

# Order of Worship

**CENTERING SONG: “Jesus, Jesus, There is Something about that Name”**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(adapted from Ministry Matters)*

L: We who knelt in the stable—  
P: **Let us come and kneel in the temple!**  
L: Let our hearts give thanks, and our hands rejoice!  
P: **Let our spirits sing, and our bodies dance!**  
L: O children, enter the house of the Lord!  
P: **Enter God's presence, and be reborn!**

**HYMN OF ADORATION: “Sing We the King...to Reign” [# 56 VIP]**

1. Sing we the King who is coming to reign;  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain!  
Life and salvation his empire shall bring,  
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King:

Justice and truth from his sceptre shall spring,  
Wrong shall be ended when Jesus is King.

3. Souls shall be saved from the burden of sin;  
Doubt shall not darken his witness within;  
Hell has no terrors, and death has no sting;  
Love is victorious when Jesus is King:

4. Kingdom of Christ, for your coming we pray;  
Hasten, O Father, the dawn of the day  
When this new song your creation shall sing,  
Satan is vanquished, and Jesus is King:

**Charles S. Horne (1865-1914)**

**Refrain:**

**Come let us sing: Praise to our King,  
Jesus our King, Jesus our King:  
This is our song, who to Jesus belong:  
Glory to Jesus, to Jesus our King.**

2. All shall be well in his kingdom of peace,  
Freedom shall flourish and wisdom increase,

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

L: All Hail, King Jesus! All Hail, Immanuel! God, You are indeed, with us. We exalt You, who came to earth as a babe to rescue humankind from sin. We praise Thee! We bless Thee! We acknowledge, on this blessed Christmas Sunday, that You are the best gift ever given in this world. We magnify You - Majestic, Omnipotent, Omniscient Redeemer. We celebrate that powerful Name, which is higher than all other names; and at the sound of which every knee must bow, and every tongue shall confess, that You – Jesus, are Lord of this Universe! **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

L: God of Christmas, we come before You, in humility and sorrow, confessing that we have been ungracious in accepting the gift You gave unreservedly. We have hidden You from the people of the world who are longing for peace, joy, love and hope – all of which You bring. We confess that, just as there was no room in the Inn for You at birth, in like manner, there is too often no room in our hearts for You to come and dwell. And, in this Christmas time, we have caused our apprehensions and prejudice, to prevent us from making room or space for the homeless, the hungry and the poor to come and experience Your providing hand at work in and through us.

P: **Forgiving and gracious God, forgive us, we pray.**

**ALL: Free us from the commercialised and self-centred way we have made Christmas ‘come alive’, and truly cause our hearts to be awakened by Your perfect gift of peace, joy, hope and love, in this season and beyond. Amen.**

**OUR ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Christ came to earth, born in a manger, for a purpose which was to give us a chance to truly live and gain access to eternal life with God in paradise. Having confessed our sins, out of the hope which came at Christmas and love which manifested on Mount Calvary, we can be assured that we have been forgiven and set free, by Christ Jesus. **Amen and Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**

L: On this Christmas Sunday, let us pause, reflect, and offer thanks unto God for the perfect gift of Jesus to this world, and for everything else we have been able to experience in this life which has been loaned to us. We surely have much to give God thanks for. Let us give thanks to God in the stillness of this moment.

*(Silent individual/family Prayers of Thanksgiving offered to God)*

**ALL: Master, Friend, Sibling, Keeper...Jesus, we thank You for who You have been to us; for Your steadfast presence in our lives even amid adversities and for who You will continue to be and do for us, in time to come. Amen.**

**HYMN OF CELEBRATION: “He was born on Christmas Day” [# 64 VIP]**

1. He was born on Christmas Day  
In a land so far away  
And his mother meek and mild  
She did love de baby child.

2. And de three men dat was wise  
Saw de bright star in de skies  
So they follow as it led  
To the manger dat was bed.

**Refrain:**

**Run, come quick  
Come gather round de stall  
Jesus is born  
Him born fi one an’ all**

3. “Glory be,” de angels sing  
Little Jesus is de King  
An’ de pickney dem a sing,  
Baby Jesus is de King.

**Babe O’Brien (1909-1992)  
Arranged Noel Dexter**

**TIME OF PRAISE IN WORSHIP:** *Led by Pastor Sean A. Davis, Dr. Andrew Burton & Sis. Kerry-Ann Saddler*

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**THE COLLECT:**

**ALL: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help Your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 - Dr. Andrew Burton**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 148 (VIP #656)** *Led by Pastor Sean Davis*

L: <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

R: <sup>2</sup>**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

L: <sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

R: <sup>4</sup>**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

L: <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

R: <sup>6</sup>**He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

L: <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

R: <sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

L: <sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

R: <sup>10</sup>**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! s**

L: <sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

R: <sup>12</sup>**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

L: <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

R: <sup>14</sup>**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

**The Gloria**

**EPISTLE: Colossians 3:12-17**

**Sis. Kerry-Ann Saddler**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION: “De Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” (VIP #60)**

1. DE Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
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De Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
An’ dey say dat His name was,  
Jesus.
2. De angels sang when de baby born,  
De angels sang when de baby born,  
De angels sang when de baby born,  
An’ proclaim him de Saviour Jesus.

