



## Sunday 18 June 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 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*

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

*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...*

### 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.

## 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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD is a warrior;  
the LORD is his name.

<sup>4</sup>Pharaoh's chariots and his army  
he has hurled into the sea.

The best of Pharaoh's officers  
are drowned in the Red Sea.

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

<sup>6</sup>Your right hand, LORD,  
was majestic in power.

Your right hand, LORD,  
shattered the enemy.

<sup>7</sup>In the greatness of your majesty  
you threw down those who opposed you.

You unleashed your burning anger;  
it consumed them like stubble.

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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."

<sup>10</sup>But you blew with your breath,  
and the sea covered them.

They sank like lead  
in the mighty waters.

<sup>11</sup>Who among the gods  
is like you, LORD?

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

<sup>12</sup>'You stretch out your right hand,  
and the earth swallows your enemies.

<sup>13</sup>In your unfailing love you will lead  
the people you have redeemed.

In your strength you will guide them  
to your holy dwelling.

<sup>14</sup>The nations will hear and tremble;  
anguish will grip the people of Philistia.

<sup>15</sup>The chiefs of Edom will be terrified,  
the leaders of Moab will be seized with  
trembling,

the people of Canaan will melt away;  
<sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>'The LORD reigns  
for ever and ever.'

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>Then  
Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a  
tambourine in her hand, and all the  
women followed her, with tambourines  
and dancing. <sup>21</sup>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*

### 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...*

## Close

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...*

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...*