

Order of Worship

MUSICAL PRELUDE

GATHERING:

L We go to the tomb with Mary Magdalene, early, while it is still dark. The stone is rolled away. We stoop with Peter to look on abandoned linen cloths, and we do not know what you do, O God. We seek your Son, O God; send Him to us. Let us turn and see Jesus standing here.

INTROIT - 'Jesus Stand Among Us'

CALL TO WORSHIP

L Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult O earth, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!

R For Judah's Lion burst His chains, crushing the serpents head;

L By your cross you destroyed the curse of the tree

R By your burial you slayed the dominion of death

HYMN # 123 VIP - 'He Lives'

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| 1. I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today,
I know that He is living,
whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near. | 2. In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last. |
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Refrain:

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives?

He lives with-in my heart.

3. Rejoice, rejoice. O Christian, lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find, None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Alfred H. Ackley (1887 – 1960)

INVOCATION, CONFESSION

L God of mystery, God of wonder and love, God of resurrection and new life; this morning, like Mary in the garden; we praise you for awakening us to the joy of being alive to see Resurrection Sunday 2020. We worship you today as the one who fills our hearts with joy. For you are not dead, but risen, and live among us now as the one who triumphs over death. This gives hope that we too will have the same victory over death. In this we rejoice in the priceless especially today as we give you all the praise and all the glory.

Yet, Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught up in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

L Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN # 127 VIP - 'Low in the Grave He Lay'

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| 1. Low in the grave He lay—
Jesus my Saviour!
Waiting the coming day—
Jesus my Lord! | 2. Vainly they watch His bed—
Jesus, my Saviour!
Vainly they seal the dead—
Jesus my Lord! |
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Refrain:

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.*

*He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

PRAISE IN WORSHIP - Sisters Winsome Exell & Judy-Marie Campbell)

DANCE - Sis. Michelle Goldson

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

Acts 10: 34-43 - Bro. Paul Messam

SELECTION. - Sisters Nichole Cobrand & Cassie-Ann King

Gospel: St. John 20:1-18. Sis. Suzette Burgess

SELECTION - Quartet..." Pie Jesu"

SERMON - Bishop the Rev'd Christine Gooden Benguche

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WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us human beings, and for our salvation, he came down from heaven. By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and became a human being. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life who proceeds from the Father and who, with the Father and the Son, is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Rev'd Audrey Knott

In Christ's resurrection You sealed Your covenant with us and called us to be Your church. Anoint with the oil of strength and gladness Our Connexional Bishop, District Bishop, all Presbyters, Deacons and Ministers in Training; all Preachers and Class Leaders, Stewards and Office Bearers, Choristers and Musicians, Caretakers, Clerical Staff and those who prepare the sanctuary, Teachers in our Schools and Church Schools; and Members

of the wider ecumenical Community, that in loving power and gentle courage they may be witnesses of Christ's resurrection and faithful shepherds and servants of Your people.

We pray for those who have been granted authority in this age; that they may be ever mindful that they are responsible to God for governing with justice, seeking peace, and promoting freedom. We pray especially for Our Governor General, Our Prime Minister, other Ministers of State, the Leader of the Opposition, the Senators and Members of the House of Representatives, the Leaders of institutions in the Public and Private Sectors and legitimate Community Leaders, Members of the Security Forces and all who influence public opinion.

WE pray for health workers who are at the forefront of fighting COVID 19; that you will continue to reveal to them how to handle the treatment and care of persons who contract the disease. We pray for the protection of these workers that as they work to heal others that they would be protected from contracting the disease. Lord we pray that you continue to strengthen in mind body and spirit. We pray O God that the scourge of COVID 19 would be broken from our land and world and that your glory would fill the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Hear these our prayers as we pray in the name of Jesus.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (PG 76 MHB).....Bishop Benguche

HYMN - 'Lord of the Dance'

1. I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
I danced in the moon and the
stars and the sun,
And I came down from
Heaven and I danced on
earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

2. I danced for the scribe and
the Pharisee,
But they would not dance,
they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
For James and John --
They came with me and the
dance went on.

Refrain:
"Dance then, wherever you
may be,
I am the Lord of the dance,"
said he,
"And I'll lead you all wherever
you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the
dance," said he.

3. I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame,
The Holy people said it was
a shame.
They whipped and stripped
and they hung me high,
And they left me there on a
cross to die.

4. I danced on a Friday when
the sky turned black,
It's hard to dance with the
devil on your back.
They buried my body, and
they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance, and I
still go on.

5. They cut me down, but I leapt
up high.
"I am the life that'll never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in
me.
I am the Lord of the dance,"
said he.

Sidney Cater (1915-2004)

BENEDICTION

We are sent forth in the power of Christ's resurrection. Alleluia!
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

Service will be carried on:

- **Mercy and Truth Ministries: 1:30 – 2:30 pm**
 - www.mercyandtruth.tv (click LIVE STREAM)
 - CABLE Channel 601 FLOW Channel 19 DIGICEL
 - REPEATS ON Mondays 1:30 – 2:30 pm
- **Linscom Cable Network: 1:30 – 2:30 pm**
(Coverage for Linstead/ Ewarton/ Bogwalk)
 - REBROADCASTS: each hour thereafter

ALSO AVAILABLE

- **Live Stream from Providence – 8:30 am**
 - <https://www.providencemethodistja.com/live-stream-of-services>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/ProvidenceMethodistJamaica/>

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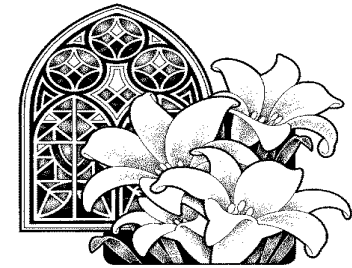
District Theme:

"Spreading Scriptural Holiness to Reform the Nation...Beginning with me"

Focus:

Caring the Environment: Caring for Souls

**DISTRICT WORSHIP
FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION**



RESURRECTION LORD'S DAY

JAMAICA METHODIST DISTRICT

Sunday, April 12, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Liturgist: Rev'd Audrey Knott
Preacher: Bishop, The Rev'd Christine Gooden Benguche
Celebrants: Bishop, The Rev'd Christine Gooden Benguche
 Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

Accompanists: Sis. Melrose Davis
Bro. Andre Taylor

Choristers: Sis. Valerie Hinds
Sis. Khadene Foote
Sis. Marie Miller
Sis. Yvonne Brown
Bro. Nigel Haye
Bro. Paul Thorbourne

Praise Team: Sis. Winsome Exell
Sis. Judy-Marie Campbell