

Order of Worship

L: Welcome to another experience with Methodist Voices In Word And Song Television Ministry. We are so happy you could join us.

Ash Wednesdays signals the start of the penitential forty-day period of Lent. During this time we engage in preparation for the celebration of Resurrection Lord's Day through much prayer, fasting and acts of love. Today is the first Lord's Day In the season of Lent. Come let us worship God who journeys with us through the wilderness.

INTROIT: "Me Alone in a de Wilderness..." [# 88 VIP]

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The season of Lent can be filled with testing and hardships

Response: But God goes with us through the wild wilderness.

Leader: Our lives are lived in seasons of transitions and transformations.

Response: Lent is a time to ponder God's providence and persistence.

Leader: Together, we seek fruitfulness, for it has been promised to us;

Response: The barrenness of Lent will give way to the fruitfulness of Easter.

Leader: In this season of penitence and pondering, let us gather before God.

Response: We come, as a family, to wait for the Lord with strength and courage.

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

Response: We gladly join you in worshipping the Lord.

HYMN: "MY GOD HOW WONDERFUL THOU ART [#38 VIP Vs. 1, 2 & 7]

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| 1. My God, how wonderful Thou art,
Thy majesty, how bright;
How beautiful Thy mercy seat
In depths of burning light! | 7. Father of Jesus, love's
Reward!
What rapture it will be
Prostrate before Thy throne to
lie,
And gaze, and gaze on Thee! |
| 2. How awesome Thine eternal
years,
O everlasting Lord,
By prostrate spirits day and night
Incassantly adored! | <i>Words: Frederick W. Faber,
Jesus and Mary, 1849.
arranged by Lowell Mason,
Modern Psalmist, 1839</i> |

PRAYER FOR PURITY

L: Minister "Let us all 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!

THE COMMANDMENTS OF OUR LORD JESUS

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One: and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

L: The second is this: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

L: And a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these your laws in our hearts we beseech you.

L: Let us confess our sins to God and pray for forgiveness.
(Silent Prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You and against each other, in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the glory of Your Name. Amen

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: God is faithful and will not allow us to be tempted beyond our abilities.

P: Even in our brokenness, God provides a path to wholeness.

L: When we confess our shortcomings,

P: God has mercy on us and is generous with forgiveness.

L: Through Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: "Forty Days and Forty Nights" [# 78 VIP]

1. FORTY days and forty nights Thou wast fasting in the wild, Forty days and forty nights Tempted still, yet undefiled:	4. What if Satan, vexing sore, Flesh and spirit shall assail, Thou, his vanquisher before, Wilt not suffer us to fail.
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2. Sunbeams scorching day by day, Chilly dewdrops nightly shed, Prowling beasts about thy way, Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.	5. Watching, praying, struggling thus, Vict'ry ours at last shall be; Angels minister to us, As they ministered to thee.
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3. Shall not we thy sorrows share Learn thy discipline of will; And, like thee, by fast and prayer, Wrestle with the powers of ill.	George H. Smyttan(1822-70) Francis Pott (1832-1909) alt.
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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT

ALL: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 26: 1—11 Read by Sis Colette Chai

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 91: 1—2, 9--16

L: ¹You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**R: ²will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."**

L: ⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,^[b]
the Most High your dwelling place,

**R: ¹⁰no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

L: ¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

**R: ¹²On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

L: ¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample
under foot.

**R: ¹⁴Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**

L: ¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and
honor them.

**R: ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

THE GLORIA

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

EPISTLE: Romans 10: 8b—13 Read by Bro. Glaister Ricketts

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel: Luke 4: 1—13

C: **Glory to you, O God.**

L: This is the Gospel of Christ.

C: **Praise be to Christ, our Lord.**

SELECTION:

SERMON - Bishop the Rev'd Everal Galbraith

ACT OF MEDITATION AND CALL TO COMMITMENT

HYMN: "I Need Thee Every Hour" [#282 VIP vs. 1,2 & 4]

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| 1. I Need thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine
Can peace afford: | 2. I need thee every hour;
Stay thou near by;
Temptations lose their
power
When thou art nigh: |
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Refrain:

*I need thee, O I need thee,
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my
Saviour;
I come to thee.*

4. I need thee every hour;
Teach me thy will,
And thy rich promises
In me fulfill:

Annie S. Hawks
(1835-1918)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: God of mercy and love, let us serve you in our world
We pray for desert people, who live in a dry, parched land
who lack water who travel constantly so that they might live.
Give them living water. Let the deserts bloom into flower.

P: **God of mercy and love let us serve you in our world**

L: We pray for countries where justice seems far away,
where human rights are ignored. Let us remind those in power
that prisoners are not forgotten. We pray that the dignity of life
is respected and remember those who have lost that dignity
through age or infirmity or neglect.

P: **God of mercy and love let us serve you in our world**

L: We pray for those who have no peace - for those who are
troubled and torn apart by lack of self-esteem for those who
torment and victimize the vulnerable. We pray for men and
women affected by violence in the home and for those who live
by violence.

P: **God of mercy and love let us serve you in our world**

L: Loving Lord, let us not stand aside and tolerate lack of basic
human resources, dehumanizing practices, or the use of violence
to disempower your people. Remember those engaged in
warfare and those whose lives have changed drastically from
residents to refugees (We remember the people of ...) Give us
strength to act and challenge hatred, greed and the abuse of
power, in order to bring about your justice and mercy. In your
name we humbly ask that we may be a channel for your peace
and love. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung: K. Armstrong) [# 25 VIP]

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: MPB PG 76-78

*For those homebound, a TABLE, covered with clean white cloth,
should stand in a convenient place in the room. The BREAD, baked or
bought, is cut into sufficient small pieces so that each communicant
might receive. The WINE, preferably grape juice or water, is placed on
the table with the bread, and covered with a clean white cloth.)*

HYMN: "Jesus Tek 'Way All Wi Sin..." [# 431 VIP]

THE THANKSGIVING – PBMC pgs76 – 78 (Please see Insert)

HYMN: "A Safe Stronghold Our God Is Still..." [# 280 VIP vs. 1 & 4]

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| 1. A Safe stronghold our God is
still,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He'll help us clear from all the
ill
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The ancient prince of hell
Hath risen with purpose fell;
Strong mail of craft and power
He weareth in this hour;
On earth is not his fellow. | 3. God's word, for all their craft
and force,
One moment will not linger,
But, spite of hell shall have its
course;
'Tis written by his finger.
And though before our eyes,
All that we dearly prize
They seize beyond recall,
Yet is their profit small:
God's kingdom ours remaineth. |
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Martin Luther (1483-1546)

THE BENEDICTION



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"*

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Sunday, March 6, 2022

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A warm welcome to all worshippers!