



**Order of Service**  
**Sunday Evening, 19 September 2021 – Rev Harrison Perkins**

**Call to Worship**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

*(Reginald Heber, 1826, Public Domain)*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**Prayer**

**Psalm 126**

1 When Zion's fortunes God restored,  
it was a dream come true.  
2 Our mouths were then with laughter filled,  
our tongues with songs anew.

4 Restore our fortunes, gracious LORD,  
like streams in desert soil.  
5 A joyful harvest will reward  
the weeping sower's toil.

The nations said, "The LORD has done  
great things for Israel."  
3 The LORD did mighty things for us,  
and joy our hearts knew well.

6 The man who, bearing seed to sow,  
goes out with tears of grief,  
Will come again with songs of joy,  
bearing his harvest sheaf.

**Bible reading**

*1 Corinthians 12:12-31*

**12** <sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body", that would not make it any less a part of the body.

<sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body", that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you", nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honourable we bestow the greater honour, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honour to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

### **Psalm 133**

1 How excellent a thing it is,  
how pleasant and how good,  
When brothers dwell in unity  
and live as brothers should!

2 For it is like the precious oil,  
poured out on Aaron's head,  
That, running over, down his beard,  
upon his collar spread.

3 Like Hermon's dew, upon the hill  
of Zion it descends.  
The LORD bestows his blessing there—  
the life that never ends.

## **Sermon series: The Pastoral Project: 1 Corinthians**

### **Sermon: *A Unified Church in a Divided World***

#### **The Church's One Foundation**

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The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious,  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

### **Benediction**