

# Order of Worship

## THE INVITATION AND GATHERING

L: On this 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord's day of Advent, we gather to worship God who sent His Son to save us. He is Emmanuel, God with Us and His Name is Jesus. We celebrate the good news of His first coming and joyfully look forward to His return.

## INTROIT: "Sing We the King Who Is Coming to Reign" [# 56 VIP] (Verse 1 & Chorus)

1. Sing we the King who is coming to reign;  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain!  
Life and salvation his empire shall bring,  
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King:
- Refrain:**  
**Come let us sing: Praise to our King,  
Jesus our King, Jesus our King:  
This is our song, who to Jesus belong:  
Glory to Jesus, to Jesus our King.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**R: For the Lord, our God is coming to us!**

L: Tell the poor, gather the lowly.

**R: For the Lord, our God is coming to us!**

L: The trees of the fields and all nature are awaiting eagerly the redemption of the earth.

**R: For the Lord, our God is coming to us!**

L: Let us praise the God of our salvation. Let us hail God's Anointed One with shouts of joy. Let us worship God!

## OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" [# 5 VIP]

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers  
before thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and  
sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround  
thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and  
mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of  
living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our father, Christ our  
brother,  
All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each  
other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty  
chorus  
Which the morning stars  
began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
Binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we  
onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward,  
In the triumph song of life.

*Henry Van Dyke (1852—1933)*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

L: Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal, you are worthy at all times to receive adoration, praise, and blessing. Nothing exceeds your power, nothing is too great for you to do, Nothing too good for you to give, Infinite is your might, boundless your love, limitless your grace, glorious your saving name. we praise you now for sending your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for whom our hearts wait, and to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honour and dominion, now and for ever. Amen.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Silent Confession)

L: God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbour as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

All. **Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting our trespasses against Him, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. Hear then Christ's word of grace, 'Your sins are forgiven'

**R: Thanks be to God**

## LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

– Sis. Denise Mullings

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOCUS

– Sis. Cheyenne-Kari Gayle  
and Sis. Alicia Watson

## SPECIAL ITEM

- Mullings' (Children & Grandchildren)

## TESTIMONY

– Sis. Denise Mullings

## HYMN "How Can I Say Thanks. . ." [# 169 VIP]

1. How can I say thanks  
For the things You have done  
for me?  
Things so undeserved  
Yet You gave to prove Your  
love for me  
The voices of a million angels  
Could not express my gratitude  
All that I am and ever hope to  
be  
I owe it all to Thee
- With His blood He has saved me  
With His power He has raised me  
To God be the glory  
For the things He has done**
2. Just let me live my life  
Let it be pleasing, Lord to  
Thee  
And if I gain any praise  
Let it go to Calvary

**Refrain:**  
**To God be the glory  
To God be the glory  
To God be the glory  
For the things He has done**

**With His blood He has saved me  
With His power He has raised me  
To God be the glory  
For the things He has done**

*Andrae Crouch (1945- )*

## SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

Sis. Alicia Watson

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Collect: God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever more. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61: 1 – 4 & 8 – 11

Read by Sis. Cheyenne-Kari Gayle

## RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 126 [# 645 VIP]

*Led by– Sis. Denise Mullings*

- L: <sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,<sup>[a]</sup>  
we were like those who dream.
- R: <sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- L: <sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.
- R: <sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

L: <sup>5</sup> May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

R: <sup>6</sup> **Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.**

**Gloria Patri...**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 24 – **Bro. Jason-Craig Watson**

GOSPEL: John 1: 6 – 8 & 19 – 28 – **Rev'd Bosworth Mullings**

SERMON – **Rev'd Bosworth A. J. Mullings**

**CALL TO COMMITMENT**

**HYMN: "O Happy Day That Fixed my Choice" [VIP # 243]**

1. O Happy day that fixed my choice  
On you, my Saviour and my God!  
Well may this glowing heart  
rejoice,  
And tell its raptures all abroad.
3. 'Tis done, the great transaction's  
done!  
I am my Lord's, and he is mine;  
He drew me, and I followed on,  
Charmed to confess the voice  
divine.

**Refrain:**

**Happy day! Happy day!  
When Jesus washed my sins  
away;  
He taught me how to watch  
and pray,  
And live rejoicing everyday;  
Happy day! Happy day!  
When Jesus washed my sins  
away.**

2. O happy bond that seals my vows  
To Him who merits all my love!  
Let cheerful anthems fill his  
house,  
While to that sacred shrine I  
move.

4. Now rest, my long-divided heart,  
Fixed on this blissful centre, rest;  
Nor ever from your Lord depart,  
With him of every good  
possessed.
5. High heaven, that heard the  
solemn vow,  
That vow renewed shall daily  
hear,  
Till in life's latest hour I bow,  
And bless in death a bond so  
dear.

*Philip Doddridge (1702-51)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – **Sis. Denise Mullings**

OFFERING AND DEDICATION – **Rev'd Bosworth Mullings**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS – **Rev'd Bosworth Mullings**

L: **Let us pray:**

L: Gracious God our Heavenly Father make your ways known upon the earth and your saving power among all peoples. Renew your Church in holiness and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation, that justice may prevail throughout the world. Let not the needy be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away, nor the sick healed. Make us instruments of your peace and let us experience the joy of your presence. Let your glory be over all the earth.

O Lord God, you hold both heaven and earth in your hands. Let your great love shine on the waste of our anger and sorrow, and give peace to your Church; peace among nations; peace in our communities, our homes, and in our hearts so that the whole world will be filled with the joy of your presence. All these things we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN: "GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN" [# 61 VIP]**

**Refrain:**

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and  
everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus is his name.**

1. He possessed no riches,  
No home to lay his head;  
He fasted in the desert,  
He gave to others bread:
2. He reached out and touched  
them,  
the blind, the deaf, the lame;  
He spoke and listened gladly  
to anyone who came:

3. Some turned away in anger,  
With hatred in the eye;  
They tried him and condemned  
him,  
Then led him out to die:
4. 'Father, now forgive them',  
Up on the cross he said;  
In three more days he was alive  
and risen from the dead.
5. He still comes to people,  
His life moves through the  
lands; He uses us for speaking,  
He touches with our hands:

**Geoffrey Marshall-Taylor alt. (1943-)**

**BENEDICTION**

**- Rev'd Bosworth Mullings**

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon us! We have been called, we have been  
anointed, we have been given a task.**

**So as we go out into the mission field that is the world.  
We go, pregnant with Good News to the world: news about  
freedom from oppression and healing for the afflicted.  
The time of the Lord's favour is now! Let's give birth to Jesus  
because it is our calling. Hallelujah! Amen.**

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**DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Second Lord's Day Before the Nativity  
(Third Sunday of Advent)**

**Sunday, December 13, 2020**

**OFFICIATING CLERGY:**

**Preacher: Rev'd Bosworth A. J. Mullings, JP  
Superintendent Minister, Coke Circuit**

**Liturgist: Mrs. Denise Mullings**

**Organist: Sis. Melrose Davies**

**Choristers: Sis. Yvonne Brown  
Sis. Yvonne Patterson  
Sis. Marie Miller  
Sis. Lucette Cargill  
Bro. David Darlington  
Bro. Oliver Campbell  
Bro. Nigel Haye**

**District Bishop: Rev'd Christine Gooden Benguche  
District Secretary: Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane**

*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*