

Order of Worship

INTROIT: "Welcome, Welcome...Blessed Holy Ghost..." - MC Choristers

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this Emancipation Day Service! A day when we commemorate the official Emancipation Declaration of August 1, 1838. As we gathered in Churches all over Jamaica 183 years ago, so too we gather and raise our voices in celebration with a hymn that reminds us that from the beginning of time until the present, God has been taking care of us.

OPENING HYMN: "Gather Christians . . ." [# 375 VIP] - MC Choristers

Refrain:

GATHER, Christians, let's now celebrate.

Gather, Christians, the Lord we now await.

Gather, Christians, behold he comes.

Rejoice and sing for the Lord is King!

1. To God the Father, let's give him praise.
To God the Father our voice we raise.
To God the Father who reigns above,
Praise the Lord for his mercy and his love!

2. As we stand before our God,
With Christ Jesus, our saving Lord,
We'll break his word now, and break the bread,
As we proclaim: he's risen from the dead!

3. Let us all now, as one community,
Praise and honour the Trinity,
Let us all now with one accord
Sing out our praise to the living Lord!

Garfield Rochard

HYMN: "The Right Hand of God. . ." (# 525 VIP vs. 1, 5 and 6)

1. The right hand of God is writing in our land,
Writing with power and with love;
Our conflicts and our fears,
Our triumphs and our tears,
Are recorded by the right hand of God.

With love that means so much,
When we're healed by the right hand of God.

5. The right hand of God is healing in our land,
Healing broken bodies, minds and souls;
So wondrous is its touch,

6. The right hand of God is planting in our land,
Planting seeds of freedom, hope and love;
In these many-peopled lands
Let His children all join hands,
And be one with the right hand of God.

Patrick Prescod (1932—2013)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

- L: Come, let us bless the Lord, you who are His people, for He has done great things for us
- P: **Once we were no people. He has made us His people. Once we had no mercy, He has showed us His mercy.**
- L: Give to the Lord the glory due unto His name, and worship before Him with the voice of rejoicing and thanksgiving.
- P: **TO GOD BE THE GLORY, great things He has done!**
- L: In the multitude of Your tender mercies, O Lord God, we are come to this ANNIVERSARY TIME, celebrating our Emancipation as a people and our Independence as a nation. In humility and with much gratitude we acknowledge Your gracious provision and guidance throughout our history and the good heritage You have given to us. Today we come with thankful hearts, to the God of our fathers and mothers. Their rock is our salvation. We celebrate with glad thanksgiving, Your great faithfulness over these many decades. Morning by morning, year after year, Your compassions have never failed us; and Your providential care has been ever new. But even as we acknowledge Your grace and goodness, we have to make confession of our unworthiness because we have sinned against You in thought, and word, and deed. So, hear us now as we pray:
- P: **Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge, we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and we are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey You in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- L: If anyone sins we have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous, and He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for us only, but also for the whole world. Hear then, Christ's word of grace. 'Your sins are forgiven'
- P: **Thanks be to God!**

TIME OF PRAISE

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT

- ALL: **Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son 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: 2 Samuel 11:26; 12:13a – Bishop Gooden Benguche

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 51:1—12 (VIP 597) -

Led by: Sis. Shirley Richards (Red Hills)

- L: ¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
- R: ²**Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- L: ³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
- R: ⁴**Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.**
- L: ⁵Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
- R: ⁶**Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.**
- L: ⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- R: ⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.**
- L: ⁹Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.
- R: ¹⁰**Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
- L: ¹¹Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- ALL: ¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

Gloria Patri...

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4: 1 – 16 - Bro. Orville Manning
(Spanish Town Circuit)

GOSPEL: St. John 6: 24 – 35 - Sis. Barbara Hylton *(Saxthorpe)*

MINISTRY ITEM: "That All Be One..." - MC Choristers

SERMON - Rev'd Dr. George Mulrain
(Supt. Minister, Providence Circuit)

NICENE' CREED [PAGE 72 MPB]

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us human beings, and for our salvation, he came down from heaven. By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and became a human being. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life who proceeds from the Father and who, with the Father and the Son, is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, OFFERTORY, BLESSING OF TITHES & OFFERING

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Almighty God, in whose hands lies the destiny of peoples and nations, let not the hopes of people perish, nor the sacrifices of men and women be in vain. As we celebrate the emancipation of our ancestors, let us pray for the homeward march of inspired men and women, moral movements and worthy organizations in affirming the dignity of all persons made in the image of God.

P: Gracious God, hear our prayer

L: Let us ask God to touch the hearts of those involved in human trafficking, who carry out kidnappings of innocent people, that we might see the release of all who are held against their will, who are enslaved and who are unjustly imprisoned.

P: Gracious God, hear our prayer

L: Let us ask God to trouble the consciences of those who lure children and young people into pornography and prostitution, so that in this, our native land, and throughout the world their might be a greater respect for human life and freedom.

P: Gracious God, hear our prayer

L: let us pray for the day when any trade that dehumanizes or mars human lives, including the trade in drugs and guns, might cease, for the sake of peaceful and harmonious existence in our communities.

P: Gracious God, hear our prayer

L: Let us pray for people across the world who have been affected by the Coronavirus (COVID 19); for those who are afflicted; those whose relatives and friends have been afflicted, those who have lost loved ones, for those health workers all who care for the sick at great danger to their own health. We pray for those who are healthy yet are being restricted out of an abundance of caution. Let us pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet and are experiencing hardships because of economic fallouts and those who, today, are fearful and those who are anxious.

P: Gracious God, hear our prayer

L: We pray for those who suffer pain, and persecution; hunger and loneliness, alienation and fear. Lord draw near to all who burdened and heavy-laden. We commend them to You in their suffering and grief for your word reminds us that the Eternal God is our refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. Lord hear us.

P: Lord graciously hear us. AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER -

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling..." [# 254 VIP]

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| <p>1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.</p> | <p>Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.</p> |
| <p>2. Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,</p> | <p>3. Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!</p> |

Charles Wesley (1707—1788)

COMMUNION LITURGY [PG. 95 MHB]

**CLOSING SELECTION: "My God is a Refuge and Strength..."
- MC Choristers**

BENEDICTION



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EMANCIPATION SUNDAY

10th Lord's Day after Pentecost
Sunday, August 1, 2021

**SERVICE OF WORD
AND SACRAMENT**



OFFICIATING CLERGY:

Preacher: Rev'd Dr. George Mulrain
(Supt. Minister, Providence Circuit)

**Liturgist
& Celebrant:** Rev'd Christine Gooden Benguche
(District President, Supt. Minister, Annotto Bay and Ocho Rios Circuits)

Organist: Bro. Audley Davidson
Drummer: Bro. Joshua Ballentine

Choristers: (Members of the Methodist Chorale)

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| • Sis. Patricia Beecher | • Sis. Collen Nembhard |
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*A warm welcome to all worshippers on this
glorious Emancipation Sunday!*