



Sunday 22 October 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 96)

Leader: **Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

All: *Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
 proclaim his salvation day after day.*

Leader: **Declare his glory among the nations,
 his marvellous deeds among all peoples.**

All: *For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
 he is to be feared above all gods.*

Song - Come people of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

*Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice*

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Rejoice rejoice ...

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

Rejoice rejoice ...

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.

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.

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 prayer of confession)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Thank you for sending Jesus to deal with our sin. In your mercy, please forgive what we have been, help us to change what we are and direct what we shall be through your Spirit. 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 faithfulness at all times stood
And shall from age to age endure

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

Song – O great God of highest heaven

O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

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
Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me

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 2:1-13

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

Talk

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH - The Power for Mission

Song – Yet not I but through Christ in me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer	No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
There is no more	The future sure
for heaven now to give	the price it has been paid
He is my joy my righteousness	For Jesus bled
and freedom	and suffered for my pardon
My steadfast love	And He was raised
my deep and boundless peace	to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus	To this I hold my sin has been defeated
For my life is wholly bound to His	Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh how strange and divine	Oh the chains are released
I can sing all is mine	I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me	Yet not I but through Christ in me
The night is dark but I am not forsaken	With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For by my side the Saviour He will stay	For He has said
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing	that He will bring me home
For in my need His power is displayed	And day by day
To this I hold	I know He will renew me
my Shepherd will defend me	Until I stand with joy before the throne
Through the deepest valley He will lead	To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
Oh the night has been won	All the glory evermore to Him
and I shall overcome	When the race is complete
Yet not I but through Christ in me	still my lips shall repeat
	Yet not I but through Christ in me

Song – The Lord is my salvation

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me
scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades
I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting times of need
When I know loss when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord ...

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord ...

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

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