



**Order of Service**  
**Sunday Evening, 15 May 2022 – Rev Harrison Perkins**

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**Call to Worship**

**Song of Praise: Come, Holy Spirit, Come**

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Come, Holy Spirit, Come  
Let Thy bright beams arise;  
Dispel the darkness from our minds  
And open all our eyes.

Cheer our desponding hearts  
Thou heavenly Paraclete;  
Give us to lie with humble hope  
At our Redeemer's feet.

Revive our drooping faith,  
Our doubts and fears remove,  
And kindle in our breasts the flame  
Of never dying love.

Convince us of our sin,  
And lead to Jesus' blood;  
And to our wandering view reveal  
The secret love of God.

'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart  
To sanctify the soul,  
To pour fresh life in every part,  
And new create the whole.

Dwell therefore in our hearts;  
Our minds from bondage free:  
Than shall we know, and praise and love,  
The Father, Son and Thee.

**Bible reading**

*Ezekiel 36:22-38*

**36** <sup>22</sup>Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup>And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup>You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup>And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. <sup>30</sup>I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. <sup>31</sup>Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. <sup>32</sup>It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord GOD; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

<sup>33</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. <sup>34</sup>And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. <sup>35</sup>And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' <sup>36</sup>Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the LORD; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.

<sup>37</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: This also I will let the house of Israel ask me to do for them: to increase their people like a flock. <sup>38</sup>Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

### **Song of Confession: Psalm 51:1-12** (Tune: Ottawa, 239)

1 O my God, have mercy on me  
in your steadfast love, I pray;  
In your infinite compassion  
my transgressions wipe away.

2 Cleanse me from iniquity;  
wash my sin away from me.

3 For I know my own transgressions;  
I can see my sinful plight.

4 You, you only, I've offended,  
and done evil in your sight;  
So your words are verified,  
and your verdict justified.

5 From my birth I have been sinful—  
such the nature I received—

Sinful from my first beginning  
in my mother's womb conceived.

6 Truth you look for in my heart;  
wisdom to me you impart.

7 Cleanse with hyssop, purify me;  
I'll be whiter than the snow.

8 Let the bones you crushed be joyful;  
may I joy and gladness know.

9 From my failure hide your face;  
blot out all my wickedness.

10 Lord, create a pure heart in me,  
and a steadfast mind renew.

11 Do not take your Spirit from me;  
cast me not away from you.

12 Give me back the joy I had;  
keep my willing spirit glad.

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

#### **Song of Thanksgiving: Psalm 65:1-5** (Tune: Effingham, 51)

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.

### **Bible reading**

*Romans 6:1-14*

**6** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

### **Sermon Series: Meeting God in His Means of Grace**

#### **Sermon: Baptism – A Mark of Grace**

**Song of Response: Romans 6:3-8** (Sing Scripture; Tune: Belmont, 32)

3. Do you not know that all of us  
who were baptised in Christ  
were also, by the grace of God,  
into his death baptised?

4. Thus, when baptised, we died with him  
and we were buried too,  
so that, as he was raised to life,  
we rise to life anew.

5. For if we have been joined to him  
in death, so also we  
shall in his resurrection life  
be joined eternally.

6. And this we know, that our old self  
with him was crucified,  
so that our sinful nature might  
be wholly nullified.

7. Therefore we should no longer live  
within sin's slavery,  
for everyone who died with Christ  
from sin has been set free.

8. Now if we died with Jesus Christ,  
with him we'll live and reign;  
since Christ has risen from the dead,  
he cannot die again.

**Benediction**