

# Order of Worship

## Welcome

**Introit: 'Majesty, Worship His Majesty...'**

*Majesty, worship His majesty  
Unto Jesus be all glory, honour and praise  
Majesty, kingdom authority  
flow from his throne unto his own his anthem raise  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King  
Majesty, worship His majesty  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings [Repeat]*

**CALL TO WORSHIP: [Psalm 130]**

- L: Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;  
R: Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.  
L: If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?  
R: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.  
L: I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.  
R: I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.  
L: Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.  
R: He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

**OPENING HYMN: 'My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less...' [# 201a VIP]**

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| 1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.<br>I dare not trust the sweetest frame,<br>but wholly lean on Jesus' name. | 3. His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the<br>whelming flood.<br>When all around my soul gives way,<br>he then is all my hope and stay.   |
| 2. When darkness veils his lovely face,<br>I rest on his unchanging grace.<br>In every high and stormy gale,<br>my anchor holds within the veil.    | 4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,<br>O may I then in him be found!<br>Dressed in his righteousness alone,<br>faultless to stand before the throne!<br><b>Edward Mote (1797-1874)</b> |

**Refrain:**

**On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand; (rep)**

## PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND THANKSGIVING

L: Mighty God, you are the Lord of the Universe, we adore you! Nothing exists apart from you. Without you we are nothing. Today, we acknowledge your grace, freely given, always available, and mighty to deliver, even as we celebrate our status as an Independent Nation. As your chosen ones, called to serve you, we affirm your love at work in our world - transforming, recreating, and redirecting us to purposeful living. Lord, we love and adore you. **Amen.**

**Chorus: For you alone are worthy, to worship and adore;  
The lamb of God victorious, our risen Lord;  
He purchased our redemption, our righteousness is He  
Exalt the name of Jesus, He is worthy.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(The members of the congregation are encouraged to pray silently)*  
**Search me O Lord, and know my heart today  
Ty me O Saviour, know my thoughts I pray  
See if there be, some wicked way in me  
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free**

- L: Lord we confess our slowness to respond to your grace; we have often ignored the prompting of your Spirit leading us to loving actions and courageous living. We admit to encouraging unwholesome thoughts, unkind words, and injurious actions; we have failed you in so many different ways denying your power within to love and inhibiting your grace to flow to others through us. Have mercy and forgive us Lord, that we may be watchful over others, as brothers and sisters in your Household. Make us one in you we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
- L: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hear then the words of grace. Your sins are forgiven.  
**P: Amen. Thanks be to God.**
- L: We thank you God, our Father, for your gracious and priceless gift of Eternal Life made possible in your son Christ Jesus our Lord, who is the source of our hope and joy. We thank you God, for the successes we have achieved at the Olympic games, for your provision and enabling grace to live our lives meaningfully; we affirm your power available to every member of the human family to nurture, and build relationships that will lead all your people to wholeness of living in families and in all our communities; As an independent nation, keep us dear Lord in your presence always; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Chorus: 'Thanks, Thanks...'**

*Thanks, thanks, we give you thanks  
For all you've done  
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest  
O Lord, I give you thanks!*

## TIME OF PRAISE

## A SPECIAL TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## THE COLLECT

**ALL: God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Samuel 18: 5 – 9, 15, 31 – 33**

- **Sis. Jody-Ann McLeod**  
*(Annotto Bay Circuit)*

## HYMN "I Vow to Thee My Country..." [# 524 VIP]

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| 1. I Vow to thee, my country,<br>all earthly things above,<br>Entire and whole and perfect,<br>the service of my love,<br>The love that asks no question,<br>the love that stands the test,<br>That lays upon the altar<br>the dearest and the best;<br>The love that never falters,<br>the love that pays the price,<br>The love that makes undaunted<br>the final sacrifice. | 2. And there's another country,<br>I've heard of long ago,<br>Most dear to them that love her,<br>most great to them that know;<br>We may not count her armies,<br>we may not see her King;<br>Her fortress is a faithful heart,<br>her pride is suffering;<br>And soul by soul and silently<br>her shining bounds increase,<br>And her ways are ways of gentleness<br>and all her paths are peace.<br><b>Cecil Spring-Rice (1859–1918)</b> |
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**EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2**

- **Sis. Paulette Nelson**  
*(Lay Preacher Annotto Bay Circuit)*

**GOSPEL: St. John 6:35, 41 - 51**

- **Rev'd June James**  
*(Minister, Annotto Bay Circuit)*

**HYMN: 'My Faith Has Found a Resting Place...'**

1. My faith has found a resting place,  
Not in device or creed;  
trust the ever living One,  
His wounds for me shall plead.
3. My heart is leaning on the Word,  
The living Word of God,  
Salvation by my Saviour's Name,  
Salvation through His blood.
4. My great Physician heals the sick,  
The lost He came to save;  
For me His precious blood He shed,  
For me His life He gave.

**Chorus:**  
*I need no other argument,  
I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that He died for me.*

**MINISTRY ITEM:** - MC Choristers

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE: 'My Faith looks up to Thee...' [# 218 VIP]**

1. My faith looks up to thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Saviour divine:  
Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly thine.
3. While life's dark maze I tread,  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From thee aside.
2. May thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless  
be,  
A living fire.
4. When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen,  
stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Saviour, then in love,  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul. **Amen.**  
**Ray Palmer (1808-87)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OFFERTORY/ BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Please see Insert)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN: 'Take the Name of Jesus with You...'**

1. Take the name of Jesus with you,  
Child of sorrow and of woe;  
It will joy and comfort give you,  
Take it then where'er you go.
2. Take the name of Jesus ever  
As a shield from ev'ry snare;  
When temptations round you gather,
3. Oh, the precious name of Jesus!  
How it thrills our souls with joy,  
When His loving arms receive us  
And His songs our tongues employ.
4. At the name of Jesus bowing,  
Falling prostrate at His feet,  
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown Him  
When our journey is complete.

**Chorus:**  
*Precious name, oh how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;  
Precious name, oh how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;*

**BENEDICTION**

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

1. **Eternal Father, Bless our Land,  
Guard us with thy mighty hand,  
Keep us free from evil powers,  
Be our light through countless hours,  
To our leaders, great defender,  
Grant true wisdom from above,  
Justice, truth be ours forever,  
Jamaica, land we love,  
Jamaica, Jamaica,  
Jamaica, land we love.**
2. **Teach us true respect for all,  
Stir response to duty's call,  
Strengthen us the weak to cherish,  
Give us vision lest we perish,  
Knowledge send us Heavenly Father,  
Grant true wisdom from above,  
Justice, truth be ours forever,  
Jamaica, land we love,  
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Jamaica, land we love.**  
*Hugh Sherlock (1905-1998)*



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**INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY**

11<sup>th</sup> Lord's Day after Pentecost  
**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

**DIVINE WORSHIP**

**OFFICIATING CLERGY:**

- Preacher:** Sis. Lilieth Deacon  
*(Lay Preacher, Providence Circuit)*
- Liturgist** Dr. Sherlette Rookwood Brown  
*(Lay Preacher, Providence Circuit)*

- Organist:** Bro. Donovan Rookwood  
**Drummer:** Bro. Joshua Ballentine

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- Sis. Patricia Beecher
- Sis. Collen Nembhard
- Sis. Nesta Brown
- Bro. Nigel Hays
- Sis. Marcia Cohen
- Bro. Orville Manning
- Sis. Barbara Hylton
- Bro. Keith Nelson
- Sis. Marjorie McCalla

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

*A warm welcome to all worshippers on this  
glorious Emancipation Sunday!*