

Order of Worship

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L On this day our Lord was tried before the High Priests, then by Pilate, after which he was tried by Herod, again by Pilate. He was scourged, mocked, and condemned to death. He was led out to Calvary, and at nine o'clock he was crucified between two criminals. At intervals, he spoke the first "three words from the Cross." From twelve o'clock onwards he suffered bitter pain, thirst and desolation, and spoke another "three words from the Cross." At three o'clock he spoke his last words, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit", then he bowed His head and died.

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look and see if there was any sorrow like my sorrow

R Greater love has no man than this...that a man lay down his life for his friends.

L Christ died for our sins, once and for all; the righteous for the Unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

HYMN (VIP 102) 'There is a Green Hill Far Away'

(Sis. Marie Miller, Valerie Hinds, Yvonne Brown, Khadene Foote
& Bro. Paul Thorbourne)

PRAYER

L O holy and everlasting God: by the suffering and death of Jesus You saved us from the curse of Adam's fall: Grant, in your Mercy, that we may be drawn to the crucified Christ, and by his Redeeming love be raised to everlasting life with him; who lives And reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever one God.

ALL :

O Lord, Jesus Christ, as we come under the shadow of your Cross, grant that we may understand your sorrow over us, see ourselves as you saw us from the Cross, and believe that a new life is possible for us because of your sacrifice. Help us to understand this season why you died for us; show us where we cause you pain and anguish, and teach us the mystery of your passion. O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us your peace.

(Soloist sings): **There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.**

L Let us confess our sins to God and pray for forgiveness.

Almighty God, we confess our weakness and failures, and we acknowledge our need of your pardon and strength. We come to you for deliverance and pardon and protection.

R Good Lord, pardon and receive us.

L We come to you for pardon for despising the counsels of your wisdom and truth, from neglect of your holy law and contempt of your grace, from thinking and doing what is contrary to the mind of Christ and from grieving your spirit.

R Good Lord, pardon us.

L From sensual and selfish desire, from unholy thoughts, unkind speech and wrong behaviour; from all that is uncharitable, and from tempting others to do that which is wrong.

R Good Lord, pardon and deliver us.

L From needless cares and unholy ambitions, from selfishness and greed, from the godless pursuit of pleasure and gain, from doing wrong to the poor and powerless, and from envying or flattering the rich and powerful.

R Good Lord, pardon and deliver us.

L We come to you for pardon and deliverance from ignorance, error and prejudice; from calling good, evil; and evil, good; from indifference to wrong-doing, compromise with sin, and enthusiasm in evil causes.

R Good Lord, pardon and deliver us.

L We come to you for pardon and deliverance from ingratitude and anxiety, from doubt of the goodness of life and fear of death, from a lukewarm faith and mere formality in worship and service, from a desire to please ourselves instead of Christ.

R Good Lord, pardon and deliver us.

L God, if we truly confess our sins, You are faithful and just and will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

ALL **Father, we accept your forgiveness in Christ and pray for the virtues which will make our lives a sacrifice to you. Give us faithfulness, that we may be always true to our friends, to ourselves and to you; Give us hope, that no setbacks and disappointment may ever drive us to despair. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN**

(Soloist sings) - Bro. Trevor Brown

**Seven times He spoke, seven words of love;
And all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men:
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.**

MEDITATIONS ON WORDS FROM THE CROSS

"Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing."

(Luke 23:34) - Rev'd Bosworth Mullings)

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

HYMN # 101 [VIP] - 'All Ye that Pass By'

(Bro. Paul Thorbourne, Sisters Marie Miller, Yvonne Brown,
Khadene Foote and Valerie Hinds)

"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

(Luke 23:43) - Rev. Dr Philip G. O'B. Robinson

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

MEDITATION

- Rev. Dr Philip G. O'B. Robinson

PRAYER

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

(Mark 15:34) - Pastor Clifton Brown

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

MEDITATION

- Pastor Clifton Brown

PRAYER

HYMN # 99 VIP 'Beneath the Cross of Jesus'

(Sis. Marie Miller, Khadene Foote Valerie Hinds,
Yvonne Brown & Bro. Nigel Haye)

"It is finished!"

(John 19:30) - Rev'd Claude H. Samuels

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), "I am thirsty."²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

MEDITATION - Rev'd Claude H. Samuels

PRAYER

SELECTION – "He Could Have Called Ten Thousand Angels"

- Bro. Trevor Brown, Sonia Cole, Latoya Johns,
Leonora Williams (Portmore Circuit)

SPECIAL ITEM – "Were You There" ... Soloist - Bro. Nigel Haye
(Back-Up Singers: Khadine Foote, Yvonne Brown, Valerie Hinds & Marie Miller)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that through Him, the world might be saved. Let us, therefore, pray to our heavenly Father for people everywhere according to their need.

Almighty God, hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and in truth. In these challenging times as the world is united in grief and anxiety and threatened with despair as the Coronavirus wreaks havoc among princes and paupers alike, in homes and hovels alike, on islands and, no less, on continents. We pray for the nations of the world and their leaders and for our own country and those who govern us. We pray for all who work to restore health and wellness. Endue us with wisdom and courage and a faith that keeps us ever hopeful because we serve a God who is absolutely able to give us all strength sufficient for each day and for each stage of our life's journey'. SO-- For all who suffer: for victims of violence, injustice and abuse; For the lonely, the bereaved and those without hope; For the sick, the dying, and all who care for

them, that in His mercy God will sustain them with the knowledge of His presence; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For our families that are struggling to maintain a semblance of wellbeing in their homes;
for parents and guardians who need strength to carry each day's burden and wisdom to make each day's decisions;
For workers who have been laid off and are unable to earn to take care of their obligations;
For children and young people who must face their own fears and concerns at this time and for all students who are worried and uneasy because their schooling and preparation for examinations and are affected by the sudden and drastic change of circumstances; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For all who lack faith and for those who are hostile to it; that God will open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy

O God, our Redeemer, who called your Church to witness that You were in Christ reconciling the world to Yourself; help us so to proclaim the good news of Your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to You; through Him who died for us and rose again and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN # 109 VIP - 'And Can it Be

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, when you were buried it seemed like the end of everything you promised and stood for. But it wasn't, it was only the beginning. As we travel from the Crucifixion through the Vigil of Easter to the Resurrection, be with us in a special way to help us recall and reflect in our hearts who you are and what you have done for us.

Father, send down your abundant blessing upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son. Grant us all your pardon and bring us your comfort. May our faith grow stronger and our eternal salvation be assured. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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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**



GOOD FRIDAY

JAMAICA METHODIST DISTRICT
Friday, April 10, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Liturgist: Bishop, The Rev'd Christine Gooden Benguche

Accompanists: Sis. Melrose Davis (Saxthorpe)
Bro. Andre Taylor

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

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