but the Israelites walked
through the sea on dry ground. **20** Then
Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a
tambourine in her hand, and all the
women followed her, with tambourines
and dancing. **21** Miriam sang to them:
'Sing to the LORD,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea.'

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: The Song of Salvation

Song – Only a Holy God

Who else commands
all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make
every king bow down
Who else can whisper
and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty
demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him...

Who else could rescue me
from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

Come and behold Him...

Song – I stand amazed

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how he could love me
A sinner, condemned, unclean

How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be
How marvellous! How wonderful!
Is my Saviour's love for me!

For me he prayed in the garden
And bowed to the will divine
He had no tears for his own griefs
But sweat drops of blood for mine

How marvellous...

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them his very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

How marvellous...

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
It will be my joy through the ages
To sing of his love for me

How marvellous...

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