

# Order of Worship

INTROIT: 'There is a sweet, sweet spirit...' [# 160 VIP v 1 and Chorus]  
- Grateful Hill Choristers

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus said "Love one another". He also said "bless those who curse you and do good to those who hate you."

P: **We come to worship God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.**

L: Jesus said, "No longer do I call you servants; now I call you friends."

P: **We come to worship God who is love, whose friends we are in Christ Jesus.**

L: Let us sing praise to God and live in love and friendship.

P: **Let us draw water from the spring of everlasting life.**

## HYMN: 'Come, let us all unite and sing...' [# 2 VIP]

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| 1. Come, let us all unite and sing—<br>God is love!<br>While heaven and earth their<br>praises bring— God is love!<br>Let every soul from sin awake,<br>Each in his heart sweet music<br>make,<br>And sweetly sing for Jesus' sake—<br>God is love!  | 3. How happy is our portion here—<br>God is love!<br>His promises our spirits cheer—<br>God is love!<br>He is our sun and shield by day,<br>By night he near our tents will<br>stay,<br>He will be with us all the way—<br>God is love!           |
| 2. O tell to earth's remotest bound—<br>God is love!<br>In Christ is full redemption found—<br>God is love!<br>His blood can cleanse our sins<br>away;<br>His Spirit turns our night to day,<br>And leads our souls with joy to<br>say— God is love! | 4. In Zion we shall sing again—<br>God is love!<br>Yes, this shall be our highest<br>strain— God is love!<br>Whilst endless ages roll along,<br>In concert with the heavenly<br>throng,<br>This shall be still our sweetest<br>song— God is love! |

*Howard Kingsbury (c. 1850— )*

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

L: Gracious and loving God - bless each one of us here today. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness and help us to rejoice in your presence. Strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit that we may hear your word aright and with joy and confidence obey your commandment that we should love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbours as ourselves. Indeed, make us a people who shine with the light of Christ, ones who forgive as he forgave us, and trust in him as he trusted in you. Fill our cups Lord - fill them up - and we shall want no more. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: **God of holiness, we confess to you and to each other that we have fallen far short of the complete and generous love of Jesus, our divine Brother. Through our very own foolishness, we have not only stumbled but caused those around us to also fall. Through our very own willfulness, we have not only been corrupted but have aided the corruption of others. Here and now, Holy God, through our very own repentance, we acknowledge our sins, turn from them, and pray for your saving grace to once more forgive and rehabilitate our lives. May the Spirit of Christ so continue to work in and through us that we may forgive those who have sinned against us, and sincerely seek their rehabilitation. Through Christ Jesus our sure Redeemer AMEN!**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: It is written: "Grace to you and peace from God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God Father; to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen!**"

P: **To God be glory forever and ever. Amen!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Father of life, you are the almighty God, the unchanging God that can change all things. All good and perfect gifts come from you, you are the source of love, life and holiness. You are the God who alone does great wonders, what a mighty God you are. God, You cannot be equaled or rivalled; you are the self-existing and uncreated God.

We thank you because only a father like You would love children like us in spite of who we are. Thank you for daily transforming us through your word.

Everlasting Father, we choose to thank you for both the good times and the seemingly bad times we face, knowing that through it all, you have continually worked out your good purpose for our lives. Thank you for the things we have gained and the things we have lost, you are the reason we haven't lost all and the reason we will gain all.

No matter what comes our way LORD, You will always be our God. We thank you today that you are more than enough for us. As you hold our hands, you take us through the day and we will return victoriously, giving you the praise. AMEN.

## TIME OF PRAISE

## CHILDREN'S FOCUS

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### COLLECT:

ALL: **Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and all virtues; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 45:3-15 - Sis. Nadine Ivey

## RESPONSIVE PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40 *Led by: Sis. Cassie-Ann King*

L: <sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

R: <sup>2</sup> **for they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.**

L: <sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

R: <sup>4</sup> **Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.

R: <sup>6</sup> **He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

L: <sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.

R: <sup>8</sup> **Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

L: <sup>9</sup> For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

R: <sup>10</sup> **Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**

L: <sup>11</sup> But the meek shall inherit the land,  
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

R: <sup>39</sup> **The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;  
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

L: <sup>40</sup> The LORD helps them and rescues them;  
he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.

## THE GLORIA

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38; 42-50 - Sis. Kerry-Ann Saddler

**HYMN: In Loving Kindness Jesus Came [# 171 VIP]**

1. In loving-kindness Jesus came,  
My soul in mercy to reclaim,  
And from the depths of sin and  
shame  
Through grace he lifted me.

But when I took him at his  
word,  
Forgiven he lifted me.

**Refrain:**

**From sinking sand he lifted me;  
With tender hand  
he lifted me;  
From shades of night to plains  
of light  
O praise his name,  
he lifted me!**

2. He called me long before I  
heard,  
Before my sinful heart was  
stirred;

3. His brow was pierced with  
many a thorn  
His hands by cruel nails were  
torn,  
When from my guilt and grief,  
forlorn,  
In love he lifted me.

4. Now on a higher plane I dwell,  
And with my soul I know 'tis  
well;  
Yet how or why, I cannot tell,  
He should have lifted me.

**Charles H. Gabriel (1866-1932)**

**GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38**

**- Rev'd Audrey Knott**  
*(Minister, Portmore Circuit)*

**SERMON**

**- Rev'd Audrey Knott**  
*(Minister, Portmore Circuit)*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE: 'Why Should I Feel Discouraged...' [# 36 VIP]**

1. Why should I feel discouraged,  
Why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely,  
And long for heav'n and home,  
When Jesus is my portion?  
My constant Friend is he;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me. *(rep. last 2 lines)*

Though by the path he  
leadeth,  
But one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me.  
*(rep. last 2 lines)*

**Refrain:**

**I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free;  
For his eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me.**

2. "Let not your heart be troubled,"  
His tender word I hear,  
And resting on his goodness,  
I lose my doubts and fears,

3. Whenever I am tempted,  
Whenever clouds arise,  
When song gives place to  
sighing,  
When hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him;  
From care he sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me.  
*(rep. last 2 lines)*

**Civilla D. Martin**  
**(1860-1948)**

**BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *(Please see Insert)*

L: The Lord be with you  
P: **And also with you**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN 'And can it be ...' [# 188 VIP]**

1. And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's  
blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his  
pain?  
For me, who him to death  
pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die  
for me!

'Tis mercy all, immense and  
free;  
For, O my God, it found out me!

2. 'Tis mystery all! the Immortal dies:  
Who can explore his strange  
design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love  
divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds enquire no more.

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's  
night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening  
ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed  
with light,  
My chains fell off, my heart was  
free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed  
thee.

3. He left his Father's throne  
above—  
So free, so infinite his grace—  
Emptied himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless  
race.

5. No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness  
divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal  
throne,  
And claim the crown, through  
Christ, my own.

**Charles Wesley (1707-88)**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

L: In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.  
Go in peace - love and care for one another in Christ's name;  
- and the blessing of Christ Jesus, he who traded good for evil and love for hate, be upon you.  
- May his mercy uphold you, his compassion guide you, and his strength sustain you both now and forevermore. **AMEN!**



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7<sup>th</sup> Lord's Day after Epiphany

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**

**DIVINE WORSHIP**

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*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*