**Order of Worship**

**Introit: “Father, son and Holy Ghost…” [# 307 VIP v. 1]**

* **Saxthorpe Choristers**

**Call to Worship**

L: You have been raised with Christ;

**R: May we seek the way of God, and not worldly measures of success.**

L: Set your minds on things that are above,

**R: For wealth fame will fade and pass away.**

L: Put to death the worldly ways in your life: greed, envy, idolatry.

**R: For Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

L: Enter this time of worship for rest and renewal;

**R: In Christ, we are remade in the image of our Creator, for we worship God, to whom we all belong.**

**HYMN: “Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven…” [# 12 VIP]**

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like you his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

1. Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.
2. Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.
3. Angels in the height, adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

***WORDS Henry F. Lyte ( 1793—1847)***

***MUSIC John Goss ( 1800—1880)***

**Prayer of Adoration**

L: Let us acknowledge the greatness and majesty of God as we offer our humble adoration: Blessed are you, almighty Father, sovereign ruler of all creation:

**R: we glorify and adore you.**

L: Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ, loving Saviour of the world:

**R: we glorify and adore you.**

L: Blessed are you, eternal Spirit, gracious source of light and life:

**R: we glorify and adore you.**

**ALL: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Lord of endless power and might, we praise your name forever and ever.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: We confess to You, our Creator, that we have created idols of wealth, fame, and other measures of worldly success. We have sought to have more, to gain more, to be more to others, instead of humbling ourselves before You. You made this world and gave us all we need, and called us to share our resources with our neighbours, to love one another. We have abandoned Your ways and sought our own. We have put our trust in the world rather than in You. We have allowed selfishness and greed into our hearts and betrayed our neighbours whom we were called to love. Forgive us for this warped understanding of life. Forgive us for our skewed vision. Forgive us for disregarding Your commandments and living into this world. Call us back into Your reign. May we put to death the ways of this world that have invaded our hearts and lives, and live again in Your image. May we renew Your intention in our lives to love our neighbors as ourselves, to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

L: Our God is a God of life, a God of renewal, a God of resurrection. God is making all things new, including your hearts, including your lives—including you. Know the power of God’s redemption. Seek forgiveness and offer forgiveness. Seek peace and offer peace. Pursue justice, and journey in faith with others. You are restored, and the image of God lives in you forever.

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

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

L: O give thanks to the Lord, who reassures us with the words, ‘Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God.’ Faithful God, we thank you for directing us to take the road that leads to eternal life with you. Thank you for your presence that encourages us to use our time to honour you. May we always come into your Holy Presence with songs of praise; prayers of hope; and with thankful hearts, minds and lives that demonstrate that God-is-with-us; that God is within us; and that God will always be present with God’s faithful people. We wait with grateful hearts expecting to hear you say to us, ‘Come unto me.’ Continue to use us for your glory at all times and in all places. This we pray. **Amen.**

**Children Focus**

**Hymn**: **“Jesus Loves Me This I Know…” [# 479 VIP]**

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

***Refrain:
Yes, Jesus loves me! (3 x)***

***The Bible tells me so.***

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,
as he loved so long ago,

taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me."

1. Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.

**Anna B. Warne (v. 1) (1827- 1915)**

**and David R. McGuire (vv. 2- 3)
(1929-71)**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Collect:**

**ALL: God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

 **Responsive Psalm** 49:1-12 *Led by:* **Rev’d Audrey Knott**

L: **1**Hear this, all you peoples;
    give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

**R: 2both low and high,
    rich and poor together.**

L: **3**My mouth shall speak wisdom;
    the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

**R: 4I will incline my ear to a proverb;
    I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

L: **5**Why should I fear in times of trouble,
    when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

**R: 6those who trust in their wealth
    and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

L: **7**Truly, no ransom avails for one’s life,
    there is no price one can give to God for it.

**R: 8For the ransom of life is costly,
    and can never suffice,**

L: **9**that one should live on forever
    and never see the grave

**R: 10When we look at the wise, they die;
    fool and dolt perish together
    and leave their wealth to others.**

L: **11**Their graves[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2049&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-14660c)] are their homes forever,
    their dwelling places to all generations,
    though they named lands their own.

**ALL: 12Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
    they are like the animals that perish**.

**The Gloria**

**Epistle: Colossians 3:1—10 — Sis. Valerie Hinds**

**Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 — Sis. Marie Miller**

**Sermon: — Rev’d Stephen Mullings**

**Hymn**: **“Just a Closer Walk with Thee…” [# 350 VIP]**

***Refrain:***

***JUST a closer walk with thee;***

***Grant it, Jesus, if you please,
Daily walking close with thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

1. I am weak but thou art strong,
Jesus, keep me from all wrong,
I’ll be satisfied as long,
As I walk, let me walk close with thee.
2. Through this world of toils and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
3. When my feeble life is o’er,
Time for me won’t be no more,
Guide me gently, safely o’er,
To thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

***Traditional***

**Prayers of Intercession** *(Please see Insert)*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Announcements/ Offertory/ Blessing of Tithes and Offering**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**:

**Communion Hymn**: **“Let Us Talents … Employ…” [# 436 VIP]**

1. LET us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy;
bread is broken, the wine is poured
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

***Chorus:
Jesus lives again
earth can breathe again
pass The Word around:
loaves abound!***

1. Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live, to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

1. Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share
God Immanuel everywhere.

**Doreen Potter (1929-)**

**Closing Hymn**: **“Forth in Thy Name …” [# 306 VIP]**

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue,
Thee, only thee, resolved to know
In all I think, or speak, or do.
2. The task thy wisdom has assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil,
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.
3. Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,

And labour on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.

1. Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day;
2. For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace has given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

**Charles Wesley (1707—1788)**

**Benediction — Rev’d Stephen Mullings**

L: 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 hope, For now and always. **Amen.**

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



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*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*