

Order of Worship

THE INVITATION AND GATHERING

L: On this 5th Lord's day of Lent, we gather to worship God who sent His Son to be our Saviour. As He journeyed to the Cross, His life has become our example to follow. We continue to sing his praises and pledge to become His disciples.

INTROIT: "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" - Saxthorpe Choristers

1. Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us...

*From the earth to the cross,
my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high.*

CHORUS (X2)
*You came from heaven to earth
to show the way*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.

C: **Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.**

L: We are children of the living God.

ALL: Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!

OPENING Hymn: "Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus...Redeemer" [# 55 VIP]

1. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus,
our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth his wonderful
love proclaim!
Hail him! Hail him! Highest
archangels in glory,
Strength and honour give to his
holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will
guard his children
In his arms he carries them all
day long:

He our rock, our hope of
eternal salvation,
Hail him! Hail him! Jesus the
Crucified.
Sound His praises- Jesus who
bore our sorrows
Love unbounded, wonderful,
deep and strong:

3. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus
our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with
hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour who reigns
forever and ever,
Crown him! Crown him!
Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming over the world
victorious
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord
belong:

Refrain:
*Praise him! Praise him!
Tell of his excellent
greatness!
Praise him! Praise him! Ever
in joyful song!*

2. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus,
our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins he suffered and
bled and died;

Fanny J. Crosby (1820—1915)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

L. Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal, you are worthy at all times to receive glory, honour and praise. 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 for the privilege of knowing you and being transformed into your likeness. Without you we would be lost. So Lord God, we have no choice but to worship you and acknowledge that you alone are to be worshipped. All glory, honour, dominion and power belongs to you now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

L. O Lord! Try as We Might, We Cannot Comprehend. We know Easter is coming soon and while we anxiously wait to celebrate your triumphant victory over sin and death, there are still difficult days between now and then. There is nothing perfect about us, yet you beckon us with hands that soon will be scarred by betrayal, greed, selfishness, pettiness, pride, and apathy. You see us and our imperfections with compassionate and patient eyes as we struggle to rid our lives of all the worldly things that distort, distract, and entangle us. As the cross looms ahead, our eyes and our focus are on you and you alone for our redemption and salvation, in Jesus Name we pray. **Amen.**

CONFESSIOAL HYMN "O the Bitter Shame and Sorrow..." [# 91 VIP]

1. O the bitter shame and sorrow,
That a time could ever be
When I let the Saviour's pity
Plead in vain, and proudly
answered:
All of self, and none of thee!
(Repeat)

2. Yet he found me. I beheld him
Bleeding on the accursed tree,
Heard him pray: Forgive them.
Father!
And my wistful heart said
faintly:
Some of self, and some of
thee! (Repeat)

3. Day by day his tender mercy,
Healing, helping, full and free,
Sweet and strong, and, ah! so
patient,
Brought me lower, while I
whispered:
Less of self, and more of thee!
(Repeat)

4. Higher than the highest heaven,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord, thy love at last has
conquered;
Grant me now my supplication:
None of self, and all of thee!
(Repeat)

Theodore Monod (1836-1921)

ALL: Forgive us O Lord for our wickedness and help us to become more and more like you 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'

C: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOCUS: - Bro. Victor McSweeney

TESTIMONY - Sis. Denise Mullings

SONG: "Your Grace and Mercy..." - Saxthorpe Choristers

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Collect:

ALL: Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34 - Sis. Denise Mullings

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 51: 1 - 12

*Led by: Rev'd Claude Samuels
(Superintendent Minister, Portmore Circuit)*

L: ¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

C: ²**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

L: ³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

C: ⁴**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

L: ⁵Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

C: ⁶**You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

L: ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

C: ⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

L: ⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

C: ¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

- L: ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
C: ¹² **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

The Gloria

**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: Hebrews 5: 5 – 10 - Bro. Victor McSweeney

SONG: “Open Our Eyes Lord...”

*Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him.
Open our ears Lord
And Help us to listen,
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus.*

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GOSPEL: John 12: 20 – 33 - Rev'd Bosworth A. J. Mullings
Superintendent Minister,
Coke Circuit

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CALL TO COMMITMENT

SOLO: “Give Me Jesus” - Mr. John Findlay
(Vimeo Presentation)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING AND DEDICATION

INTERCESSORY PRAYER:

L: Let us pray:
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 power of your
reconciling love. All these things we ask in the Name of Jesus
Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional) – (Sung)

HYMN “I Am the Way, the King of the Victory...” [# 46 VIP]

1. I Am the way,
The king of the victory;
I am the truth,
Lord of the harmony;
I am the light,
Light of the world to be.

*Hosannah! I give you
strength my friend;
Hosannah! you walk the sea
my friend;
We’re gonna sail to victory.*

2. I am the vine,
You shall abide in me;
I am the river,
You shall be cleansed in me;
I am the rock,
You shall have life in me.

3. I am your brother,
Living in flesh with thee;
I am your Saviour,
Dying on Calvary;
I am your God,
Rising in victory

Fr. Richard Ho-Lung (1939—)

Refrain:

*Hosannah! I hold your hand
my friend;
Hosannah! I give you strength
my friend;
Hosannah! you walk the sea
my friend;
We’re gonna sail to victory.
Sailing, sailing, sailing cross
the river sailing; (rep.)
Freedom, freedom, freedom
in the life of Jesus.
Hosannah! I hold your hand
my friend;*

BENEDICTION

L: God is writing a new covenant on our hearts. God will be our
God and we will be God’s people. No longer shall we teach one
another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord.” For we shall all
know God. In the name of GOD, the Source of Life, the Word of
Truth, and the Spirit of Love. **Amen**



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DISTRICT THEME:

“Spreading Scriptural Holiness to Reform the Nation...
Beginning with Me”

Sub Theme

“Caring for the Body, Mind and Soul as we
serve the present age”

METHODIST VOICES IN WORD AND SONG
TELEVISION MINISTRY



DIVINE WORSHIP

Fifth Lord’s Day of Lent

Sunday, March 21, 2021

OFFICIATING CLERGY:

Preacher: Rev’d Bosworth A. J. Mullings
(Superintendent Minister, Coke Circuit)

Liturgist: Rev’d Claude Samuels
(Superintendent Minister, Portmore Circuit)

Organist: Sis. Melrose Davies

Choristers: Sis. Yvonne Brown
Sis. Lucette Cargill
Sis. Valerie Hinds
Sis. Marie Miller
Sis. Yvonne Patterson
Bro. David Darlington

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

A warm welcome to all worshippers!