

## Largs Church of the Nazarene

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### LargsNaz Vision Statement

In the year ahead, Largs Church of the Nazarene will fulfil our mission to make Christlike disciples, to incorporate believers into fellowship and membership, and to equip for ministry all who respond in faith, by focusing on **hospitality, health, and holiness.**

Hospitality entails providing a welcoming safe space and fellowship at the Lord's table, while health includes promoting good stewardship of ourselves and our environment, and **holiness is perfect love and heart cleansing that transforms the way we think and act.** Following the example of the early church in Acts 2, we believe that God will bless our efforts and empower us with the Holy Spirit to bring wholeness and healing to our community.

### Romans 12

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to **present** your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy (*hagios*) and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds. . . .

### Philippians 2

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as a thing to be (grasped), 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

### Psalms 51

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. . . . 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. 16 For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. 17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

### I am resolved

Palmer Hartsough

I am resolved no longer to linger  
Charmed by the world's delight  
Things that are higher, things that are nobler  
These have allured my sight

Refrain: I will hasten to Him, Hasten so glad and free  
Jesus, greatest, highest, I will come to Thee

I am resolved to go to the Saviour  
Leaving my sin and strife  
He is the true one  
He is the just one  
He hath the words of life [Refrain]

I am resolved to count all as losses  
So that I may gain Christ  
Share in His suffering  
Share in His raising  
Granted a brand new life [Refrain]

### Here is love vast as the ocean

William Rees arr. Nathan Drake

Here is love vast as the ocean  
Lovingkindness as the flood  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,  
Shed for us His precious blood  
Who His love will not remember  
Who can cease to sing His praise  
He will never be forgotten  
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide  
Grace and love like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above  
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love

Let me all Thy love accepting,  
Love Thee ever all my days  
Let me seek Thy kingdom only  
And my life be to Thy praise;  
Thou alone shalt be my glory,  
Nothing in this world I see;  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me  
Thou Thyself hast set me free.

## Hospitality, Health and Holiness: Moving God-ward (Romans 12; Philippians 2; Psalm 51)

### • Introduction

- Holiness is perfect love and heart cleansing that transforms the way we think and act.
  - We are a church that preaches holiness.
  - oxymoron
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### • Holiness is:

#### 1. Being a living \_\_\_\_\_.

- Romans 6:6 We know that our old self was crucified with (Jesus) so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. . . . 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. 13 No longer *present* your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but *present* yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and *present* your members to God as instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.
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#### 2. Having a new \_\_\_\_\_.

- *kenosis*
  - *agape*: wide open/ *agape*: perfect love
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#### 3. Having a clean \_\_\_\_\_.

- *ordo salutis* (order of salvation)
  - work of grace
  - bounded set vs centred set
  - moving God-ward
  - Philippians 3:13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
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### Holiness unto the Lord

Lelia N. Morris; arr. Brannon Hancock

"Called unto holiness," Church of our God,  
Purchase of Jesus, redeemed by His blood;  
Called from the world and its idols to flee,  
Called from the bondage of sin to be free.  
"Called unto holiness," praise His dear name!  
This blessed secret to faith now made plain,  
Not our own righteousness, but Christ within,  
Living and reigning and saving from sin.

Refrain: Our watchword and song, is "Holiness unto the Lord"  
As we're marching along, "Holiness unto the Lord"  
We will sing it, shout it, loud and long,  
"Holiness unto the Lord," now and forevermore.

"Called unto holiness," Bride of the Lamb,  
Waiting the Bridegroom's returning again;  
Lift up your heads, for the day draweth near  
When in His beauty the King shall appear. [Refrain]

God's Holy Spirit abiding within, Living and reigning and saving from sin (repeat) [Refrain]

### Doxology

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost