

# Order of Worship

INTROIT - Saxthorpe Choristers

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: The Lord be with you,

P: **And also with you**

L: Lift up your hearts

P: **We lift them up to the Lord**

L: In You O Lord we place our trust.

P: **Lord, never leave us bewildered**

## INVOCATION

L: O Holy One, on mountaintops and valley floors you reveal to us the light of your love.

P: **Our hearts desire is to bask in the amazing glory of the divine presence.**

L: With each encounter we are changed and transformed. Draw us nearer that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit.

P: **Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory.**

L: May we walk among our brothers and sisters as a blessing, bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate.

ALL: **Our world is hurting and we need the followers of Jesus to follow more closely. Maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us and saying, ... "Listen to my Child, the Beloved!" Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise [# 13 VIP]

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

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

4. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render, O help us to see:  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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

*Walter C. Smith (1824—1908)*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

L: Come you people that love the Lord, celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord; recall once again the revelation of Christ's glory on Mount Tabor in the presence of three of His disciples, Peter, James, and John.

P: **May your light shine upon us**

L: We praise you, for your unending love and your redeeming grace. The cloud of your presence assures us that we need not fear. Open our eyes that we may see you in all your glory.

P: **May your light shine upon us**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us in silence confess our sins to God

## CHORUS: "Search me O God..."

*Search me, O God, and know my heart today  
Try me, O Saviour—know my thoughts, I pray  
See if there be, some wicked way in me  
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free*

ALL: **God of mercy and forgiveness we come also confessing those things that distract us from the glory of your presence. We are too often distracted by greed and our pride; by lingering disappointments and anger; by voices other than yours so that we fail to hear you calling us to care. Touch us again with the mystery of your grace. Shape our will to yours so we can dwell more closely with you and one another. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Do not be afraid. God's forgiveness shines into the world and scatters the darkness. It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness" who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. The good news is that we are not only enlightened by our belief in Christ, we are cleansed and we are forgiven!

P: **Thanks be to God!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: **Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we**

**may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives. We thank you for your love and mercy. We praise you for your sustaining grace and the joy of coming into your presence. Amen**

## SONG: "Here I Am to Worship"

1. Light of the World,  
You stepped down into  
darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart  
adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

2. King of all days,  
Oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above,  
Humbly You came to the earth  
You created,  
All for love's sake became  
poor.

## Chorus:

***So, here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're  
my God.  
You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.***

And I'll never know how much  
it cost  
To see my sin upon the cross.  
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it cost  
To see my sin upon the cross.

PRaise AND CELEBRATION — Sis. Cassie-Ann King & Sis. Nicole Cobrand

MINISTRY TO YOUTH AND CHILDREN

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## COLLECT

ALL: **Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Kings 2:1-11 — Pastor Clifton Brown

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 [VIP 596]

*Led by: Sis Valerie Hinds*

L: <sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

P: <sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.**

L: <sup>3</sup>Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around him.

P: <sup>4</sup>**He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

- L: <sup>5</sup>“Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”
- P: <sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge. *Selah***
- L: <sup>7</sup>“Hear, O my people, and I will speak,  
O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.
- P: <sup>8</sup>**Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
your burnt offerings are continually before me.**
- L: <sup>22</sup>“Mark this, then, you who forget God,  
or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to  
deliver.
- ALL: <sup>23</sup> Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice  
honour me; to those who go the right way<sup>[a]</sup>  
I will show the salvation of God.”**

#### THE GLORIA

**EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6** — Sis. Melrose Davies

#### HYMN: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies [# 495 VIP]

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| <p>1. Christ, whose glory fills the<br/>skies,<br/>Christ, the true, the only Light,<br/>Sun of Righteousness, arise,<br/>Triumph o'er the shades of<br/>night;<br/>Day-spring from on high, be<br/>near;<br/>Day-star, in my heart appear.</p> | <p>Till they inward light impart,<br/>Glad my eyes, and warm my<br/>heart.</p>   |
| <p>2. Dark and cheerless is the morn<br/>Unaccompanied by thee:<br/>Joyless is the day's return,<br/>Till thy mercy's beams I see,</p>  | <p>3. Visit then this soul of mine;<br/>Pierce the gloom of sin and<br/>grief;<br/>Fill me, radiance divine;<br/>Scatter all my unbelief;<br/>More and more thyself<br/>display,<br/>Shining to the perfect day.</p> |
- Charles Wesley (1707-88)**

**GOSPEL: St. Mark 9:2-9** — Sis. Yvonne Patterson

**SELECTION:** — Saxthorpe Choristers

**SERMON** — Rev'd Paulette Wright  
(Manchester Circuit)

#### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

#### RENEWAL OF FELLOWSHIP:

- WELCOME, GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- THE OFFERTORY/ BLESSING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERING

#### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION — Pastor Clifton Brown

- L: Lord of glory, it is good that we are here.  
In peace we make our prayer to you. In trust we confirm  
our faith in you ...  
Help us to set our faces steadfastly to where you would  
have us go. Lord, look with favour.
- P: **Lord, transfigure and heal.**
- L: Lord of glory, look with favour on your Church, proclaiming  
your beloved Son to the world and listening to the  
promptings of his Spirit ... May we be renewed in holiness  
that we may reflect your glory. Lord, look with favour.
- P: **Lord, transfigure and heal.**
- L: Lord of glory, look with favour on the nations of the world,  
scarred by the pandemic, hatred, strife and war ... May we  
be healed by the touch of your hand. Lord, look with  
favour.
- P: **Lord, transfigure and heal.**
- L: Lord of glory, look with favour on those in need and  
distress, Suffering, mourning and overwhelmed, and  
waiting for the salvation you promise ... May the day break  
and Christ the Morning Star bring us the light of his  
presence. Lord, look with favour.
- P: **Lord, transfigure and heal.**
- ALL: Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### HYMN: "God Will Take Care of You..." [# 346 VIP]

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| <p>1. BE not dismayed whate'er<br/>betide,<br/>God will take care of you;<br/>Beneath his wings of love abide,<br/>God will take care of you.</p> | <p>When dangers fierce your path<br/>assail,<br/>God will take care of you.</p>   |
| <p>2. Through days of toil when heart<br/>doth fail,<br/>God will take care of you;</p>   | <p>3. All you may need he will<br/>provide,<br/>God will take care of you;<br/>Nothing you ask will be denied,<br/>God will take care of you.</p> |
| <p>4. No matter what may be the test,<br/>God will take care of you;<br/>Lean, weary one, upon his<br/>breast,<br/>God will take care of you.</p> |   |

**Refrain:**  
**God will take care of you,  
Through every day,  
O'er all the way;  
He will take care of you,  
God will take care of you**

**Civilla D. Martin (1869-1948)**

#### BENEDICTION



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#### DISTRICT THEME:

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6<sup>TH</sup> Lord's Day after the Epiphany  
Sunday, February 14, 2021

## DIVINE WORSHIP

#### OFFICIATING CLERGY:

- Preacher:** Rev'd Paulette Wright  
(Manchester Circuit)
- Liturgist:** Pastor Clifton Brown  
(Saxthorpe, Western St. Andrew Circuit)
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- Organist:** Sis. Melrose Davies
- Choristers:** Sis. Yvonne Brown  
Sis. Lucette Cargill  
Sis. Valerie Hinds  
Sis. Marie Miller  
Sis. Yvonne Patterson  
Bro. Nigel Hays

**District Bishop:** Rev'd Christine Gooden- Benguche  
**District Secretary:** Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*