## The Presbytery of Perth

Service of Setting Apart for Gavin Berry as a Reader

# Barry Parish Church Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 7.00pm.

Moderator: Rev Brenda Elwell-Sutton

Preacher: Rev Mike Goss

Presbytery Clerk: Rev Dr John Ferguson



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The Congregation is invited to stand (if you are able) as members of the Presbytery enter the Sanctuary.

#### Welcome and Call to Worship

#### CH4: 154 - O Lord my God!

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, 'How great thou art, how great thou art!' Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, 'How great thou art, how great thou art!'

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

3. And when I think that God his Son not sparing, sent him to die - I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:

4. When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

## Prayers of Approach, Confession and Petition

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven Hallowed be Your Name,
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
Now and for ever. Amen

#### Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10 - Shirley Murison

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion,

"Your God reigns!"

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations,

and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

#### Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-7 - Arran Walker

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

#### CMP: 249 – How lovely on the mountains (Our God reigns)

1. How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him
Who brings good news, good news,
Proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness,
Our God reigns, our God reigns.

Our God reigns, our God reigns, Our God reigns, our God reigns.

2. You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one,Shout for your King, your King.See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion:Your God reigns, your God reigns!

3. Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy,
We are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved and comforted His people:
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

4. Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God, Jesus is Lord, is Lord.
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm:
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

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#### Sermon - 'Treasure'

## GWA: 125 - See What a Morning (Resurrection Song)

1. See, what a morning, gloriously bright With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem; Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

2. See Mary weeping: 'Where is He laid?'
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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#### The Apostles' Creed (Hymn 628)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **ACT OF SETTING APART**

Narrative

The Preamble

Questions

#### Signing of the Formula

#### Act of Admission

#### **Declaration of Admission**

The Right Hand of Fellowship, during which the Aaronic Blessing shall be sung.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.

#### CH4: 462 - The King of Love my Shepherd is

- The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
   I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
- 3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed; but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.
- 5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what wonder and delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

- 2. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.
- 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
- 6. And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

#### Presentation of Bible

## <u>Charges</u>

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession** 

#### GWA: 138 - Hear the Call of the Kingdom

1. Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King; let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem all who trust in His unfailing grace.

King of Heaven, we will answer the call. We will follow, bringing hope to the world, filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name.

- 2. Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light with the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ; walking justly before him, loving all that is right, that the life of Christ may shine through us.
- 3. Hear the call of the Kingdom, to reach out to the lost with the Father's compassion In the wonder of the cross, bringing peace and forgiveness, and a hope yet to come: let the nations put their trust in him.

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#### Benediction

The congregation is invited to remain standing as the Presbytery leaves the building.

All are warmly invited to refreshments in the Kirk Hall following the service.