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# The Comforter Has Come

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## HYMN OF WORSHIP

*(all, standing)*

For Your gift of God the Spirit, power to make our lives anew,  
Pledge of life and hope of glory, Savior, we would worship You.  
Crowning gift of resurrection sent from Your ascended throne;  
Fullness of the very Godhead, come to make Your life our own.

He, who in creation's dawning brooded on the lifeless deep,  
Still across our nature's darkness moves to wake our souls from sleep;  
Moves to stir, to draw, to quicken, thrusts us through with sense of sin;  
Brings to birth and seals and fills us—saving Advocate within.

He, the mighty God, indwells us; His to strengthen, help, empower;  
His to overcome the tempter—ours to call in danger's hour.  
In His strength we dare to battle all the raging hosts of sin,  
And by Him alone we conquer foes without and foes within.

Father, grant Your Holy Spirit in our hearts may rule today,  
Grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, work in us His sovereign way.  
Fill us with Your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
In us, through us, then, forever shall Your perfect will be done!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

John 14:16-17; Acts 2:1-6; Luke 1:49

## SONG OF WORSHIP

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes.  
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;  
Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, or wasting, You rule us in might;  
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

*Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;  
Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.*

All life comes from You, Lord, to both great and small.  
In all life You live, Lord, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail,  
We wither and perish but You never fail.

*Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;  
Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.*

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we will render, O Father of Grace,  
Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

*Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;  
Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise!*

*(please be seated)*

## WELCOME

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

## GOD AT WORK

Children's Ministry, VBS

Twyla Dixon

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## INTERLUDE

A. Borodin

## WORDS OF THE SPIRIT

*(all, standing)*

Romans 8:3-4, 14-16

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, 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.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 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!" The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

## SONG OF THE SPIRIT

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.

No thing can compare; You're our living hope. Your presence.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,

Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone, in Your presence, Lord.

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here; come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;*

*Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for, to be overcome by Your presence, Lord.*

*Your presence, Lord.*

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*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here; come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;*

*Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for, to be overcome by Your presence, Lord.*

Let us become more aware of Your presence;

Let us experience the glory of Your goodness, Lord. *(repeat)*

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here; come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;*

*Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for, to be overcome by Your presence, Lord.*

*Your presence, Lord.*

*(please be seated)*

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*(choir)*

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;  
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to 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 striving 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 will be clear for all the world to see.

## WORDS OF RESPONSE

*(all, standing)*

from Valley of Vision

O Holy Spirit, I thank Thee that in fullness of grace  
Thou hast exhibited Jesus as my salvation,  
implanted faith within me,  
subdued my stubborn heart,  
made me one with Him forever.

May Your comforts cheer me in my sorrows,  
Your strength sustain me in my trials,  
Your blessings revive me in my weariness,  
Your presence render me a fruitful tree of holiness,  
Your might establish me in peace and joy,  
Your incitements make me ceaseless in prayer,  
Your fire kindle in me undying devotion.

## HYMN OF THE SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;  
Voice of God, and inward Light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.  
Holy Spirit, Love Divine, glow within this heart of mine;  
Kindle every high desire, purify me with Your fire.

Holy Spirit, Power Divine, fill and nerve this will of mine;  
Boldly may I always live, bravely serve, and gladly give.  
Holy Spirit, Law Divine, reign within this heart of mine;  
Be my law, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

Holy Spirit, Peace Divine, still this restless heart of mine;  
Speak to calm this tossing sea, grant me Your tranquility.  
Holy Spirit, Joy Divine, gladden now this heart of mine;  
In the desert ways I sing, "Spring, O Living Water, spring!"

*(please be seated)*

## **DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN** (*K–3rd grade*)

## **SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (asking the Holy Spirit to instruct us)

*(all, seated)*

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness;  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.**

**Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

## **MEDITATION**

## **SERMON**

**Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor**

**Old As Humanity: Why the Doctrine of Faith Matters (Romans 4-5)**

**The Father of All Who Believe**

**Romans 4:1-12**

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**

*(all, standing)*

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Worship Leaders:** The *Worship Choir*; Trent England, organ; Jamie Scholik, piano; Lori Ingram, flute, penny whistle; Shelly Sublett, oboe; Mary Dunlap, violin; Grace Cumbee, violin; Audrey Fuhrman, violin; Beth Luscombe, viola; Sarah Nowlin, cello; Betsy Man, string bass; Caleb Park, lead vocal, guitar; Shekinah Toebe, electric guitar; Brandon Herrington, bass guitar; John Rawlinson, drums  
Readers: Steven Yeo (Korean); Vivian Danis (Dutch); Jalila Kumtor (Sudanese Arabic); Pablo Varela (Spanish); Hans-Martin Herz (German)  
Ron Man, Pastor of Worship/Missionary in Residence

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