



Sunday 7 April 2024

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 – Come people of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

*Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice*

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Rejoice rejoice ...

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

Rejoice rejoice ...

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.

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 (with 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.*

Psalm 67

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

Song – Grace

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

*By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord*

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

By grace...

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Saviour

By grace...

Bible reading

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

Bible reading - Acts 11:1-18

11 The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him ³ and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.'

⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

⁸ 'I replied, "Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth."

⁹ 'The voice spoke from heaven a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ 'Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, "Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved."

¹⁵ 'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?'

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.'

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

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH:

Pride and Prejudice

Song – Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there
ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

Welcome New Members

Song – O church arise

O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak
can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness
Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword
that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have
the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross
where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes
lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him
So Spirit come
put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run
with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls
and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory