

# Order of Worship

INTROIT: "New Every Morning..." [#502 VIP VS 2-3]

- Saxthorpe Choristers

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come to worship God, confidently declaring that He is with us.

R: **Loving God, direct us to worship you in spirit and in truth.**

L: God of all time and eternity journey with us always.

R: **As we look to you, the author and finisher of our faith.**

L: Give thanks to the Lord.

R: **For His mercy endures forever.**

## Hymn: "Praise to the Lord the almighty" [#28 VIP]

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| 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;<br>O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!<br>All ye who hear,<br>Brothers and sisters, draw near,<br>Praise him in glad adoration. | He like a mother doth speed,<br>Spreading the wings of grace<br>o'er thee.  |
| 2. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;<br>Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:<br>Ponder anew<br>What the Almighty can do,<br>Who with his love doth befriend thee.  | 4. Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,<br>Who, when the godless do triumph,<br>all virtue confounding,<br>Sheddeth his light,<br>Chaseth the horrors of night,<br>Saints with his mercy surrounding.  |
| 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth Nourish thy life and restore thee,<br>Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee,<br>Then to thy need   | 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!<br>All that hath life and breath,<br>come now with praises before him!<br>Let the amen<br>Sound from his people again:<br>Gladly for aye we adore him.<br><br><b>Joachim Neande (1650-80)</b><br><b>Trans. by Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) and</b><br><b>Rupert E. Davies (1909- ) v.3</b> |

## OPENING PRAYERS:

### PRAYER OF ADORATION:

L: Lord God Almighty, you created the universe and all the intricate details in it. We are in awe of the fact that you took time in the beginning to think of us, your children, and as your word says, 'So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created

He him, male and female created He them.' So generous God, we know you have given us more than our fair share of your goodness. You have cared for our material and emotional needs. You have forgiven us and welcomed us back when we went astray. You have shown us how to love unconditionally. Generous God, we come to praise and worship your Holy Name acknowledging that you have given us so much to be used to your honour and glory. Today we worship as the great I Am who cares, who guides, who protects and who never fails. **Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

L: Lord Jesus Christ, as your friends, you have given us various gifts and talents to be used to your honour and your glory. But instead of following your commands we put trust in 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 deliberately run away from your tender mercy, loving kindness and caring ways.

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 enjoying ourselves, 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: Just as the prodigal son's father ran out to welcome and forgive him, 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 you in the precious name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. **Amen.**

### 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. 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'S MESSAGE (*Puppetry*) – Bro. Victor McSweeney

## TIME OF PRAISE IN WORSHIP

HYMN: "God Make My Life a Little Light ..." [# 470 VIP vs 1 & 5]

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| 1. God make my life a little light<br>Within the world to glow;<br>A little flame that burneth<br>bright,<br>Wherever I may go. | 5. God make my life a little hymn<br>Of tenderness and praise,<br>Of faith, that never waxeth dim,<br>In all his wondrous ways. |
|   | <i>Matilda B. Betham-Edwards</i><br>(1836-1919)   |

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### COLLECT:

**ALL: Almighty and Eternal God, by whose command we become your messengers, and whose grace enables us to give you the service and time that is acceptable in your sight: make us ever sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, that we may heed your call and make ready and worthy response of our lives to you O God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 22:1-14 – Sis. Valerie Hinds

### RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 78:1-8

*Led by: Pastor Wayne Stewart*

- L: <sup>1</sup>Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- R: <sup>2</sup>**I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**
- L: <sup>3</sup>things that we have heard and known,  
that our ancestors have told us.
- R: <sup>4</sup>**We will not hide them from their children;  
we will tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the LORD and his might  
and the wonders that he has done.**
- L: <sup>5</sup>He established a decree in Jacob  
and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our ancestors  
to teach to their children,
- R: <sup>6</sup>**that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn,  
and rise up and tell them to their children,**

L: <sup>7</sup> so that they should set their hope in God,  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments;

R: <sup>8</sup> **and that they should not be like their ancestors,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation,  
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  
whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

#### THE GLORIA

NEW TESTAMENT: **1John 2:7-8,12-17** - Sis. Marie Miller

HYMN: "Lord Speak to Me ..." [# 313 VIP]

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| 1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak<br>In living echoes of thy tone;<br>As thou hast sought, so let me seek<br>Thy erring children lost and lone.    | 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach<br>The precious things thou do'st impart;<br>And wing my words, that they may reach<br>The hidden depths of many a heart. |
| 2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead<br>The wandering and the wavering feet;<br>O feed me, Lord, that I may feed<br>Thy hungering ones with manna sweet. | 4. O use me, Lord, use even me,<br>Just as thou wilt, and when, and where,<br>Until thy blessed face I see,<br>Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.              |

Frances R. Havergal (1836-79)

GOSPEL: St Luke 9:14-29

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SERMON

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HYMN: "Lord in the Strength of Grace..." [# 311 VIP]

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| 1. Lord, in the strength of grace,<br>With a glad heart and free,<br>Myself, my residue of days,<br>I consecrate to thee. | 2. Thy ransomed servant, I<br>Restore to thee thine own;<br>And, from this moment, live or die<br>To serve my God alone. |
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Charles Wesley (1707—1788) alt.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

L: God of love, life and time, we praise you for the gifts you have given us. Teach us to use these gifts in a special way, as we reach out to all with reverence and respect. Renew us, O God, as we seek to strengthen and uphold all those whose humanity

has been degraded in the exercise of power, greed and selfishness. Lord, in your mercy...

R: **Hear our prayer.**

L: God our wisdom and inspiration, we praise you for sending your Spirit to lead us in the way of faith. Keep us awake and alert to your presence in the world and in those we meet day by day. Free us, O God, from the assumptions that limit our vision of your wholeness, and make us eager to grow in understanding and in love for you. As we wrestle with the covid-19 pandemic, help us to remain steadfast, immovable always abounding in the work of the Lord. Lord, in your mercy...

R: **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ BLESSING OF TITHES & OFFERING.

HYMN: "We've a Story to Tell to The Nation ..." [# 460VIP]

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| 1. We've a story to tell to the nations,<br>that shall turn their hearts to the right,<br>a story of truth and mercy,<br>a story of peace and light,<br>(rep.) | A song that shall conquer evil<br>And shatter the spear and sword, (rep.)  |
| 2. We've a message to give to the nations,<br>That the Lord who reigneth above<br>Hath sent us his Son to save us,<br>And show us that God is love,<br>(rep.)  | 3. We've a Saviour to show to the nations,<br>Who the path of sorrow hath trod,<br>That all of the world's great peoples<br>Might come to the truth of God, (rep.) |
| 3. We've a song to be sung to the nations,<br>That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  | H. Ernest Nichol (1862-1928)   |

**Refrain:**

**For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
And the dawning to noontide bright;  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
The kingdom of love and light.**

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 hope, For now and always. AMEN.**



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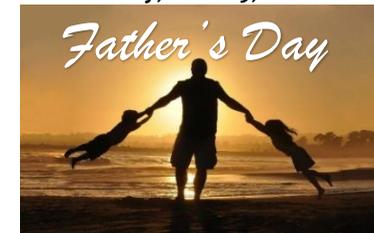
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2<sup>nd</sup> Lord's Day after Pentecost  
Sunday, June 19, 2022



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*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*