



**Order of Service**  
**Saturday Evening, 19 November 2022 – Rev Joe Barnard**

**Welcome**

**Psalm 100** (Scottish Psalter; Tune: Old 100<sup>th</sup>, 163)

1 All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the LORD with cheerful voice. 2 Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, Come ye before him and rejoice.	4 O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto: Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.
3 Know that the LORD is God indeed; Without our aid he did us make: We are his flock, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.	5 For why? the LORD our God is good, His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

**Prayer**

**Flee from Sin**

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There is grace for the daily war with sin  
for the battles that rage within my heart  
I am held in my Father's everlasting arms  
He's my shield from the devil's fiery darts.

God calls all of His children to obey,  
live a life of submission to His Word  
may I learn what it means to seek His kingdom first,  
die to self, give my all to serve the Lord.

*Chorus*

There's a refuge for every lustful thought  
from old habits enticing me away  
when I fear my addictions won't be overcome  
there is hope through Christ's resurrection day.

There's forgiveness for every time I fail  
as I turn in repentance from my sin  
God provides all the help I need to persevere  
Praise His name! that my life is found in Him.

*Chorus*

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*There is power in the finished work of Jesus  
to change helpless sinners just like me  
there's contentment where nothing else can satisfy  
so I'll flee from my sin to Christ the Lord  
put my faith in the promise of His Word.*

**Bible reading**

*Romans 6*

**6** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? **2**By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? **3**Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? **4**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.

**5**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. **6**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. **7**For one who has died has been set free from sin. **8**Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9**We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10**For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. **11**So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**12**Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. **13**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. **14**For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup>and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Sermon: *The Fight Against Despair***

### **Before the Throne of God Above**

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Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea;  
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there,  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the just, is satisfied,  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

## **Q&A**

### **Psalm 117** x2 (Tune: Regent Square, 244)

1 Praise the LORD, O all you nations;  
all you peoples, sing his praise.  
2 For his love is great towards us;  
his commitment lasts always.  
He is faithful now and ever.  
Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

## **Benediction**