



## Sunday 12 February 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 103)

Leader: Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

All: *Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits –  
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.*

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

All: *For he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust.*

### Song – Praise my soul the King of Heaven

Praise my soul the King of heaven	Father like He tends and spares us
To His feet your tribute bring	Well our human frame He knows
Ransomed healed restored forgiven	In His hands He gently bears us
Who like me His praise should sing	Rescues us from all our foes
Praise Him praise Him	Praise Him praise Him
Praise Him praise Him	Praise Him praise Him
Praise the everlasting King	Widely as His mercy flows
Praise Him for His grace and favour	Angels help us to adore Him
To our fathers in distress	We behold Him face to face
Praise Him still the same for ever	Sun and moon bow down before Him
Slow to anger swift to bless	All who dwell in time and space
Praise Him praise Him	Praise Him praise Him
Praise Him praise Him	Praise Him praise Him
Glorious in His faithfulness	Praise with us the God of grace

### 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 (concluded by 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 100

All people that on earth do dwell  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice  
Serve Him with joy His praises tell  
Come now before Him and rejoice

Know that the Lord is God indeed  
He formed us all without our aid  
We are the flock He comes to feed  
The sheep who by His hand were made

O enter then His gates with joy  
Within His courts His praise proclaim  
Let thankful songs your tongues employ  
O bless and magnify His name

Because the Lord our God is good  
His mercy is forever sure  
His truth at all times firmly stood  
And shall from age to age endure

## 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 – What is our hope in life and death

What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known

In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

*Chorus*

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

*Chorus*

**Bible reading**

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

**Bible reading – James 2:14-26**

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, ‘You have faith; I have deeds.’

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.

<sup>20</sup> You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. <sup>23</sup> And the scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,’ and he was called God’s friend. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

<sup>25</sup> In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? <sup>26</sup> As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

**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**

FAITH THAT WORKS: Action

**Song – All I have is Christ**

I once was lost in darkest night  
 Yet thought I knew the way  
 The sin that promised joy and life  
 Had led me to the grave  
 I had no hope that You would own  
 A rebel to Your will  
 And if You had not loved me first  
 I would refuse You still  
 But as I ran my hell-bound race  
 Indifferent to the cost  
 You looked upon my helpless state  
 And led me to the cross  
 And I beheld God's love displayed  
 You suffered in my place  
 You bore the wrath reserved for me  
 Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah all I have is Christ*

*Hallelujah Jesus is my life*

Now Lord I would be Yours alone  
 And live so all might see  
 The strength to follow Your commands  
 Could never come from me  
 O Father use my ransomed life  
 In any way You choose  
 And let my song forever be  
 My only boast is You

*Chorus*

## **Song – By faith**

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those  
who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise  
in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise*

*We will fix our eyes on Him  
our soul's reward*

*Till the race is finished*

*and the work is done*

*We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah  
would appear  
With the pow'r to break  
the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

**Close**

By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives  
and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth

*Chorus*

By faith the mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ  
all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name

*Chorus*