

# Order of Worship

## THE PREPARATION

INTROIT: "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing..." [# 10 VIP vs. 1]  
- Saxthorpe Choristers

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Arise, shine, for the light of the world has come!

R: **The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

L: Like sages from afar, come and behold your Christ!

R: **Let us fall on our knees in his honour! Let us lift our voices in praise of his name!**

HYMN: 'Sing to The Great Jehovah's Praise' [# 503 VIP vs.1,2 and 5]

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| 1. Sing to the great Jehovah's<br>praise,<br>All praise to Him belongs,<br>Who kindly lengthens out our<br>days,<br>Demands our choicest songs. | 5. Our residue of days or hours<br>Thine, wholly thine, shall be,<br>And all our consecrated<br>powers<br>A sacrifice to thee. |
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2. His providence has brought  
us through  
Another various year, *(Charles Wesley)*

## PRAYER

L: Let us pray:

**ALL: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

L: Eternal and most gracious God, we come before you today with reverence and praise. In your great mercy you have gathered us into your Church so that we may honour you both in spirit and action. You shower us with grace and mercy and pave the paths we walk with your wisdom and power. We thank you for gifts that you have freely given, your never-ending love and the promise of life everlasting. You have brought us together in this Christian community and encouraged us to live our lives as your children. Your Holy Spirit dwells within each heart enabling us to enjoy the riches of your glorious inheritance. We are humbled by the knowledge that you are with us always till the end of our days and for all eternity.

R: **For this, all praise is due unto you O God, Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us examine ourselves before God, humbly confessing our sins and watching our hearts, lest by self-deceit we shut ourselves out from his presence

L: Let each of us in silence confess our own sins to God.

**All: HAVE MERCY UPON ME, O GOD, according to your loving-kindness, according to the measure of your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquities and cleanse me from my sins. For, I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Hide your face from my sins and wipe away all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence: or take away your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free spirit. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hear then the good news, if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

R: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Compassionate God, we come to you as forgiven people with hearts filled with gratitude to express thanksgiving for the reconciling work you have done through Jesus Christ. We thank you that even when we do not believe, you still pour out mercy and blessings upon us. We praise you for this opportunity to worship you in this new year. Thank you for new life, health, strength, our family, and friends. With hearts filled with adoration, praise, and thanksgiving, we honour you O God in Christ Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**PRAISE IN WORSHIP** – Led by Sis. Judy-Marie Campbell

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOCUS

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### COLLECT:

Almighty God our Father, who have appointed your Son Jesus Christ to be the mediator of a new and better covenant: give unto us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may draw near with a true heart, and full assurance of faith, and be united with you in a perpetual covenant; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who is

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

**OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 31:31 – 34** – Sis. Valerie Hinds

**SELECTION: 'My Tribute'** – Sis. Judy-Marie Campbell

**EPISTLE READING: REVELATION 21:1 – 7** – Sis. Marie Miller

**GOSPEL: John 15:1 – 8** - Bishop Christine Gooden Benguche

**SELECTION: 'I Am No Longer My Own'** – Saxthorpe Choristers

**SERMON** – Bishop Christine Gooden Benguche

**HYMN OF RESPONSE 'My God, I Know, I Feel Thee Mine'**  
[# 228 VIP vs. 1, 2 and 6]

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| 1. My God! I know, I feel thee<br>mine, and will not quit my<br>claim,<br>Till all I have is lost in thine<br>and all renewed I am.   | 4. O that in me the sacred fire<br>might now begin to glow,<br>Burn up the dross of base<br>desire and make the<br>mountains flow!     |
| 2. I hold thee with a trembling<br>hand, but will not let thee go,<br>Till steadfastly by faith I stand<br>and all thy goodness know. | 5. O that it now from heaven might<br>fall, and all my sins consume!<br>Come, Holy Ghost, for thee I call,<br>Spirit of burning, come! |
| 3. Jesus, thine all-victorious love<br>shed in my heart abroad,<br>Then shall my feet no longer<br>rove rooted and fixed in God.      | 6. Refining fire, go through my<br>heart, illuminate my soul, Scatter<br>thy life through every part and<br>sanctify the whole.        |

*(Charles Wesley)*

## THE COVENANT PRAYER

L: O LORD GOD, HOLY FATHER, who have called us through Christ to be partakers of this gracious Covenant: We take upon ourselves again the yoke of obedience and engage ourselves in joyful dedication to seek and do your perfect will. We are no longer our own. We belong to you.

