

Sunday 26 May 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 130)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

All: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,

Lord, who could stand?

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness,

so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

All: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,

and in his word I put my hope

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.

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.

Song - Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord the Almighty Praise to the Lord

The King of creation Who shall prosper our work

O my soul praise Him and defend us

For He is your health and salvation Surely His goodness and mercy

All those who hear shall daily attend us

brothers and sisters draw near Ponder anew what the Almighty can do

Praise Him in glad adoration Who with His love will befriend us

Praise to the Lord Praise to the Lord

Above all things so mightily reigning O let all that is in me adore Him

Keeping us safe at His side All that has life and breath

And so gently sustaining Come now with praises before Him

Have you not seen Let the Amen sound all you have needed has been from His people again

Met by His gracious ordaining Gladly with praise we adore Him

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 as a reminder.

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.

Song – My God is all I need / My God is so big

Dark, dark is the valley Faint, the light at my feet But whatever may face me My God is all I need

Bright, bright are the treasures Life may offer to me But whatever the pleasure My God is all I need

He is my strength when I cannot go on Peace when all my power is gone Hope, although the night is long and deep He is my song for He has rescued me Joy, now He has set me free Praise, praise to my Father be My God is all I need

Brief, brief are my days here
Soon my journey complete
But I look to my Saviour
Where God has met my need
Yes, He has met my need

He is my strength when I cannot go on ...

My God is so big so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
My God is so big so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
The mountains are His, the valleys are His
The stars are His handiwork too
My God is so big so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
x2

(There's nothing my God cannot do)

He is my strength when I cannot go on ...

Praise, praise to my Father be My God is all I need

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.

Children leave

Passing of the Peace

As a long-standing tradition of the church, this is a time when we have the opportunity to greet one another, regardless of our relationship, as individuals made in God's image. It is also a call to be united despite our differences.

Prayer for others

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.

Psalm 130

Lord, from the depths I call to You Lord, hear me from on high And give attention to my voice When I for mercy cry

Out of the depths I cry to You In darkest places I will call Incline Your ear to me anew And hear my cry for mercy, Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways How could I come before Your throne Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze I stand redeemed by grace alone

I will wait for You
I will wait for You
On Your word, I will rely
I will wait for You
Surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied

So put your hope in God alone Take courage in His power to save Completely and forever won By Christ emerging from the grave His steadfast love has made a way And God Himself has paid the price That all who trust in Him today Find healing in His sacrifice

I will wait for You...

I will wait for You
I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You
Surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight

I pray my soul waits for the Lord My hope is in His word More than the watchman waits for dawn My soul waits for the Lord

Bible reading

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

Bible reading - Acts 15:36 - 16:10

³⁶ Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, 'Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.' ³⁷ Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, ³⁸ but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. ³⁹ They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, ⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. ⁴¹ He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

16 Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek. ² The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. ³ Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴ As they travelled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

⁶ Paul and his companions travelled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia,

but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

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

ACTS: TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH - God Is Working

Song – He will hold me fast

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast

When the tempter would prevail

He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast

For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast Precious in His holy sight

He will hold me fast

He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last

Bought by Him at such a cost

He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast...

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast

Justice has been satisfied

He will hold me fast

Raised with Him to endless life

He will hold me fast

Till our faith is turned to sight

When He comes at last

He will hold me fast...

Song – Let Your kingdom come

Your glorious cause O God

Engages our hearts

May Jesus Christ be known

Wherever we are

We ask not for ourselves

But for Your renown

The cross has saved us so we pray

Your kingdom come

Let Your kingdom come

Let Your will be done

So that ev'ryone might know Your Name

Let Your song be heard

ev'rywhere on earth

Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done

Let Your kingdom come

Give us Your strength O God

And courage to speak

Perform Your wondrous deeds

Through those who are weak

Lord use us as You want

Whatever the test

By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till

Our dying breath

Let Your kingdom come...

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