

# Order of Worship

## INTROIT: "Jesus, Stand Among Us"

1. JESUS, stand among us  
In your risen power;  
Let this time of worship  
Be a hallowed hour.
2. Breathe the Holy Spirit  
Into every heart;
- Bid the fears and sorrows  
From each soul depart
3. Thus with quickened footsteps  
We'll pursue our way,  
Watching for the dawning  
Of eternal day. **Amen**
- William Pennefather  
(1816—1873)*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer
- R: **We are witnesses, to the love God has poured into us.**
- L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer
- R: **We are witnesses of God's love, sharing it with each person we meet.**
- L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ our Redeemer
- R: **We are witnesses to everyone we encounter, little children like us, sisters and brothers in God's family.**

## OPENING Hymn: "Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus...Redeemer" [# 55 VIP]

1. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus,  
our blessed Redeemer!  
Sing, O earth his wonderful love  
proclaim!  
Hail him! Hail him! Highest  
archangels in glory,  
Strength and honour give to his  
holy name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will  
guard his children  
In his arms he carries them all  
day long:
- He's our rock, our hope of  
eternal salvation,  
Hail him! Hail him! Jesus the  
Crucified.  
Sound His praises- Jesus who  
bore our sorrows  
Love unbounded, wonderful,  
deep and strong:
3. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus  
our blessed Redeemer!  
Heav'nly portals loud with  
hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Saviour who reigns  
forever and ever,  
Crown him! Crown him!  
Prophet and Priest and King!  
Christ is coming over the world  
victorious  
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord  
belong:
- Fanny J. Crosby (1820—1915)*
- Refrain:**  
**Praise him! Praise him!**  
**Tell of his excellent**  
**greatness!**  
**Priase him! Praise him! Ever**  
**in joyful song!**
2. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus,  
our blessed Redeemer!  
For our sins he suffered and  
bled and died;

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

- L. Sovereign God, **we** come this morning in your Holy place to worship and magnify your mighty name. Creating God, you knit, weave and colour all of creation with your grace and glory and in Your own image You created us. You are worthy of our adoration and all glory belongs to You. God who mothers and fathers us, we praise you for the ways you nurture and sustain us. God who is our mother hen, You gently call us by Your spirit and gather us to Yourself and cover us under your mighty wings, You oh God are Loving, Kind, Compassionate, Full of glory. You have loved us beyond our understanding. Have shown us the way to love. So we exult you, Our Father, who is the foundation of our lives, our strength and portion. You oh God are our, everything, our all. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- L. Let us in silence confess our sins to God and pray for His forgiveness
- L: Let us pray: Almighty and Merciful God, Your tender mercies are over all Your works and even though Your love was revealed when You sent Jesus to be our Redeemer and through his death and resurrection You have reconciled us to Yourself, we have sinned and turned away from You. We come confessing that, spiritually we are poor, we are weak in faith and in love. Forgive us when we often disobey what we know to be our will, most times we forget you and leave you out of our lives, at times we are too blind know our sins, too proud to admit them. We confess that we struggle and at times, refuse to be witnesses before men. In your mercy, O Lord cleanse our spirits and our souls from all these unrighteous acts, and cause us to follow you more closely. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

- L: Anyone who sins has an advocate with God: Jesus Christ, the Son of God. By His life, death, and resurrection, He has convincingly demonstrated that we are never beyond the reach of God's love. In the name of Jesus, *your* sins are forgiven!
- R: **Amen. Thanks be to God**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- ALL: Lord God, we enter in your gates with praise and thanksgiving in our hearts. We are grateful that you have not dealt with us as we deserve but have given to us according to the riches of your glory. We are thankful that in our weakness, You are our strength; in our darkness, You are light; in our sorrow you are our comfort and peace. We cannot number all your blessings but accept our thanks for all your guidance and protection in**

our lives. We bless you for your continued presence as we try to walk daily in our Christian faith through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen

## TIME OF PRAISE

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOCUS: - Rev'd Halton Hill

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Collect:

**ALL: Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

OLD TESTAMENT: Joshua 5: 9—12 – Sis. Janice Pinnock

## RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 32 (VIP # 587)

*Led by Pastor Wayne Stewart*

- L: <sup>1</sup>Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- R: <sup>2</sup>**Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- L: <sup>3</sup>While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- R: <sup>4</sup>**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up<sup>[a]</sup> as by the heat of summer.**
- L: <sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- R: <sup>6</sup>**Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**
- L: <sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.
- R: <sup>8</sup>**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**
- L: <sup>9</sup>Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.
- R: <sup>10</sup>**Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**
- L: <sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**THE GLORIA**

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
P: **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.**

EPISTLE: **2 Corinthians 5:16—21** - **Sis. Nadine Ivey**

GOSPEL: **Luke 15: 1--3, 11b--32** - **Sis. Cassie-Ann King**

SERMON - **Rev'd Halton Hill**  
(Minister, Western St. Andrew Circuit)

**HYMN OF RESPONSE: "In Loving Kindness Jesus Came [# 171 VIP]**

1. In loving-kindness Jesus came,  
My soul in mercy to reclaim,  
And from the depths of sin and shame  
Through grace he lifted me.

But when I took him at his word,  
Forgiven he lifted me.

3. His brow was pierced with many a thorn  
His hands by cruel nails were torn,  
When from my guilt and grief, forlorn,  
In love he lifted me.

4. Now on a higher plane I dwell,  
And with my soul I know 'tis well;  
Yet how or why, I cannot tell,  
He should have lifted me.

*Charles H. Gabriel (1866-1932)*

**Refrain:**  
*From sinking sand he lifted me;  
With tender hand he lifted me;  
From shades of night to plains of light  
O praise his name, he lifted me!*

2. He called me long before I heard,  
Before my sinful heart was stirred;

❖ **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

❖ **OFFERTORY**

❖ **DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER: - **Pastor Wayne Stewart**  
(Lay Preacher, Western St. Andrew Circuit)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN "We've a Story to Tell the Nations..." [# 460 VIP]**

1. We've a story to tell to the nations,  
that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy,  
a story of peace and light,  
(rep.)

A song that shall conquer evil  
And shatter the spear and sword, (rep.)

3. We've a message to give to the nations,  
That the Lord who reigneth above  
Hath sent us his Son to save us,  
And show us that God is love, (rep.)

4. We've a Saviour to show to the nations,  
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
That all of the world's great peoples  
Might come to the truth of God, (rep.)

**H. Ernest Nichol (1862-1928)**

**Refrain:**

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
And the dawning to noonday bright;  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
The kingdom of love and light.*

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,  
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,

**BENEDICTION**

L: We've a story to tell to the Nations. Go forth as into a world that needs new visions. Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet. May the grace of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever. **Amen.**



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*Sub Theme*

*"Building a Resilient People: Church, Community and  
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**DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Third Lord's Day before the Resurrection**

**Sunday, March 27, 2022**

**OFFICIATING:**

**Preacher:** **Rev'd Halton Hill**  
(Minister, Western St. Andrew Circuit)

**Liturgist:** **Pastor Wayne Stewart**  
(Lay Preacher, Western St. Andrew Circuit)

**Organist:** **Sis. Melrose Davies**

**Choristers:** **Sis. Nadine Ivey**  
**Sis. Cassie-Ann King**  
**Sis. Janice Pinnock**  
**Sis. Kerry-Ann Sadler**

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

*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*