

# Order of Service

L: Welcome to another broadcast of Methodist Voices in Word and Song. Our focus for the month of February continues to be “Caring for the Body, Mind and Soul as we serve the present age.”

We gather on this the First Lord’s Day in Lent

The purpose of Lent is to be a season of fasting, self-denial, Christian growth, penitence and conversion.

**INTROIT: “God Is So Good...” [# 20 VIP] - Saxthorpe Choristers**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples

**R: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!**

L: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity, You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**ALL: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.**

## HYMN: “O Worship the King All Glorious Above...”

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| 1. O worship the King all-glorious above,<br>O gratefully sing his power and his love:<br>our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,<br>pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.              | It descends to the plain,<br>and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.  |
| 2. O tell of his might and sing of his grace,<br>whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.<br>His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,<br>and dark is his path on the wings of the storm. | 4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,<br>in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.<br>Your mercies, how tender,<br>how firm to the end,<br>our Maker, Defender,<br>Redeemer, and Friend!                      |
| 3. Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?<br>It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;<br>It streams from the hills,   | 5. O measureless Might,<br>unchangeable Love,<br>whom angels delight to worship above!<br>Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,<br>in true adoration shall sing to your praise!<br><i>Robert Grant (1779-1838)</i> |

## PRAYER OF ADORATION:

L: Into your presence we come this day dear heavenly Father as your children have done throughout the centuries. We gather to worship you from the confines of our chapels and homes, we gather with family members or by ourselves surrounded by a vast heavenly hosts and your loving, abiding presence. Fill us now with your holy spirit, empower and enable us to speak and to worship you in spirit and in truth.

**ALL: Be with us now, loving Father**

## SONG: “Create in Me A Clean Heart Oh God”

*Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me  
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation  
And renew a right spirit within me.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**ALL: Jesus, Lamb of God, when you walked this earth you did not consider heavenly equality, though that was yours to choose, but took the role of servant, and in humility and obedience allowed the rough nails of our sin to be hammered into your flesh for the sake of our salvation. And so it is that we acknowledge you as Lord of all, to the glory of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Christ suffered for sins, once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. Through the mercy of Christ, God remembers you but not your faults or your sins. Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: We give thanks for your Son, Jesus, who proved himself stronger than the devil’s temptations, and who in death preached even to those lost in the flood, and in resurrection reigns over every authority and power for ever.

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When the ancient flood destroyed the world you had created, you saved Noah and his family from the waters, and established a covenant with them and with every living creature for all time.

In later times your Son, Jesus, came forth from the waters of baptism, and after proving himself in the wilderness where waves of temptation threatened to engulf him, he began proclaiming the good news of your kingdom, calling people to repent and believe in the gospel. Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer you thanks and praise at all times through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## HYMN: “All Ye that Pass By...” [# 101 VIP]

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| 1. All ye that pass by,<br>To Jesus draw nigh:<br>To you is it nothing that Jesus<br>should die?<br>Your ransom and peace,<br>Your surety he is:<br>Come, see if there ever was<br>sorrow like his.    | 3. For you and for me<br>He prayed on the tree:<br>The prayer is accepted, the<br>sinner is free.<br>That sinner am I,<br>Who on Jesus rely,<br>And come for the pardon God<br>cannot deny. |
| 2. He dies to atone<br>For sins not his own;<br>Your debt he has paid, and<br>your work he has done.<br>Ye all may receive<br>The peace he did leave,<br>Who made intercession: my<br>Father, forgive! | 4. My pardon I claim,<br>For a sinner I am,<br>A sinner believing in Jesus's<br>name.<br>He purchased the grace<br>Which now I embrace:<br>O Father, you know he has died<br>in my place.   |

**Charles Wesley (1707-88)**

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 84 - Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane**

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 3:18-22

- Sis. Hyacinth Brackett

BENEDICTION

GOSPEL: St. Mark 1:9-15

- Sis. Yvonne Brown

SELECTION:

- Canon Grace Jervis

SERMON:

- Apostle Dr. C. Clifford Smith III

**HYMN: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross..." [# 100 VIP]**

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| <p>1. When I survey the wondrous cross<br/>On which the Prince of glory died,<br/>My richest gain I count but loss,<br/>And pour contempt on all my pride.</p> <p>2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,<br/>Save in the death of Christ my God!<br/>All the vain things that charm me most,<br/>I sacrifice them to His blood.</p> | <p>3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,<br/>Sorrow and love flow mingled down!<br/>Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,<br/>Or thorns compose so rich a crown?</p> <p>4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,<br/>That were an offering far too small;<br/>Love so amazing, so divine,<br/>Demands my soul, my life, my all.</p> |
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Words: Isaac Watts 1674- 1748  
Music: Edward Miller 1735- 1807

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERTORY**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**HYMN: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory..." [# 104 VIP]**

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| <p>1. In the cross of Christ I glory:<br/>Towering o'er the wrecks of time,<br/>All the light of sacred story<br/>Gathers round its head sublime.</p> <p>2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,<br/>Hopes deceive and fears annoy,<br/>Never shall the cross forsake me;<br/>Lo, it glows with peace and joy.</p> <p>3. When the sun of bliss is beaming<br/>Light and love upon my way,<br/>From the cross the radiance<br/>streaming<br/>Adds more lustre to the day.</p> | <p>4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,<br/>By the cross are sanctified;<br/>Peace is there that knows no measure,<br/>Joys that through all time abide.</p> <p>5. In the cross of Christ I glory:<br/>Towering o'er the wrecks of time,<br/>All the light of sacred story<br/>Gathers round its head sublime.</p> |
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John Bowring (1792-1872)



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1<sup>st</sup> Lord's Day in Lent  
Sunday, February 21, 2021

**DIVINE WORSHIP**

**OFFICIATING CLERGY:**

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Sis. Valerie Hinds  
Sis. Marie Miller  
Sis. Yvonne Patterson  
Bro. David Darlington  
Bro. Nigel Haye

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District Secretary: Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*