

# Order of Worship

INTROIT: -

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come to worship God, confidently declaring that He is with us.

R: **Loving God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.**

L: We remember how Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem.

R: **And that the journey ended on a cross.**

L: Understanding God, be with us when our journey is testing and painful.

R: **As Jesus set His face resolutely towards Jerusalem, He sent messengers to prepare the way.**

L: Victorious God, we praise you that you are with us now.

## OPENING Hymn: "There is a Name I Love to Hear..." [# 41 VIP]

1. There is a Name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest Name on earth.

### Refrain:

**O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
Because He first loved me!**

2. It tells me of a Savior's love,  
Who died to set me free;  
It tells me of His precious  
blood,  
The sinner's perfect plea.

3. It tells me what my Father  
hath  
In store for every day,  
And though I tread a  
darksome path,  
Yields sunshine all the way.

4. It tells of One whose loving  
heart  
Can feel my deepest woe;  
Who in each sorrow bears  
A part that none can bear  
below.

*Frederick Whitfield 1829- 1904*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION - Sis. Georgianne Mullings

Generous God, you have given us more than our fair share of your love. You have cared for our material and emotional needs. You have forgiven us and welcomed us back when we went astray. You have shown us how to love unconditionally. Generous God, we come to praise and worship your Holy Name today because you are the great I Am who never fails. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Understanding God, like the father who ran to welcome his estranged and prodigal son, forgive us for the times that we have deliberately run away from your tender mercy, loving kindness and caring ways. Forgive us for the times when we have been so busy enjoying ourselves, or for the time we have followed our own ideas and pretended that you were not there by our sides. Forgive us for those times when we have not shown love and forgiveness to our brothers and sisters. Teach us to show true love to others as we trod this pilgrim pathway. Help us to understand that it is in loving others that we can better love you.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

L: Just as the prodigal son's father ran out to welcome and forgive him, in the same way we know you forgive, welcome and love all who seek you out. People of God, receive this assurance. God loves and forgives you in the precious name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

- Sis. La-Toya Cameron Hill

### HYMN: "Jesus, Friend of Little Children..." [# 472 VIP]

1. Jesus, Friend of little children,  
Be a friend to me;  
Take my hand, and ever keep  
me  
Close to Thee.

2. Teach me how to grow in  
goodness  
Daily as I grow;  
Thou hast been a child, and  
surely  
Thou dost know.

3. Step by step O lead me  
onward,  
Upward into youth;  
Wiser, stronger, still becoming  
In Thy truth.

4. Never leave me, nor forsake  
me;  
Ever be my friend;  
For I need Thee, from life's  
dawning  
To its end.

*Walter J. Mathams, 1853-1931*

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Collect:

**ALL: Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ has become for all humankind the true and living way: give unto us who erred the wisdom and grace to return to Him in true repentance of heart, and to serve Him with true devotion of life; who**

**reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 45:3-15 - Sis. Georgianne Mullings**

## RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 105:1—11 [VIP 627]

*Led by: Rev'd Bosworth Mullings*

L: <sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

R: <sup>2</sup>**Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.**

L: <sup>3</sup>Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

R: <sup>4</sup>**Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

R: <sup>6</sup>**O offspring of his servant Abraham,<sup>[a]</sup>  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

L: <sup>7</sup>He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.

R: <sup>8</sup>**He is mindful of his covenant forever,  
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand  
generations,**

L: <sup>9</sup>the covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac,

R: <sup>10</sup>**which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**

L: <sup>11</sup>saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance."

### 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: Ephesians 2:1-10 - Sis. (Dr.) Angella Mullings**

**HYMN: "Whosoever Heareth, Shout, Shout The Sound..." [# 185 VIP]**

1. Whosoever heareth! Shout, shout the sound;  
Send the blessed tidings all the world around;  
Spread the joyful news wherever man is found:  
Whosoever will may come.
2. Whosoever cometh need not delay;  
Now the door is open, enter while you may;  
Jesus is the true and only living Way:  
Whosoever will may come.

**Refrain:**

**Whosoever will!  
Whosoever will!  
Send the proclamation over vale and hill;  
'Tis the loving Father calls the wanderer home;  
Whosoever will may come.**

3. Whosoever will, the promise is secure;  
Whosoever will, for ever shall endure;  
Whosoever will, 'tis life for evermore;  
Whosoever will may come.  
*Philipp Bliss (1838—1876)*

**GOSPEL: Luke 15:11-24**

- **Rev'd Stephen Mullings**  
*(Supt. Minister, Spanish Town Circuit)*

**SERMON: 'Whosoever will may come.'**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OFFERING AND DEDICATION**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:**

- **Sis. Angella Mullings**

L: Dear Jesus Christ, we thank you that you are our friend who is alive and came to us as a baby and whom we can talk to. Please be with everybody today in all the Churches of this blessed land of Jamaica who meet in your name. Also, O God, be with all those who meet around the world to celebrate your goodness and mercy. Please be with them in a special way,

**R: As you are with us.**

L: Today the world is so different from when Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem. The world is being choked by the covid-19 virus, there is widespread signs of evil and wickedness all around us. There are so many people today who are sick, weak and scared. There are several who are lonely and in despair. We pray that you will comfort and provide feelings of security to all who look to you today. Please be with all people today,

**R: As you are with us.**

L: Today, there are several who do not share the joy of the fact that you came to show us the way, the truth and the life. There is so much need in the world today as several are losing hope.

Reassure us all, O God, that you love us with an everlasting love and you will never leave us nor forsake us. As several cry out from the depths of their heart, please be with them,

**R: As you are with us. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER .... Pages 95-97 (MPB)**

**CLOSING HYMN "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus..." [# 419 VIP]**

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne.  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
Has redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
You on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day;  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal,  
You the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
Earth your footstool,  
heaven your throne;  
You within the veil have entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
You on earth both priest and victim  
In the Eucharistic feast.

*William C. Dix (1837—1898)*

**BENEDICTION**

**L: May God the Father of relationship and family be with us.  
May God the Son who feels our pain and knows our tears be with us.  
May God the Holy Spirit inspire us and give us renewed hope, From now into eternity. Amen.**



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*"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  
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**Fifth Lord's Day of the Resurrection  
Sunday, May 2, 2021**

**SERVICE OF WORD  
AND SACRAMENT**



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**& Celebrant: Rev'd Stephen Mullings**  
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*(Superintendent Minister, Coke Circuit)*

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*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*