

# Order of Worship

## INTROIT: “Bless the Lord O My Soul [# 1 VIP] – Saxthorpe Choristers

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all that is within me,  
Bless his holy name.

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*Andraé Crouch (1945—2015)*

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 100: 2, 4, 5)

L: Come, let us worship God, our Maker.

C: **Our God who reigns now and forever.**

L: Come, let us sing praises to God, our Maker.

C: **Who enables us to lift our hearts and voices in song to bring glory to God.**

L: Come, let us give thanks to God, our Maker.

C: **Who gives us grace and mercy in Jesus Name.**

L: Come, let us worship and bow down one with another.

**ALL: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.**

### OPENING HYMN: “To God be the glory” (#183a VIP)

1. To God be the glory!  
Great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that  
he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an  
atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate  
that all may go in:

2. O perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise  
of God;  
The vilest offender who truly  
believes,  
That moment from Jesus a  
pardon receives:

3. Great things he hath taught us,  
Great things he hath done,  
And great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and  
greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture,  
when Jesus we see:

*Frances J. van Alstyne  
(1820-1915) alt.*

**Refrain:**  
**Praise the Lord!**  
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**Let the earth hear his voice!**  
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**Let the people rejoice!**  
**O come to the Father,**  
**through Jesus the Son:**  
**And give him the glory!**  
**Great things he has done!**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION:

L: Lord God, our Maker of all creation, both great and small, we praise your mighty Name. We admire your wondrous creations. You are in the midst of all of us. Lord, You are all powerful, all loving, full of grace and compassion. You welcome us with open arms. You are truly a caring God. You are faithful and just. You are our protector and friend. You are the true living God that we can always depend on. Lord our God, we worship Your Holy Name now and forevermore. **Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Loving God, as we worship You, we know that You discern and test our thoughts from very far away. Even before we evaluate ourselves You already know all our sins. We admit and confess our sins before You.

C: **Gracious God, forgive us and set us free!**

L: We cannot go anywhere from Your spirit, O God! We confess that we have been too proud to admit when we are wrong. Forgive us for doubting the power of Your love and the mysteries of Your grace. We admit and confess our sins before You.

**ALL: Gracious God, forgive us and set us free, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to God, now fulfils in every contrite heart the assurance of God’s forgiveness; having forgiven all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ our Lord.

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

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Providing God, we thank You for everyday blessings to which we have become accustomed, but never want to take for granted. Thank You for legs that carry us where we need to go and hands that enable us to accomplish many things. Thank You for our hearing and our vision and for a sound, healthy mind. Thank You for our family, our friends, our neighbours. Thank You for freedom to attend church, for all pastors, and for the small groups and our many relationships. Thank You for all that You are doing in our hearts and in our lives. We love and adore You, Lord, and our hearts overflow with gratitude for all these blessings. We do pray in the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### HYMN: “Great is Thy faithfulness” [# 22 VIP]

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| 1. Great is thy faithfulness,<br>O God my Father,<br>There is no shadow of turning<br>with thee;<br>Thou changest not, thy<br>compassions, they fail not;<br>As thou hast been thou for ever<br>wilt be: | 2. Summer and winter, and<br>springtime and harvest,<br>Sun, moon and stars in their<br>courses above,<br>Join with all nature in<br>manifold witness<br>To thy great faithfulness,<br>mercy and love: |
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#### Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness!**

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**Morning by morning new  
mercies I see;**

**All I have needed thy hand  
has provided.**

**Great is thy faithfulness, Lord,  
unto me.**

3. Pardon for sin and a peace  
that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to  
cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and  
bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten  
thousand beside!

*Thomas O. Chisholm  
(1866-1960)*

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOCUS

– Bro. Victor McSweeney

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

#### THE COLLECT

**ALL: God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen!**

**OLD TESTAMENT: Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2:1-4 – Sis. Lucette Cargill**

### RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 119:137-144 [#639 VIP]

*Led by: Rev’d Jules Jean Ridler (M.I.T. – UTCWI)*

L: <sup>137</sup> You are righteous, O Lord,  
and your judgements are right.

