**Order of Worship**

**Introit: “**Majesty, Worship His Majesty” VIP# 54 - Saxthorpe Choristers

**Call to Worship**

Leader: You who through worship would find God know that God at this very hour is seeking you. Lay before Him now a mind open to all truth, a spirit attuned to the whisper of the still small voice, a heart responsive to the cries of the human needs, and a will committed to the walking of His way; then you shall go forth a soul renewed, exalted, ennobled, for our Great God is a giver supreme (The Ministers Service Handbook).

**Opening hymn # 28 VIP: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Brothers and sisters, draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee, Then to thy need

He like a mother doth speed,
Spreading the wings of grace o’er thee.

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1. Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding, Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding, Sheddeth his light Chaseth the horrors of night, Saints with his mercy surrounding
2. Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

**PRAYERS OF ADORATION**

**Gracious God, we magnify your holy name recognizing that you are the citadel of our thoughts, the foundation of our character and the spring from which comes the water of life. We humbly exalt and praise you as we expose our souls and pursue refreshment from you. Merciful Lord, we are filled with awe and adoration as you have promised power to those whose lives are attuned to you and dedicated to serving your Kingdom.**

**Heavenly Father, in your great wisdom you ordained this day for worship and rest, but we come before you to rest not only from the routine of work, but also from selfish cares, from groundless fears and burdensome sins in order that we may be completely refreshed through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving Father, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting and over all Thy work, we confess that we have been unworthy of the least of your gifts. Day after day we have offended you in thought, word and deed. We have dishonored your name by our carelessness have prevented your purposes for ourselves and others from being fulfilled. We recall promises we have failed to keep and excuses we have fashioned for not following your commands. We seek your forgiveness and mercy not through any merit of our own, but through the merit and meditation of Jesus Christ your son, our Saviour who lived and died and rose again for our salvation. Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon**

L. If we claim to have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness and our sins are forgiven.

**Respond: Amen. Thanks be to God**

**Young Adults Focus**: Sis. Modesta Burke-Goldson

**Hymn** #**201 VIP: “My Hope is built on nothing less”**

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,*

1. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

 3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
In Him, my righteousness, alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

**Ministry in Dance –** Sis Michelle Goldson, Sis Mikaela Goldson and Sis Rachel Goldson

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Collect**

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Epistle: Romans 8: 31-39 - Sis Carole Whyte**

**Gospel: St. Mark 11:22-25 - Bro. Ian-Keith Goldson**

**Ministry in Song - Bro. Leslie Francis**

**MESSAGE** **- Bro. Ian-Keith Goldson**

**Hymn #415 VIP: “Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus”**

1. ’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise;
Just to know, Thus saith the Lord.

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er,
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more.*

1. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me,
’Neath the healing, cleansing flood.
2. Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease; Just from Jesus simply taking
Life, and rest, and joy, and peace
3. I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS - Bro. Ian-Keith Goldson

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Hymn # 211 VIP: “What a fellowship, what a joy divine”**

1. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
2. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
I have peace complete with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!
3. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

Leaning, leaning,

Safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning,

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.

**Benediction**

**Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God, our Saviour through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time now and forever. Amen**



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 *A warm welcome to all worshippers!*