



## Sunday 23 April 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 57:8-11)

Leader: Awake, my soul! Awake.

All: *I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;  
I will sing of you among the peoples.*

Leader: For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

All: *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.*

#### Song – To God be the glory

To God be the glory  
great things He has done  
So loved He the world  
that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life  
an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate  
that all may go in

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
Come to the Father  
through Jesus the Son  
Give Him the glory  
great things He has done*

O perfect redemption  
the purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus  
a pardon receives

#### Chorus

Great things He has taught us  
Great things He has done  
And great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder our worship  
when Jesus we see

#### 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.

## 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)

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbour as ourselves, but we are not able to give such love. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, so that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

## 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.*

## Psalm 23 – The Lord's my Shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want

He makes me lie in pastures green

He leads me by the still still waters

His goodness restores my soul

*And I will trust in You alone*

*And I will trust in You alone*

*For Your endless mercy follows me*

*Your goodness will lead me home*

He guides my ways in righteousness

And He anoints my head with oil

And my cup it overflows with joy

I feast on His pure delights

## Chorus

And though I walk the darkest path  
I will not fear the evil one

For You are with me

And Your rod and staff

Are the comfort I need to know

## Chorus

## Prayer for Others

## Song – O great God of highest heaven

O great God of highest heaven

Occupy my lowly heart

Own it all and reign supreme

Conquer every rebel power

Let no vice or sin remain

That resists Your holy war

You have loved and purchased me

Make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin

Had no ears to hear Your voice

Did not know Your love within

Had no taste for heaven's joys

Then Your Spirit gave me life  
Opened up Your word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son  
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life

That's dependent on Your grace

Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face

You are worthy to be praised

With my every thought and deed

O great God of highest heaven

Glorify Your Name through me

## Bible reading – James 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

## Talk

### FAITH THAT WORKS: Patience

## 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.

### **Song – My heart is filled with thankfulness**

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who bore my pain  
Who plumb'd the depths  
of my disgrace  
And gave me life again  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me with His light  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who walks beside  
Who floods my weaknesses  
with strength  
And causes fears to fly  
Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who reigns above  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace  
Whose every thought is love  
For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King  
So I will give my life my all  
To love and follow Him

### **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

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

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

*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

*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*

*Chorus*

My hope is hidden in the Lord  
He flow'rs each promise of His Word  
When winter fades  
I know spring will come  
The Lord is my salvation

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