

Order of Service

Introit: “We Love Thy Place Oh Lord” – Saxthorpe Choristers

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth

P: **My soul shall make her boast in the Lord, the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.**

L: O magnify the Lord with me; and let us exalt his name together

P: **I sought the Lord and He heard me and delivered me from all my fears. (Ps. 34:1-4)**

L: Our help is in the Lord Jesus Christ (MPB, page 68)

P: **Who Made heaven and earth**

L: Our salvation is in the Lord Jesus Christ

P: **Who died for our sins and rose for our justification**

L: Our confidence is in the holy Spirit

P: **Who enables us to become God’s children**

L: The Lord reigns!

P: **Let the Earth rejoice**

L: Our God reigns!

P: **We shall be glad and wait for His word.**

HYMN: “Come let Us All Unite and Sing” [# 2 VIP v. 1 and 4]

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| 1. Come, let us all unite and sing—
God is love!
While heaven and earth their praises bring— God is love!
Let every soul from sin awake,
Each in his heart sweet music make,
And sweetly sing for Jesus' sake—
God is love! | 4. In Zion we shall sing again—
God is love!
Yes, this shall be our highest strain—
God is love!
Whilst endless ages roll along,
In concert with the heavenly throng,
This shall be still our sweetest song—
God is love! |
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- Howard Kingsbury (c. 1850—)*

INVOCATION

Lord as we gather for worship, cause the energizing presence of the Holy Spirit to fill our sanctuary; we surrender our mind, body, and spirit in humility so we may be your instruments of praise and power in your world. Lead us to fulfill your will for this time and place and wherever we may go; this we pray through the liberating love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

SONG: “I Will Bless Thee O Lord”

*I will bless Thee O Lord
I will bless Thee O Lord
With a heart of
thanksgiving
I will bless Thee O Lord*

*With my hands lifted up
And my mouth filled with
praise,
With a heart of thanksgiving
I will bless Thee O Lord
(Esther Watanabe)*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

We adore you mighty God, as Lord of the Universe. Nothing exists apart from you. Without you we are nothing. We celebrate your grace, freely given, always available, mighty to deliver. As your chosen ones, called to holiness we affirm your love at work in our world, Transforming, recreating, redirecting us to purposeful living. We thank you God, our Father, for your gracious offer of Eternal Life made possible in Christ Jesus our Lord, the source of our hope and joy. We thank you God for your provision and enabling grace to live our lives meaningfully; we affirm your power available to every member of the human family to nurture, direct, and build relationships that will lead all your people to wholeness of living in families and in all our communities; Keep dear Lord in your presence always; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG: “Surely The Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s grace
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings,
I can see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
(Lanny Wolfe)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(The congregation will maintain silence for a space
as silent prayers are offered)*

ALL: Lord we confess our slowness to respond to your grace; we have often ignored the prompting of your Spirit leading us to loving actions and courageous living. We admit to encouraging unwholesome thoughts, unkind words, and injurious actions; we have failed you in so many different ways denying your power within to love and inhibiting your **grace** to flow to others through us. Have mercy and forgive us lord, that we may be watchful over others, as brothers and sisters in your Household. Make us one in you we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

L: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hear then the words of grace. Your sins are forgiven.

P: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

Song: “Have Thine Own Way Lord “

*Have Thine own way Lord, Have thine own way.
Thou art the potter, I am the clay
Mold me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting yielded and still.*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Collect

– Bro. Ricardo Benguche

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 – Bro. Ricardo Benguche

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 139 (1-6; 13-18)

*Led by: Bishop the Rev’d Christine Gooden Benguche
(President, Jamaica District)*

L: ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

R: ²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

L: ³You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

R: ⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.**

L: ⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

R: ⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

L: ¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

R: ¹⁴**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

L: ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

R: ¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

L: ¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

R: ¹⁸**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end^[a]—I am still with you.**

HYMN: “Hushed Was the Evening Hymn” [# 473 VIP v 1 ,2, and 5]

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| 1. Hushed was the evening hymn,
The temple courts were dark,
The lamp was burning dim
Before the sacred ark,
When suddenly a voice divine
Rang through the silence of
the shrine. | 2. The old man, meek and mild,
The priest of Israel, slept;
His watch the temple child,
The little Levite, kept:
And what from Eli's sense was sealed
The Lord to Hannah's son
revealed. |
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5. O give me Samuel's mind,
A sweet un murmuring faith,
Obedient and resigned
To thee in life and death,
That I may read with childlike eyes
Truths that are hidden from the wise.

James D. Burns (1823—1864)

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 – Sis. Realla Benguche

GOSPEL: John 1:41-51 – Sis. Ruth-Ann Benguche

SELECTION: – Sis. Janet Howe

SERMON: – Bishop, the Rev'd Moses A. Benguche
(President, Belize Honduras District)

ACT OF MEDITATION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

SONG: "I'll Say Yes Lord Yes"

*I'll say, "Yes, Lord, yes"
To Your will and to your way.
I'll say, "Yes, Lord, yes"
I will trust You and obey*

*When your Spirit speaks to me
With my whole heart I'll agree
And my answer will be,
"Yes, Lord, yes"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

RENEWAL OF FELLOWSHIP

- GREETINGS
- ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERING

HYMN: "Here I Am Lord" [# 455 VIP v. 1 and 3]

1. 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?

*I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my
heart.*

3. 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 be satisfied.
I will give my life for them,
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:
*Here I am Lord,
Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling
in the night.*

David L. Shutte (1947—)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION: Bishop the Rev'd Christine Gooden Benguche
(President, Jamaica District)

L: Lord, we bring to you our concern about the world: our concern for the oppressed, the powerless and exploited, our concern about injustice and about war and we offer you our votes and our voices, our pens and our power, our prayers.

Silence

L: Lord, we bring to you our concern about our society: our concern for the disadvantaged and those discriminated against; our concern for the young our concern for the elderly and we offer you our help and our family life, our friendship and our work, our prayers.

Silence

L: Lord, in Jesus Christ we see your concern for the world and for each one of us and we learn the truth, that your name is Love. We offer you our adoration and thanks, our love and our lives, our prayers that you will use us and perfect us.

Silence

L: We offer you our prayers and our lives in the name of Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: "My Heart Is Fixed Eternal God, Fixed On Thee"
[# 229 VIP v 1 & 3]

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| <p>1. My heart Is Fixed, Eternal God,
Fixed on thee:
And my immortal choice is made:
Christ for me.
He is my Prophet, Priest, and King,
Who did for me salvation bring;
And while I've breath I mean to sing:
Christ for me.</p> | <p>3. In pining sickness or in health,
Christ for me,
In deepest poverty or wealth,
Christ for me.
And in that all-important day,
When I the summons must obey,
And pass from this dark world away,
Christ for me.</p> |
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Richard Jukes (1804-67)

BENEDICTION

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace" (Num 6:24-26 ESV)



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Sunday, January 17, 2021

DIVINE WORSHIP

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A warm welcome to all worshippers!