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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 65:1-4)

Leader: *Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;
to you our vows will be fulfilled.*

All: *You who answer prayer,
to you all people will come.*

Leader: *When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave our transgressions.*

All: *Blessed are those you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!
We are filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple*

Song - Rejoice

Come and stand before your maker

Bringing reconciliation

Full of wonder full of fear

To a world that longs to know

Come behold his power and glory

The affections of a father

Yet with confidence draw near

Who will never let them go

For the one who holds the heavens

Rejoice ...

And commands the stars above

All our sickness all our sorrows

Is the God who bends to bless us

Jesus carried up the hill

With an unrelenting love

He has walked this path before us

Rejoice

He is walking with us still

Come and lift your hands and raise your

Turning tragedy to triumph

voice

Turning agony to praise

He is worthy of all praise

There is blessing in the battle

Rejoice

So take heart and stand amazed

Sing the mercies of your king

Rejoice

And with trembling rejoice

When you cry to him he hears your voice

We are children of the promise

He will wipe away your tears

The beloved of the Lord

Rejoice

Won with everlasting kindness

In the midst of suffering

Bought with sacrificial blood

He will help you sing

Call to Worship

If worship is offering all that we are to all that God is, this is a proclamation of our intention. It is also a challenge to ourselves about what we worship daily.

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 as a reminder.

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.

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 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

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

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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.

Song – O Great God of highest heaven

O great God of highest heaven	Help me now to live a life
Occupy my lowly heart	That's dependent on Your grace
Own it all and reign supreme	Keep my heart and guard my soul
Conquer every rebel power	From the evils that I face
Let no vice or sin remain	You are worthy to be praised
That resists Your holy war	With my every thought and deed
You have loved and purchased me	O great God of highest heaven
Make me Yours forever more	Glorify Your Name through me

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Bible reading – Exodus 35-40 (Reading Exodus 40)

Talk

THE GOD WHO SAVES: God With Us

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 – Christ 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
O sing hallelujah! ...
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
O sing hallelujah! ...

Song - God is for us

We won't fear the battle
We won't fear the night
We will walk the Valley
with You by our side
You will go before us
You will lead the way
We have found a refuge
only You can save
Sing with joy now our God is for us
The Father's love
is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now no love is greater
Who can stand against us
if our God is for us

Even when I stumble
Even when I fall
Even when I turn back
still Your love is sure
You will not abandon
You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward
with never ending grace
Sing with joy now our God is for us ...
Neither height nor depth
can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His Son to free us
Holds me in His love
Sing with joy now our God is for us ...

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