

**KNYSNA METHODIST CHURCH**  
**18 January 2026 (09:00AM)**

**WELCOME & NOTICES**

**GREETING:** Derek Oppenshaw

**HYMN:** Thine Be The Glory (Maccabaeus) [H&P 212]

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away  
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay

***Thine be the glory risen conquering Son***

***Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won***

Lo Jesus meets us risen from the tomb  
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting  
No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life  
Life is nought without Thee: Aid us in our strife  
Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love  
Lead us in Thy triumph to Thy home above

**READING:** Joan Booyesen  
Psalm 40:1-11 (NIV)

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Lord of all creation and Redeemer of our lives, You are holy beyond our telling—Light no darkness can overcome, Life stronger than death.

***To You belong glory and praise, now and forever.***

As a new year opens before us, You invite us to walk in Your light..

***We trust you Lord with the days ahead.***

You have carried Your people through every generation.

***We give thanks for those whose faith has shaped our own.***

You hold the grieving with tenderness and restore the weary in spirit.

***Your mercy surrounds the living and the dead.***

Christ is risen, and hope has been renewed

***We rejoice in the victory of the empty tomb.***

Forgive us when we forget Your nearness and hope.

***Renew us with courage, faith and hope.***

Teach us to live wisely and faithfully, day by day, step by step

***Let Your grace shape our hearts and guide our steps.***

Unite us, O God, with all who walk by faith.

***One Church, one hope, one Lord, now and forever.***

***Through Jesus Christ, who was, and is, and is to come.***

***To You, O Lord, be glory, honour, and praise. Amen***

### **OFFERING:**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER:** Pam Cooper

### **HYMN: [H&P 304 selected verses]**

Holy Spirit, speak now through this book we read;  
on its living pages shine the light we need.

Holy Spirit, prompt us as we bow to pray;  
nearer come and teach us what we ought to say.

Holy Spirit, give us Jesus' heart and mind;  
make us like our Teacher: loving, pure and kind

Holy Spirit, help us daily by Your might,  
what is wrong, to conquer, and to choose the right.

### **OUR FATHER:**

**MESSAGE:** Answer the call

(Isaiah 49:1–7; Psalm 40:1–11; 1 Corinthians 1:1–9; John 1:29–42)

### **COMMUNION:**

The Lord is here.

***God's Spirit is with us.***

Lift up our hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

At this table, we hear again Christ's invitation: *Come and see.*

Come and see the love that does not let go, the grace that meets us as we are. So we eat and drink in faith, remembering:

***Christ has died;***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

Pour out Your Spirit on us and on these gifts, Lord. Make this bread and cup a reminder that You are here — in our darkness, in our joy, and in our waiting.

Unite us with all who have gone before, and with all who will come after, until we feast together in the light of Your kingdom. ***Amen.***

### **COMMUNION SERVED:**

#### **RESPONSE:**

***Come and see, Lord, Your love revealed in this bread and cup. We have tasted mercy, shared in life, and received hope. Stay with us in our waiting, guide our steps, and unite us with all who follow You, until we feast together in the joy of Your kingdom. Amen.***

#### **HYMN:** Blessed Assurance [H&P 668]

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

***This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long***

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Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love  
Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

**BENEDICTION**

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
The love of God, and the fellowship of Holy Spirit  
Be with us all, now and forever more  
Amen!

**BENEDICTION SONG:**

Now unto Him who is able to keep -  
Able to keep you from falling  
And present you as faultless before the Presence of His Glory -  
with exceeding joy  
To the only wise God our Saviour  
Be glory and majesty - Dominion and power  
Both now and forever  
Amen