



Sunday 29 January 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 119)

Leader: Blessed are those whose ways are blameless
who walk according to the law of the Lord

All: *Blessed are those who keep his statutes
and seek him with all their heart*

Leader: I will praise you with an upright heart
as I learn your righteous laws

All: *I will obey your decrees
do not utterly forsake me*

Psalm 103 – The Lord is gracious and compassionate

The Lord is gracious and compassionate *Our transgressions from us*

Slow to anger and rich in love

Praise the Lord

The Lord is gracious and compassionate

Oh my soul praise the Lord

Slow to anger and rich in love

Praise the Lord

The Lord is good to all

Oh my soul praise the Lord

He has compassion

The Lord is gracious and compassionate

On all that He has made

Slow to anger and rich in love

As far as the east is from the west

The Lord is gracious and compassionate

That's how far He has removed

Slow to anger and rich in love

Prayer (concluded by 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

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.

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

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 each week as a reminder.

Psalm 119 – Your word

Your word is good it's ever faithful
Worth more than gold
the heart's delight
Your word gives life
to all who hear and obey
Your word endures forever

Your word is true it never changes
It formed the earth sustains it still
Your word defends providing refuge
and strength
Your word endures forever

*Your word is a lamp unto my feet
Your word is a light unto my path
For your word is my hope
it's my joy and my song
Your word endures forever*

Your word transforms
it lifts the humble
Rebukes the proud protects the poor
Your word discerns
the mind and spirit of all
Your word endures forever
Your word endures forever

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

Song – Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ
might be seen today
In our acts of love
and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Chorus

Your word is more
than just letters on pages
It's life and it's love
and it's freedom for us
Your word is more
than just wisdom of ages
Its treasures are endless
it's always enough
Your word is more than just stories of old
It's the truth and the way
and the story of love
Your word is more
than just breath into dust
It's your Son as a man
come to dwell here with us

Chorus

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.*

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.*

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Bible reading – James 1:19-27

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do.

²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Talk

FAITH THAT WORKS: Obedience

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 forevermore
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.*

Song – Trust and obey

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way
While we do His good will
He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey

Trust and obey

For there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus

But to trust and obey

When the shadows arise
Or when clouds fill the skies
He can turn all the darkness to day
In the midst of our tears
In our doubts and our fears
We are kept as we trust and obey

Chorus

Every burden we bear
Every sorrow we share
He will work for our good as we pray
Every grief every loss
Every frown every cross
Will be blessed as we trust and obey

Close

But we never can prove
The extent of His love
Though our all on the altar we lay
Yet what favour He shows
And what joy He bestows
Upon all who will trust and obey

Chorus

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet
Or we'll walk by His side all the way
What He says we will do
Where He sends we will go
Never fear only trust and obey