

Order of Service

INTROIT: - Saxthorpe Choristers

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Jesus said, “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last.”.
- R: **Lord God Almighty, direct our whole being to focus on you.**
- L: I do not call you servants any longer, but I have called you friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.
- R: **Lord God almighty, help us to follow you closely as friend.**
- L: I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.
- R: **Lord God Almighty, show us the way, the truth and the life as we seek to worship you in spirit and in truth**

HYMN: “O How I Love Jesus...” [# 41 VIP]

1. There is a Name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest Name on earth.

3. It tells me what my Father
hath
In store for every day,
And though I tread a
darksome path,
Yields sunshine all the way.

Refrain
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!

2. It tells me of a Savior’s love,
Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious
blood,
The sinner’s perfect plea.

4. It tells of One whose loving
heart
Can feel my deepest woe;
Who in each sorrow bears
A part that none can bear
below.

Frederick Whitfield 1829- 1904

PRAYER OF ADORATION

- L: Lord Jesus Christ, today we come before you with open eyes so that we may see you in all your glory and splendor and understand more clearly your resurrection. Lord Jesus Christ, we come before you with open hearts so that we may know your presence is with us. We also come with open ears so that we may hear you as you speak to us in that still small voice. Lord Jesus Christ, we come with open minds so that we may learn your will and we come to you with open hands so that we may do the work to which you have called us.
- R: **As we approach you, O God, we adore your Holy Name!**
- L: Today we worship you O God as the great I Am who cares, who guides, who protects and who never fails. O God, we embrace

your compassion for us, in that while we were still sinners, you sent your only Son to die for us so that we may live for you. So, in joy and in sorrow, in sadness and in happiness, your love abides with us constantly, commanding the crashing waves of life, ‘peace be still.’

R: **As we approach you, O God, we adore your Holy Name!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- L: Lord Jesus Christ, your friends are those who stay close to you. So often we have strayed and left your side as we rely on our own strength and reject your grace.
- R: **Have mercy on us, O God, and keep us close to you.**
- L: Lord Jesus Christ, you are merciful and forgiving even when we do not deserve it. Forgive us for the times that we have allowed guilt and self-reproach to hold us back.
- R: **Have mercy on us, O God, and keep us close to you.**
- L: Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us for the times when we have been so busy following the ways of this world, or for the time we have followed our own ideas and pretended that you were not there by our sides. Forgive us for those moments when we have not used the time you have given us to do your will.
- R: **Have mercy on us, O God, and keep us close to you.**
- L: Lord Jesus Christ, direct us to show love and forgiveness to our brothers and sisters. Teach us how we should live as we travel this pilgrim pathway. Help us to understand that it is in loving others that we can better love you O God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- L: As a Loving Father, you are always ready to welcome and forgive your children, in the same way we know you forgive, welcome and love all who seek you out. People of God, receive this assurance. God loves and forgives us in the precious name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

- L: Risen Christ, you lived close to your disciples. They shared your life and witnessed the miracle of your resurrection. We thank you for your continued presence with us, and for the glimpses you give us of your risen glory. We see it in the changing seasons of life and also in the wonder of a new birth. We feel it in our giving and receiving of human love. We sense it in our growth as your children as we get fresh knowledge and understanding of the world which you made in perfection. We hear it in words of forgiveness and the assurance of new beginnings. Keep us open to this vision always, and help us to express it in our lives at all times as we give thanks and praise. **Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

HYMN: “Jesus Friend of Little Children...” [# 472 VIP]

1. Jesus, Friend of little
children,
Be a friend to me;
Take my hand, and ever
keep me
Close to Thee.

2. Teach me how to grow in
goodness
Daily as I grow;
Thou hast been a child, and
surely
Thou dost know.

3. Step by step O lead me
onward,
Upward into youth;
Wiser, stronger, still
becoming
In Thy truth.

4. Never leave me, nor
forsake me;
Ever be my friend;
For I need Thee, from life’s
dawning
To its end.
- Walter J. Mathams, 1853-1931*
- MINISTRY OF THE WORD
- The Collect
- ALL: Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ has become for all humankind the true and living way; give unto us who have erred the wisdom and grace to return to him in true penitence of heart, and to serve him with true devotion of life; who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**
- OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 4:26—31 –
- RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 119 : 33—40 (VIP 637)
- Led by: Rev’d Bosworth Mullings*
- L: ³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

R: ³⁴**Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

L: ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

R: ³⁶**Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.**

L: ³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

R: ³⁸**Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.**

L: ³⁹Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

ALL: ⁴⁰See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.
- THE GLORIA
- EPISTLE: 1 JOHN 5:6—13

HYMN: “Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us...” [# 331 VIP]

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee,
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert thou didst go.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
All our weakness thou dost know,
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.
- James Edmeston (1791-1867)

GOSPEL: St. Luke 12: 13—21

SERMON: — **Rev'd Duane Samm** (*Minister, South Trinidad Circuit*)

HYMN: “Saviour, like a Shepherd Lead Us...” [# 338 VIP vs 1, 3 & 4]

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

3. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.
3. Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'are to free:

4. Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
- Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OFFERTORY/ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: “Will Your Anchor Hold...” [# 344 VIP vs. 1, 2 & 4]

- 1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift,
and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

2 Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
When the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rave,
and the wild winds blow,
Shall the angry waves then your boat o’erflow?
- Refrain:**
We have an anchor that keeps the soul Steadfast and sure while the billows roll, Fastened to the Rock which cannot move, Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour’s love!

4 Will your eyes behold through the morning light
The city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
When life’s storms are past for evermore?
- Priscilla Owens (1829—1899)

BENEDICTION

ALL: May God the Father of Time and Eternity be with us. May God the Son who feels our pain and knows our tears journey with us. May God the Holy Spirit inspire us and give us renewed hop, for now and always. Amen.

L: And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**



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DIVINE WORSHIP

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(Supt. Minister, Coke Circuit)

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A warm welcome to all worshippers!