**ALL: I am no longer my own. I belong to you. Make me know what you would have me to do. Associate me with whomsoever you please. Let me be of service to others. Let others be of service to me. Let me be employed for you or stand aside for you. Fill me or empty me. Enrich me or impoverish me. Exalt me or humble me. I lay my whole life on the altar and yield myself and all I have to your pleasure and disposal.**

And now, O gracious and blessed God, Father Son and Holy Spirit; I am yours and you are mine. So be it. And may the Covenant I have now made in this place be ratified forever in heaven. Amen

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

#### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord God Heavenly King, we lift our hearts to you in prayer, trusting in your help: You have promised to be our keeper – to guard our going out and coming in from this time forth and forever more and so we ask that you would be with and uphold those who are ill. Grant them healing according to your will. Faithful God:

R: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Bless your church on earth. Protect us from false teachers who would deceive by your name and lead us astray. Help us to always hold fast to the firm foundation of your word. Faithful God,

R: **Hear our prayer.**

L: We pray for added strength for all who work in the healthcare system as we continue to face surges in the virus. Lord, protect and guard them. Help us to do our part to end this pandemic. Faithful God,

R: **Hear our prayer.**

L: God of Grace, comfort those for whom this new year brings not promise but pain. We grieve with those who have lost loved ones in 2021. We pray for those who can't find their way to hope. Encourage us, God, and walk with us into this new and uncertain landscape. Guide us in your path of peace. Faithful God,

R: **Hear our prayer.**

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### THE PEACE

L: If you are offering your gift upon the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has a grievance against you, leave your gift before the altar and go your way. First be reconciled with your brother or sister and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23, 24)

L: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R: **And also with you.**

#### COMMUNION HYMN: 'Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread' [# 424 VIP]

1. Be known to us in breaking bread,  
But do not then depart,  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread  
Your table in our heart.
2. There sup with us in love divine,  
Your Body and your Blood,  
That living bread, that heavenly wine,  
Be our immortal food.

*(James Montgomery)*

#### THE THANKSGIVING

#### THE ACTION OF THE BREAD AND THE WINE

L: The Bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ

R: **Amen.**

L: The Cup of Blessing which we bless is a sharing in the Blood of Christ.

R: **Amen. Though we are many we are one Body because we share the one loaf and partake of the same drink.**

L: Let us pray:

**ALL: Lord, we come to your Table, trusting in your mercy and not in any goodness of our own. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table, but it is your nature always to have mercy and on that we depend. So feed us with the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ your Son, that we may forever live in him and he in us. Amen.**

#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**ALL: We thank you Lord, that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with the Christ, and have given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all humankind. Amen.**

#### CLOSING HYMN 'Father Let Me Dedicate' [# 498 VIP vs 1 and 4]

1. Father, let me dedicate all this year to thee,  
in whatever worldly state thou wilt have me be:  
not from sorrow, pain or care,  
Freedom dare I claim,  
this alone shall be my prayer,  
Glorify thy name.
2. If thou callest to the cross, and its shadow come,  
turning all my gain to loss,  
shrouding heart and home,  
let me think how thy dear Son to His glory came,  
and in deepest woe pray on glorify thy name.

*(Lawrence Tuttiett)*

#### BENEDICTION



Methodist Church in the Caribbean  
and the Americas (MCCA)

#### JAMAICA DISTRICT

#### DISTRICT THEME:

*"Spreading Scriptural Holiness to Reform the Nation...  
Beginning with Me"*

#### Sub Theme

*"Building a Resilient People: Church, Community  
and Nation"*

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



The Renewal of the Covenant

Sunday, January 02, 2022

#### SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

#### OFFICIATING CLERGY:

Preacher: **Bishop Christine Gooden Benguche**  
(District President)

Liturgist: **Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane**  
(District Conference Secretary)

Organist: **Sis. Collette Chai**  
Pianist: **Bro. Lawrence Wright**

Choristers: **Sis. Yvonne Brown**  
**Sis. Lucette Cargill**  
**Sis. Valerie Hinds**  
**Sis. Marie Miller**  
**Bro. Nigel Haye**

Praise Leader: **Sis. Judy-Marie Campbell**

*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*