



## Sunday 25 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 1 Chronicles 29)

**Leader:** Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.

*All: Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory  
and the majesty and the splendour.*

**Leader:** For everything in heaven and earth is yours.  
Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

*All: Wealth and honour come from you; you are the ruler of all things.*

**Leader:** In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

*All: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.*

### Song – Union with Christ

Union with Christ,  
what a glorious thought  
What a wonderful truth we embrace  
For His victory attained  
makes the children of God  
To endure, and to finish the race  
The hope that we have  
is no temporal thing  
To be swayed by our failures or fears  
In Christ we have faith  
as our conquering king  
And the Christian,  
through faith, perseveres

*Hallelujah, we are His  
Hallelujah, we are His!  
No greater love is there than this  
Jesus is ours and we are His  
Union with Christ,  
what a glorious thought  
To be one with "the Lion and the Lamb"  
To be given a heart  
that responds as it ought  
To the great everlasting I AM!  
Hallelujah, we are His...*

### 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 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 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.

### Psalm 119 – Your Word

Your Word is a lamp to my feet  
Your Word is a light to my path  
Your Word is a lamp to my feet  
Your Word is a light to my path

Accept, O Lord,  
the willing praise of my mouth  
Teach me Your laws  
My heart is set on keeping your decrees  
To the very end

### 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 – A Mighty Fortress**

A mighty fortress is our God  
A stronghold never failing  
Our helper He, amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe  
Conspires to work us woe  
His craft and power are great  
And, armed with bitter hate  
On earth is not his equal

If we in our own strength confide  
Our striving will be losing  
Unless God's Man is on our side  
The Man of God's own choosing  
You ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He  
"The Lord of Hosts," His Name  
From age to age the same  
And He must win the battle

And though this world, with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear, for God has willed  
His truth to triumph through us  
The prince of darkness grim  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo, his doom is sure  
God's Word shall overthrow him

That Word above all earthly powers  
Is evermore abiding  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through Jesus with us siding  
Let goods and kindred go  
This mortal life also  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth is with us still  
His kingdom is forever

### **Bible reading – Revelation 2:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> 'To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. <sup>13</sup> I know where you live – where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city – where Satan lives.

<sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: there are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup> Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

<sup>16</sup> Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

<sup>17</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

### **Talk**

VICTORY OF THE LAMB: Pergamum – A Hidden Life

### **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 – The Church's one foundation**

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died

Elect from every nation  
Yet one o'er all the earth  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth  
One holy name she blesses  
Partakes one holy food  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued

'Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore

### **Song – Before the throne of God above**

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is written on His hands  
My name is hidden in His heart  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No power can force me to depart  
No power can force me to depart

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

**Close**

Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed  
By schisms rent asunder  
By heresies distressed  
Yet saints their watch are keeping  
Their cry goes up how long  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy  
Lord give us grace that we  
Like them the meek and lowly  
On high may dwell with Thee

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with my Lord I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is safe with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my God  
With Christ my Saviour and my God

One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my God  
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