

Order of Worship

INTROIT: 'Father of Everlasting Grace' [395 VIP vs. 1 and 2]

- Saxthorpe Choristers

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Blessed are those who trust - in God!

P: We come in trust, to be grounded in God's love.

L: Blessed are those who hope - in God!

P: We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.

L: Blessed are those who delight - in God's Word!

P: We come to hear God speak, hoping for healing and joy.

HYMN: 'To God Be the Glory' [# 183a VIP]

1. To God be the glory!
Great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he
gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an
atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that
all may go in:

Refrain:

Praise the Lord!

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Let the earth hear his voice!

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Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father,

through Jesus the Son:

And give him the glory!

Great things he has done!

2. O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise
of God;
The vilest offender who truly
believes,
That moment from Jesus a
pardon receives:

3. Great things he hath taught us,
Great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through
Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and
greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when
Jesus we see:

Frances J. van Alstyne
(1820-1915) alt.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

L: Most Loving God - your people are gathered. Come we pray
and fill us with your Spirit. Speak your words of healing and
life. Strengthen us for service in our world. Grant us your
peace. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray and we worship --
AMEN.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us draw near in faith and seek God's mercy; let us pray.

P: Heavenly Father, we confess that we come to this day of
resurrection as imperfect people. Although we may have
faith, we also carry doubts and apprehensions. Just as Jesus'

disciples were unsure of his presence with them, we are
unsure of your presence with us. We go out into a world of
demands without the full confidence that you are our guide
and our sustainer, and we are too often motivated by our
own shortcomings and anxieties than by your grace and
love. Forgive us and help us to see your Holy Spirit's work in
all things. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, who
returned to his disciples despite their own faults, and we ask
that you hear us as we continue our confession in silence.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Blessed are you: for God forgives you and restores you to new
life. Rejoice in this day and dance for joy!

P: Thanks be to God! Our faith is true, and our hope is
grounded in the promises of the One we can trust not only
on this day, but in every day to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: O give thanks to the Lord, who reassures us with the words,
'Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your
God.' Faithful God, we thank you for directing us to take the
road that leads to eternal life with you. Thank you for your
presence that encourages us to use our time to honour you.
May we always come into your Holy Presence with songs of
praise; prayers of hope; and with thankful hearts, minds and
lives that demonstrate that God-is-with-us; that God is within
us; and that God will always be present with God's faithful
people. Continue to use us for your glory at all times and in
all places. This we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

- Rev'd Audrey Knott

(Minister, Portmore Circuit)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Collect:

**ALL: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole
body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our
prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in
their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness
and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 17: 5-10 - Sis. Melrose Davies (Saxthorpe)

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 1 VIP 566

Led by: Rev'd Dr. George Mulrain

(Supernumerary Minister, Providence Circuit)

L: ¹Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of
scorners;

R: ²but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

L: ³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

R: ⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

L: ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

R: ⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Gloria Patri

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

- Sis. Valerie Hinds (Saxthorpe)

HYMN: 'When we walk with the Lord' [# 278 VIP]

1. When we walk with the Lord
In the light of his word,
What a glory he sheds on
our way!
While we do his good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust
and obey:

2. **Refrain:**
Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

3. Not a shadow can rise,
Not a cloud in the skies,
But his smile quickly
drives it away;
Not a doubt nor a fear,
Not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust
and obey:

3. Not a burden we bear,
Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil he doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss,
Not a frown nor a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey:

4. But we never can prove
The delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favour he shows,
And the joy he bestows,
Are for them who will trust and
obey:

5. Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the
way;
What he says we will do,
Where he sends we will go—
Never fear, only trust and obey:

John H. Sammis
(1846-1919)

GOSPEL: St. Luke 6:17-26

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SERMON

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HYMN OF RESPONSE: 'My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less' [201 a VIP]

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OFFERTORY/ BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

L: O Lord and Father of the household of faith, we thank you for the gift of faith worked within us by your Holy Spirit. We thank you for having called us to yourself, for consecrating us to your service, for having set us apart to the sacred ministry of prayer.

L: O Lord and Father of the household of faith, we pray for the church in all her breadth and variety, gathered out of every nation, family, people, and tongue, to be a kingdom of priests serving you. We pray especially for the Methodist church in the Caribbean and the Americas. Grant to the church true lowliness and genuine humility where there is pride, unity where there is division. Grant to her truth where there is error and wisdom where there is lack of good sense, that you might fulfill your purposes for her.

P: **Deliver and heal your people, faithful God.**

L: O Lord and Father of the household of faith, we pray for those stewards to whom you have entrusted the affairs of your house, for pastors, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and committees. Give them the spirit of willing service and true humility. Give them a sense of spiritual devotion. Give them delight in those whom they serve. Grant that they may lead your people in the way of Christ, that thereby we might all enter the land of our heritage.

O Lord and Father of the household of faith, we pray for our nation and those who lead the nation: the prime minister and advisors, the parliament and the opposition as they negotiate for peace and justice. We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they might know that you have called them to serve their people in your fear and for your glory and the good of the peoples that in every land there might be peace and true justice especially in Jamaica.

Grant that in our own communities those who are troubled, those who suffer, those who are discouraged might find support in time of need especially from your church.

P: Deliver and heal your people, faithful God.

L: O Lord and Father of the household of faith, we pray for those who have special needs. To all who suffer any sickness or weakness, give health and strength. To all who are disturbed or troubled, give rest and understanding. To all who are lonely and alienated, give fellowship and love. To all who grieve and sorrow, give comfort and assurance. To all who are aged and frail, give homes of comfort and safety, and others to help them, and a willingness to accept help. All these requests we present to you, O Father of mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ, who intercede for us.

P: **Deliver and heal your people, faithful God.** Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN 'Through the love of God our Saviour' [# 277 VIP]

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| 1. Through the love of God our Saviour,
All will be well;
Free and changeless is his favour,
All, all is well:
Precious is the blood that healed us;
Perfect is the grace that sealed us;
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,
All must be well. | All, all is well:
Happy still in God confiding;
Fruitful, if in Christ abiding;
Holy, through the Spirit's guiding;
All must be well. | 3. We expect a bright to-morrow;
All will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
All, all is well:
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
Then in living or in dying
All must be well. |
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- Mary Peters (1813—1856)**

COMMISSION & BLESSING

L: Go in peace - love and care for one another in Christ's name;
- and may God pour the riches of his grace out upon you,
- may your roots reach down to the everlasting water of life
- and your branches touch the heavenly wellspring of faith and love this both now and forevermore. **AMEN.**



The 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”*



6TH Lord's Day after the Epiphany
Sunday, February 13, 2022

DIVINE WORSHIP

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A warm welcome to all worshippers!