



Sunday 26 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 40)

Leader: Many, Lord our God, are the wonders you have done.
None can compare with you.

All: *Were we to speak and tell of your deeds,
they would be too many to declare.
We proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly.
We do not seal our lips.
We do not hide your righteousness in our hearts.
We speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.*

Leader: We do not conceal your love and your faithfulness.
But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

All: *May those who long for your saving help always say,
'The Lord is great!'*

Song – All creatures of our God and King

All creatures of our God and King	All the redeemed washed by His blood
Lift up your voice and with us sing	Come and rejoice in His great love
Oh praise Him	Oh praise Him
Alleluia	Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam	Christ has defeated every sin
Thou silver moon with softer gleam	Cast all your burdens now on Him
<i>Oh praise Him Oh praise Him</i>	<i>Oh praise Him Oh praise Him</i>
<i>Alleluia alleluia alleluia</i>	<i>Alleluia alleluia alleluia</i>
O perfect redemption	He shall return in pow'r to reign
Let all things their Creator bless	Heaven and earth will join to say
And worship Him in humbleness	Oh praise Him
Oh praise Him	Alleluia
Alleluia	Then who shall fall on bended knee
Praise praise the Father praise the Son	All creatures of our God and King
And praise the Spirit Three-in-One	<i>Oh praise Him Oh praise Him</i>
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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.

Prayer (concluded by the Prayer of Confession)

Most 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 we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name.
 Amen.

Words of Assurance (from Psalm 34:8,22)

Oh taste and see that the Lord is good;
 Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him...
 The Lord will rescue his servants;
 no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Psalm 34

At all times I will bless the LORD;
 I'll praise him with my voice.
 Because I glory in the LORD,
 let troubled souls rejoice.

Together let us praise the LORD;
 exalt his name with me.
 I sought the LORD; his answer came:
 from fears he set me free.

Come, taste and see—the LORD is good;
 who trusts in him is blessed.

O fear the LORD, you saints; with need
 you will not be oppressed.

Young lions may grow weak and faint
 and hunger for their food,

But those who wait upon the LORD
 will not lack any good.

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**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.

Song - O for a thousand tongues to sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing	He speaks and listening to His voice
My great Redeemer's praise	New life the dead receive
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The glories of my God and King	The mournful broken hearts rejoice
The triumphs of His grace	The humble poor believe
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Jesus the name that charms our fears	My gracious Master and my God
That bids our sorrows cease	Assist me to proclaim
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'Tis music in the sinner's ears	To spread through all the earth abroad
'Tis life and health and peace	The honours of Thy name
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Bible reading – James 3:1-12

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig-tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Talk

FAITH THAT WORKS: Speech

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 – It was finished upon that Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the Cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon He has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that Cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed

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Yes He rose
that we would be free indeed
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that Cross
Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
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Song – Lord I lift Your Name on high

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

*You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high*

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