

Order of Worship

INTROIT: "Jesus, Stand Among Us" - Saxthorpe Choristers

1. JESUS, stand among us
In your risen power;
Let this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour.
2. Breathe the Holy Spirit
Into every heart;
Bid the fears and
sorrows
From each soul depart.
3. Thus with quickened
footsteps
We'll pursue our way,
Watching for the
dawning
Of eternal day. **Amen**

*William Pennefather
(1816—1873)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer
- R: **We are witnesses, to the love God has poured into us.**
- L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer
- R: **We are witnesses of God's love, sharing it with each person we meet.**
- L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ our Redeemer
- R: **We are witnesses to everyone we encounter, little children like us, sisters and brothers in God's family.**

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:
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;
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:
Fanny J. Crosby (1820—1915)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

- L. Sovereign God, **we** come this morning in your Holy place to worship and magnify your mighty name. Creating God, you knit, weave and colour all of creation with your grace and glory and in Your own image You created us. You are worthy of our adoration and all glory belongs to You. God who mothers and fathers us, we praise you for the ways you nurture and sustain us. God who is our mother hen, You gently call us by Your spirit and gather us to Yourself and cover us under your mighty wings, You oh God are Loving, Kind, Compassionate, Full of glory. You have loved us beyond our understanding. Have shown us the way to love. So we exult you, Our Father, who is the foundation of our lives, our strength and portion. You oh God are our, everything, our all. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- L. Let us in silence confess our sins to God and pray for His forgiveness
- L: Let us pray: Almighty and Merciful God, Your tender mercies are over all Your works and even though Your love was revealed when You sent Jesus to be our Redeemer and through his death and resurrection You have reconciled us to Yourself, we have sinned and turned away from You. We come confessing that, spiritually we are poor, we are weak in faith and in love. Forgive us when we often disobey what we know to be our will, most times we forget you and leave you out of our lives, at times we are too blind know our sins, too proud to admit them. We confess that we struggle and at times, refuse to be witnesses before men. In your mercy, O Lord cleanse our spirits and our souls from all these unrighteous acts, and cause us to follow you more closely. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

- L: Anyone who sins has an advocate with God: Jesus Christ, the Son of God. By His life, death, and resurrection, He has convincingly demonstrated that we are never beyond the reach of God's love. In the name of Jesus, *your* sins are forgiven!
- R: **Amen. Thanks be to God**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- ALL: Lord God, we enter in your gates with praise and thanksgiving in our hearts. We are grateful that you have not dealt with us as we deserve but have given to us according to the riches of your glory. We are thankful that in our weakness, You are our strength; in our darkness, You are light; in our sorrow you are our comfort and peace. We cannot number all your blessings but accept our thanks for all your guidance and protection in**

our lives. We bless you for your continued presence as we try to walk daily in our Christian faith through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen

TIME OF PRAISE

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOCUS: -

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Collect:

ALL: Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

EPISTLE: Acts 3:12-19 - Sis. Samantha Chen

MINISTRY IN SONG: - Bro. Norman Samuels

GOSPEL: Luke 24: 36b-48 - Sis. Sharon Laing-Smith
(Oracabessa Circuit)

SERMON - Rev'd Shanet Edmondson
(Minister, Ocho Rios Circuit)

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "We've a Story to Tell the Nations..." [# 460 VIP]

1. We've a story to tell to the
nations,
that shall turn their hearts
to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
(*rep.*)
Refrain:
For the darkness shall
turn to dawning,
And the dawning to
noonday bright;
And Christ's great
kingdom shall come on
earth,
The kingdom of love and
light.
2. We've a song to be sung to
the nations,
That shall lift their hearts to
the Lord,
A song that shall conquer
evil
And shatter the spear and
sword, (*rep.*)
3. We've a message to give to
the nations,
That the Lord who reigneth
above
Hath sent us his Son to save
us,
And show us that God is
love, (*rep.*)
4. We've a Saviour to show to
the nations,
Who the path of sorrow
hath trod,
That all of the world's great
peoples
Might come to the truth of
God, (*rep.*)
H. Ernest Nichol (1862-1928)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING AND DEDICATION

INTERCESSORY PRAYER: - Bro. Norman Samuels

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN "Thine Be the Glory..." [# 129 VIP]

1. Thine be the glory, risen,
conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou
o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-
clothes where thy body
lay:

Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth,
death has lost its sting:

3. No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee:
aid us in our strife;
Make us more than
conquerors, through thy
deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above:

Refrain:

***Thine be the glory, risen,
conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou
o'er death hast won.***

Edmond L. Budry (1854-1932)
Trans. by Richard B. Hoyle
(1875-1939)

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen
from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;

BENEDICTION

L: We've a story to tell to the Nations. Go forth as into a world that needs new visions. Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet. May the grace of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever.
Amen.



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JAMAICA DISTRICT

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"*

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DIVINE WORSHIP

Third Lord's Day of the Resurrection

Sunday, April 18, 2021

OFFICIATING CLERGY:

Preacher: Rev'd Shanet Edmondson
(Minister, Ocho Rios Circuit)

Liturgist: Sis. Donnett Sterling
(Ocho Rios Circuit)

Organist: Bro. Devon Brewster

Choristers: Sis. Yvonne Brown
Sis. Lucette Cargill
Sis. Valerie Hinds
Sis. Marie Miller
Sis. Yvonne Patterson
Bro. Nigel Hays

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

A warm welcome to all worshippers!