



Sunday 17 March 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 Isaiah 35)

Leader: **Be strong, and do not fear! Your God will come to save you.**

*All: Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.
Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.*

Leader: **Then will the wilderness rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice and shout for joy.**

*All: And we, the ransomed of the Lord, will enter with singing.
Everlasting joy will crown our heads.*

Leader: **Open your eyes and see now the glory of the Lord,
and the splendour of our God.**

*All: Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.*

Song – Crown Him with many crowns

Crown Him with many crowns	Crown Him the Lord of Love
The Lamb upon His throne	Who shows His hands and side
While Heaven's eternal anthem drowns	Those wounds yet visible above
All music but its own!	In beauty glorified
Awake, my soul, and sing	No angel in the sky
Of Him who died to be	Can fully bear that sight
Your Saviour and your matchless King	But downward bends His burning eye
Through all eternity	At mysteries so bright
Crown Him the Lord of Life	Crown Him the Lord of Years
Triumphant from the grave	The Potentate of Time
Who rose victorious from the strife	Creator of the rolling spheres
For those He came to save	In majesty sublime
His glories now we sing	All hail, Redeemer, hail
Who died and rose on high	For You have died for me
He died eternal life to bring	Your praise shall never, never fail
And lives that death may die	Through all eternity!

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.

Confession

Confession is when we are honest about ourselves with God. As we admit our misplaced affections, we are called to reorder our lives. Only by being honest about our sins will the good news of grace be amazing to us.

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.

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 Prayer of Confession)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a burden of guilt and shame. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song – Jesus strong and kind

Jesus said
That if I thirst
I should come to Him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to Him

Jesus said
If I am weak
I should come to Him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to Him

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind*

Children leave

Prayer for others

Psalms 16

Before me constantly
I set the LORD alone
Because He is at my right hand
I'll not be overthrown

Therefore my heart is glad
my tongue with joy will sing
My body too will rest secure
in hope unwavering

Jesus said
That if I fear
I should come to Him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to Him

For the Lord...

Jesus said
If I am lost
He will come to me
And He showed me on that cross
He will come to me

For the Lord...

For You will not allow
my soul in death to stay
Nor will You leave Your Holy One
to see the tomb's decay

You have made known to me
the path of life divine
Bliss shall I know at Your right hand
joy from Your face will shine

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.

Bible reading - Acts 9:32-43

³² As Peter travelled about the country, he went to visit the Lord's people who lived in Lydda. ³³ There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralysed and had been bedridden for eight years. ³⁴ 'Aeneas,' Peter said to him, 'Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat.' Immediately Aeneas got up. ³⁵ All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became ill and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, 'Please come at once!'

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood round him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning towards the dead woman, he said, 'Tabitha, get up.' She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Talk

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH:

The Acts of the Risen Lord Jesus

Song – All glory be to Christ our king

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ*

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

Song - Hear the call of the kingdom

Hear the call of the kingdom
Lift your eyes to the King
Let His song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy
came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the kingdom
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven
the humility of Christ
Walking justly before Him
Loving all that is right
That the life of Christ
may shine through us

All glory be to Christ our king ...

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king ...

*King of heaven we will answer the call
We will follow
bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion
filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name*

Hear the call of the kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in Him
King of heaven...