

**Hymn Sheet for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
led by Rev Lesley Moseley**

**Call to Worship – responsive - Psalm 145:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.

<sup>9</sup> **The LORD is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.**

<sup>10</sup> All your works praise you, LORD;  
your faithful people extol you.

<sup>11</sup> **They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,**

<sup>12</sup> so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.**

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises  
and faithful in all he does.

<sup>14</sup> **The LORD upholds all who fall  
lifts up all who are bowed down.**

**Hymn MP 122**

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard,  
and hushed their raging at Thy word,  
who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the waters dark and rude,  
and bid their angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,  
our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go:  
thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.  
We are marching in the light of God,

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

## Hymn MP400

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.

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;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert Thou didst go.

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.

## Introduction to Theme

### Hymn MP770

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?  
*(Chorus) 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!*

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,  
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?  
*(Chorus)*

Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,  
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?  
On the rising tide you can never fail,  
while your anchor holds within the veil.  
*(Chorus)*

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?  
*(Chorus)*

## Hymn

Lord, you have come to the seashore,  
neither searching for the rich nor the wise,  
desiring only that I should follow.

*(Chorus) O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,  
gently smiling, you have spoken my name.  
All I longed for I have found by the water,  
at your side I will seek other shores.*

Lord, see my goods, my possessions;  
in my boat you find no power, no wealth.  
Will you accept, then, my nets and labour?  
*(Chorus)*

Lord, take my hands, and direct them.  
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,  
returning love for the love you gave me.  
*(Chorus)*

Lord, as I drift on the waters,  
be the resting-place of my restless heart,  
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.  
*(Chorus)*

## Reflection

### Hymn MP857

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry;  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
- my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send ?

*(Chorus) Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me;  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain;  
I have wept for love of them  
- they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone;  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send ?  
*(Chorus)*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them  
- my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts are satisfied;  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
(Chorus)

## **Prayers of Concern**

### **Hymn MP699**

Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the Gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,  
Life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth Thy flight;  
move on the water's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!

Blessed and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might;  
boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth, far and wide  
let there be light!

## **Blessing**

**Organ Voluntary** – Improvisation on '*Will your anchor hold?*' by Graham S Morrison