***Refrain:***

***He come from the glory,  
He come from the glorious  
kingdom. (Repeat)  
Oh yes, Believer, Oh yes,  
Believer,  
He come from the glory,  
He come from the glorious  
kingdom.***

3. De wise men saw where de baby  
born,  
De wise men saw where de baby  
born,  
De wise men saw where de baby  
born  
An’ dey say dat dis name was Jesus.

*West Indian Traditional*

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52/Luuk 2:41-52**  
*(Di Jamiekan Nyuu Testament)*

**Pastor Sean A. Davis**

**SERMON: - Rev’d Jerand Phills (Final Year  
Minister-in-Training, UTCWI)**

**HYMN OF DEDICATION: “All for Jesus” [# 220 VIP]**

1. All for Jesus – all for Jesus,  
This our song shall ever be:  
For we have no hope, nor Saviour,  
If we have not hope in thee.
2. All for Jesus– thou wilt give us  
Strength to serve thee, hour by  
hour;  
None can move us from thy  
presence  
While we trust thy love and power.
3. All for Jesus- thou hast loved us;  
All for Jesus – thou hast died;  
All for Jesus –thou art with us;  
All for Jesus– crucified.
4. All for Jesus– all for Jesus–  
This the church’s song must be;  
Till, at last, we all are gathered  
One in love and one in thee.

*W. J. Sparrow-Simpson  
(1859-1952)*

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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

- L: Christ, the Messiah, even as there was no room for You in the Inn, today, we bring before You those who are homeless, disregarded and abandoned.
- R: **Immanuel, grant that the each of us, the church, civil society, and government may become more intentional in establishing homes for the underprivileged in our world and bring joy to their hearts.**
- L: Christ, the Messiah, who found Yourself in the temple courts sitting among and listening to teachers, asking questions even, we pray that You will enable Your people to find themselves in the spaces that foster spiritual edification for the days ahead.

R: **Immanuel, grant that Your people will not lose their way and dwell in the company of those who cause us to stray from You; and even when we stray, grant that we quickly find our way back into Your holy presence.**

L: Christ, the Messiah, who demonstrated obedience to Your earthly parents, we pray for the children in this nation and the world who choose disobedience and experience various unfortunate realities.

R: **Immanuel, grant that as we seek to be like You, we will embrace spiritual obedience in this season and those to come.**

L: Christ, the Messiah, who has been present, faithful and true, so often, at Christmas, we become busy, overwhelmed and anxious, as we strive to share in various forms of festivities.

**ALL: Immanuel, grant that we will realign our focus, and redirect our attention towards You, embracing the reason to rejoice in the peace, joy, love and hope You brought at Christmas, over two thousand years ago, and still offers to all humankind today. Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN: “Go Tell It on the Mountain” [# 61 VIP]**

***Refrain:***

***Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus is his name.***

1. He possessed no riches,  
No home to lay his head;  
He fasted in the desert,  
he gave to others bread:
2. He reached out and touched them,  
The blind, the deaf, the lame;  
He spoke and listened gladly  
To anyone who came:
3. Some turned away in anger,  
With hatred in the eye;  
They tried him and  
condemned him,  
Then led him out to die:
4. 'Father, now forgive them',  
up on the cross he said;  
In three more days he was alive  
and risen from the dead:
5. He still comes to people,  
His life moves through the  
lands;  
He uses us for speaking,  
He touches with our hands:  
**Geoffrey Marshall-Taylor  
alt. (1943-)**

**BENEDICTION (adapted from Ministry Matters) – Led by Rev’d Jerand Phills**

L: As the Son of God came unto the world, let His brothers and sisters go into the world, giving thanks for life in word and deed, and growing in love for God and neighbour. Amen and 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”*

**METHODIST VOICES IN WORD AND SONG  
TELEVISION MINISTRY**



**1<sup>st</sup> Lord’s Day in the Nativity Octave**

**Sunday, December 26, 2021 @ 1:30 p.m.**

**DIVINE WORSHIP**

**OFFICIATING:**

**Preacher:** **Rev’d Jerand Phills**  
*Final Year Minister-in-Training, United  
Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI)*

**Liturgist:** **Pastor Sean A. Davis, JP**  
*Lay Youth Pastor, Mt. Fletcher Circuit*

**Pianists: Bro. Matthew Wright & Sis. Marcia Cohen**  
*(Red Hills Congregation, Western St. Andrew Circuit)*

**Drummer: Bro. Joshua Valentine**  
*(Red Hills Congregation, Western St. Andrew Circuit)*

**Praise Team:**  
**Pastor Sean A. Davis, Sis. Kerry-Ann Saddler &  
Dr. Andrew Burton**

**Choristers:**  
**Sisters Barbara Hylton, Marcia Cohen, Marjorie McCalla &  
Nesta Brown**  
**Brothers Orville Manning & Nigel Haye**

**District President:** Bishop the Rev’d Christine Gooden Benguche  
**District Conference Secretary:** Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*