

Order of Worship

PREPARATION

INTROIT: *“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship...”*

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| 1. Come, now is the time to worship | One day every Tongue will confess |
| Come, now is the time To give your heart | You are God |
| Come, just as you are to worship | One day every knee will bow |
| Come, just as you are Before your God – Come! | Still the greatest treasure Remains for those Who gladly choose You now |

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Why are we looking up to heaven?
P: **Christ has come; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**
L: Why are we looking ahead to the future?
P: **The Holy Spirit is among us now. In our baptism, we have already died and risen with Christ.**
L: Let the people of God celebrate the power, the presence and the promises of Jesus Christ.
P: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OPENING HYMN *“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name...”* [# 40 VIP]

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| 1. All hail the power of Jesu's name;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
To crown him Lord of all. | 4. Sinners! whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all. |
| 2. Crown him, you martyrs of your God,
Who from his altar call;
Extol him in whose path you trod,
And crown him Lord of all. | 5. Let every tribe and every tongue
Before him prostrate fall,
And shout in universal song
The crownèd Lord of all. |
| 3. You seed of Israel's chosen race,
You ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all. | 6. O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall,
Join in the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all! |
- Edward Perronet (1726—1792)
John Rippon (1751-1836) v. 6

PRAYER OF ADORATION

ALL: **He is exalted, the King is exalted
And I will praise Him
He is exalted, the King is exalted
And I will praise His name
He is Lord, forever his truth shall reign
Heaven and earth exalt his holy name
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: How easy we can learn of God's love - how hard it is to live it!
The world distracts us with its easy choices and lavish ungodly dreams, while we know how intentional we must be to love one another Let us then as a church individually and collectively confess our failures to love the other.
(Silence is observed for personal confession)

ALL: **Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not within us.**

You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and lives within us, O God. Shattered by our sin, your heart can still heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living deep within our souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love. *(A moment of silence is observed)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: The Word which can transform is not some idle gossip, but good news for us. It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for service, and sends us forth to love others as God loves us.
P: **In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know, gives us what we need in order to be faithful, and fills us with peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Songs of Worship: *‘Lord I lift your name on high’*

- Lord I lift your name on high
- You Are God Alone
- There is Therefore No Condemnation

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

TIME OF PRAISE

- Grateful Hill Praise Team

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Hymn: *“Lord, Thy Word Abideth...”* [# 175 VIP]

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| 1. Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth
Light and joy receiveth. | 4. Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure,
By thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted? |
| 2. When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation. | 5. Word of mercy, giving
Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying! |
| 3. When the storms are o'er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth. | 6. O that we, discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee.
Amen. |

Henry W. Baker 1821- 1877

COLLECT

L: Let us pray together:
ALL: **O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 1

Led by Rev'd Abasilum Smith

- L: ¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- R: ²**but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**
- L: ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
- R: ⁴**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- L: ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- R: ⁶**for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

THE GLORIA

EPISTLE: 1 John 5:9-13 - Bro. Devon Malcolm Brewster

Gospel: John 17:6-19

SERMON - Rev'd Natoya Thomas Smith
(Minister, St. Thomas Circuit)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER:

L: God of all ages, the success of your kingdom does not depend on any one of us, but on Jesus Christ. Help us hold firmly on to Jesus so that neither death, nor the evil one, nor our own sin, nor love of the world can separate us from him. Cleanse us of all that would stain our lives, including the sins of which we are not even aware

Silence

P: **Your Son stands at your right hand to pray for each one of us personally, and not only for us but for all your followers still living here on earth. Give us patience as we wait for your word to control us and lead us. Bless those who spread the good news about Christ to people whose hearts are hardened and cold, so that they can respond to the warmth of your love and care.**

Silence

L: Comfort the sick and those who are shaken by the loss of a loved one. Bless the elected leaders of our country and help them to care for all the people with special needs, including the mentally ill, those out of work and those who live in broken families.

Silence

P: **Fill our hearts with your Spirit of mysteries and miracles, and give us joy in the mystery of the bread and wine, where we experience the miracle of forgiveness and receive the body and blood of the risen Christ to lift our spirits. May we go on our way rejoicing that Jesus has visited us today! We ask this in his name. Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DEDICATION OF OFFERING

CLOSING HYMN: 'Will Your Anchor Hold...' (VIP #344)

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| 1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain? | While the surges rave,
and the wild winds blow,
Shall the angry waves then your boat o'erflow? |
| 2 Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
When the breakers roar and the reef is near? | 3 Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
When the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
While your anchor hold within the veil: |
| 4 Will your eyes behold through the morning light
The city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
When life's storms are past for evermore? | <i>Priscilla Owens (1829—1899)</i> |

Refrain:
We have an anchor that keeps the soul Steadfast and sure while the billows roll, Fastened to the Rock which cannot move, Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

BENEDICTION

L: Listen to the promise Jesus makes: I will never abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. Even though the world will not be able to see me, I will never vanish from your sight. And since I live, you will also live. Go from here in the knowledge that you do not go alone: the power and presence of God goes with you.

THREEFOLD AMEN (Grace Thrillers)



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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”

METHODIST VOICES IN WORD AND SONG
TELEVISION MINISTRY



DIVINE WORSHIP

7th Lord's Day of the Resurrection

Sunday, May 16, 2021

OFFICIATING CLERGY:

Preacher: Rev'd Natoya Thomas Smith
(Minister, St. Thomas Circuit)

Liturgist: Rev'd Abasilum Smith
(Supt. Minister, St. Thomas Circuit)

Organist: Bro. Devon Malcolm Brewster

Choristers: Sis. Cherica Hussey
Sis. Cassie-Ann King
Rev'd Audrey Knott
Sis. Janice Pinnock
Sis. Barbara Reynolds
Sis. Kerry-Ann Saddler

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

A warm welcome to all worshippers!