

Soli Deo Gloria

To God Alone be the Glory



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Order of Worship

Call to Worship & Prayer of Praise

Psalm 143

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

**Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.**

For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground;
he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you.

My soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me,
lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

**Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.
Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.**

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge.

**Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

**And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies,
and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.**

Hymns of Praise

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING (*Hymn #336*)

Come, thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, And give Thy Word success
Spirit of holiness On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three, Eternal praises be!
Hence evermore. Thy Sovereign Majesty, May we in glory see
And through eternity Love and adore.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (*Hymn #96*)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou has been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth. Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine with 10,000 beside!

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Scripture Reading

EZEKIEL 36:22-32

²² “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. ²³ 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. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ 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. ³¹ 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. ³² 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.

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to

these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Response

HOLY SPIRIT (*Keith Getty / Stuart Townend*)

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord, Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin, In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth, Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ May be clear for all the world to see.

Scripture Readings

JOHN 3:1-8

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

ROMANS 8:1-17

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

SERMON

“BORN OF THE SPIRIT”

I. THE QUESTION: WHO CAN BE SAVED? (3:1-2)

A. Who was Nicodemus? (John 3:1-2)

- *Pharisee* – Devoted to S _____ & T _____
- *Ruler* – Respected T _____ & A _____
- *Believer* – S _____ but S _____

B. What was His Question? (Mal. 3:1-4; John 2:13-25)

- When the Lord P _____ His T _____ ...
- ...Who can S _____ when He A _____ ?

II. THE ANSWER: THOSE BORN AGAIN (3:3-7)

A. Those Born of W _____

- Those C _____ from their S _____ ... (Ez. 36:25)
- ...by the L _____ of God (John 1:29)

B. Those Born of the S _____

- Those given new H _____ to O _____ ... (Ez. 36:26-27)
- ...by the S _____ of God (John 1:32-34)

III. THE CONCLUSION: THE SPIRIT IN SALVATION (3:8)

A. The Sovereign Way of the Spirit

- He M _____ as He P _____

B. The Saving Work of the Spirit (Ez. 37:1-14)

- Can D _____ B _____ live?
- Only by the W _____ & B _____ of God

Hymn of Response

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD (*Hymn #334*)

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will Thy will, To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

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Prayers of the Church

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

BLESSED ASSURANCE (*Hymn 446*)

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight:
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

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Benediction