



**Order of Service**  
**Sunday Evening, 21 November 2021 – Rev Harrison Perkins**

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**Call to Worship**

**O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord**

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O come, let us sing to the Lord: come, let us ev'ry one A joyful noise make to the Rock of our salvation.	To him the spacious sea belongs, for he the same did make; The dry land also from his hands its form at first did take.
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Let us before his presence come with praise and thankful voice; Let us sing psalms to him with grace, and make a joyful noise.	O come, and let us worship him, let us bow down withal, And on our knees before the Lord our Maker let us fall.
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For God, a great God, and great King,  
above all gods he is.  
Depths of the earth are in his hand,  
the strength of hills is his.

**Bible reading**

*1 Corinthians 14:1-19*

**14** Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup>For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. <sup>3</sup>On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. <sup>4</sup>The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. <sup>5</sup>Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. <sup>6</sup>Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? <sup>7</sup>If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played? <sup>8</sup>And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? <sup>9</sup>So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. <sup>10</sup>There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning, <sup>11</sup>but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. <sup>12</sup>So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. <sup>14</sup>For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup>What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. <sup>16</sup>Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? <sup>17</sup>For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. <sup>18</sup>I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. <sup>19</sup>Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

### **Psalm 34:14-22**

14 Depart and turn from evil paths  
and practise what is right.  
Desire to know the way of peace;  
pursue it with your might.

15 The LORD's eyes are upon the just;  
he listens to their plea.

16 The wicked he rejects, and blots  
from earth their memory.

17 The righteous cry; the LORD responds  
and frees them when distressed.

18 The LORD draws near the broken heart  
and rescues the depressed.

19 From all the troubles of the just  
the LORD will set him free.  
20 The LORD protects his every bone;  
and broken none will be.

21 The wicked are condemned to death,  
all those who hate the just.

22 God saves his own; they're not condemned,  
for in the LORD they trust.

### **Prayer of Confession & Supplication**

#### **Psalm 65:1-7**

1 In Zion praise awaits you, Lord;  
to you our vows we'll pay.

2 To you all people will come near;  
you hear us when we pray.

3 When we were overwhelmed by sins,  
and guilt upon us lay,  
You pardoned all our trespasses  
and washed our guilt away.

4 How blessed are those you choose, and bring  
within your courts of grace!  
We're filled with blessings in your house,  
in your most holy place.

5 With awesome deeds of righteousness  
you answer us, O God,  
Our Saviour, hope of farthest seas  
and all the earth abroad.

6 By strength and power you formed the hills.  
7 You hushed the oceans' voice;  
You calmed the tumult of their waves  
and stilled the peoples' noise.

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

#### **Sermon: *Knowing God***

##### **Nearer, My God, to Thee**

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Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
still all my song shall be,  
nearer, my God, to Thee;  
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;  
yet in my dreams I'd be  
nearer, my God, to Thee;  
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;  
all that Thou sendest me, in mercy given;  
angels to beckon me  
nearer, my God, to Thee;  
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,  
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;  
so by my woes to be  
nearer, my God, to Thee;  
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

### **Benediction**