R: <sup>138</sup> **You have appointed your decrees in righteousness  
and in all faithfulness.**

L: <sup>139</sup> My zeal consumes me  
because my foes forget your words.

R: <sup>140</sup> **Your promise is well tried,  
and your servant loves it.**

L: <sup>141</sup> I am small and despised,  
yet I do not forget your precepts.

R: <sup>142</sup> **Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,  
and your law is the truth.**

L: <sup>143</sup> Trouble and anguish have come upon me,  
but your commandments are my delight.

R: <sup>144</sup> Your decrees are righteous for ever;  
give me understanding that I may live.

**GLORIA PATRIA:**

L: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: **As it was in the beginning its now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.**

EPISTLE: **2 Thessalonians 1:1-4. 11-12 - Bro. Donovan Rookwood**

SPECIAL MINISTRY: - Bro. Victor McSweeney

GOSPEL: **Luke 19:1-10 - Sis. Yvonne Brown**

SERMON - **Rev'd Dr. Karen Durant-McSweeney**  
(Ministerial Tutor – UTCWI)

**HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Simply Trusting" [# 275 VIP]**

1. Simply trusting every day,  
Trusting through a stormy way;  
Even when my faith is small,  
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

3. Singing, if my way be clear;  
Praying, if the path be drear;  
If in danger, for him call;  
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

**Refrain:**

**Trusting as the moments fly,  
Trusting as the days go by,  
Trusting him whate'er befall,  
Trusting Jesus, that is all.**

2. Brightly doth his Spirit shine  
Into this poor heart of mine:  
While he leads I cannot fall,  
*Edgar P. Stites (1836- 1921)*

- ❖ ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ❖ OFFERTORY
- ❖ BLESSING OF TITHES & OFFERING

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS (Adapted)**

L: The Lord be with you

R: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

L: Let us pray for the World. God of transformation, we pray for nations suffering from war, the thirst for material possession, poverty, and injustice. Transform the lives of world. May the world experience the transformation from having a mind like yours that is always concerned for the other to ensure that every brother or sister is taken care of. Lord hear us.

R: **Lord graciously hear us.**

L: Let us pray for the Church. God of reconciliation, we pray that You may remove division, unbelief, apathy, dead religion and oppression so that through the power of the Spirit we may experience new life – Lord hear us.

R: **Lord graciously hear us.**

L: Let us pray for the Caribbean. God of liberation, we pray that you may remove pride, political corruption and neo-colonialism. Through your liberating power break mental and spiritual shackles, grant us renewed sight to understand that there is greater strength in unity guided by You. Lord hear us.

R: **Lord graciously hear us.**

L: Let us pray for Jamaica. God of restoration, we pray that you may remove despair and hopelessness, pain and anger. Bring liberation to gang members, bring restoration to family conflicts and bring peace and reconciliation in our schools. Lord hear us.

R: **Lord graciously hear us.**

L: United as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers to you, Saviour God. Hear us now we pray in the name of our risen Lord and Saviour and soon coming King, Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN: "O Thou Who Camest from Above" (# 232 VIP)**

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| 1. Thou who camest from above<br>The pure celestial fire to impart,<br>Kindle a flame of sacred love<br>On the mean altar of my heart!                  | 3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire<br>To work, and speak, and think<br>for thee;<br>Still let me guard the holy fire,<br>And still stir up thy gift in me. |
| 2. There let it for thy glory burn<br>With inextinguishable blaze,<br>And trembling to its source<br>return,<br>In humble prayer and fervent<br>praise. | 4. Ready for all thy perfect will,<br>My acts of faith and love repeat,<br>Till death thy endless mercies<br>seal,<br>And make the sacrifice<br>complete.   |

*Charles Wesley (1707—1788)*

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21<sup>st</sup> Lord's Day after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 30, 2022

**DIVINE WORSHIP**

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<b>Sis. Yvonne Brown</b>	<b>Sis. Yvonne Patterson</b>
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*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*