

# Order of Worship

## INTROIT: "Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast" [# 165 VIP v. 1]

1. *Come, sinners, to the gospel feast,  
Let every soul be Jesu's guest;  
You need not one be left behind,  
For God has bidden all mankind.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

- L: Come, let us worship God:  
**R: Let us exalt His excellent greatness.**  
L: Come, let us sing praises unto our God:  
**R: Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**  
L: Come, let us enter His presence with thanksgiving:  
**R: And show ourselves glad with songs of praise.**  
L: For there are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises,  
**R: Even that we should be partakers of the divine nature.**  
L: Today is Aldersgate Sunday. As we commemorate the occurrences of May 24, 1738 when the Lord touched John Benjamin Wesley...  
**R: May we also have the assurance, that Jesus has taken away our sins and has saved us from the law of sin and death.**

## OPENING HYMN: "O For A Thousand Tongues..." [# 11 VIP vs. 1, 3, 4 and 7]

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| 1. O For a thousand tongues to sing<br>My great Redeemer's praise,<br>The glories of my God and King,<br>The triumphs of his grace!               | 4. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,<br>He sets the prisoner free;<br>His blood can make the foulest clean,<br>His blood availed for me.   |
| 3. Jesus—the name that charms our fears,<br>That bids our sorrows cease;<br>'Tis music in the sinner's ears,<br>'Tis life, and health, and peace. | 7. See all your sins on Jesus laid:<br>The Lamb of God was slain;<br>His soul was once an offering made<br>For every soul of man.<br><p style="text-align: right;"><b>Charles Wesley (1707—1788)</b></p> |

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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: Let us now offer up our praise and adoration to God. Praise be to you Creator,  
**R: For the wonders of the world, the beauty of the earth, sea and sky**  
L: Praise be to you Provider,  
**R: For life, food, clothing and shelter; for the pleasures of art, music and literature.**  
L: Praise be to you Sustainer,  
**R: For health and well-being, joy and laughter, the love of family and friends, and the fellowship of the church.**  
L: Praise be to you Father,  
**R: For the gift of this new day, the visions it inspires and the fresh opportunities it presents,**  
L: Praise be to you Saviour,  
**R: for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our Risen and Ascended Lord.**  
L: Praise be to you Comforter,  
**R: for the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit who descended upon this day.**  
**ALL: Praise and adoration be to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

**SPECIAL READING: "Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee..." [# 359 MHB v. 1]**  
*(Words of the St Paul's anthem to which Wesley referred in his Aldersgate experience)*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN - Pastor Donovan Rookwood**  
*(Lay Preacher, Providence Circuit)*

## HYMN: "Loving Jesus, Gentle Lamb" [# 484 VIP vs. 1,2 and 5]

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| 1. Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb,<br>In thy gracious hands I am;<br>Make me, Saviour, what thou art;<br>Live thyself within my heart. | In the kingdom of thy grace<br>Give a little child a place.  |
| 2. Fain I would to thee be brought;<br>Gracious Lord, forbid it not;  | 5. I shall then show forth thy praise,<br>Serve thee all my happy days;<br>Then the world shall always see<br>Christ, the holy child, in me. |
- Charles Wesley (1707-88)**

## EXTRACT FROM WESLEY'S JOURNAL (May 1738) - Part 1

### HYMN: "My God, I know I feel thee mine" [# 228 VIP]

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| 1. My God! I know, I feel thee mine,<br>And will not quit my 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 desire,<br>And make the mountains flow!  |
| 2. I hold thee with a trembling hand,<br>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 fall,<br>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 rove,<br>Rooted and fixed in God.     | 6. Refining fire, go through my heart,<br>Illuminate my soul;<br>Scatter thy life through every part,<br>And sanctify the whole. Amen.<br><p style="text-align: right;"><b>Charles Wesley (1707—1788)</b></p> |

## EXTRACT FROM WESLEY'S JOURNAL (May 1738) - Part 2

Extract continued

### Hymn: "Where Shall My Wandering Soul Begin" [# 213 VIP vs. 1, 2, 4 and 5]

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| 1. Where shall my wondering soul begin?<br>How shall I all to heaven aspire?<br>A slave redeemed from death and sin,<br>A brand plucked from eternal fire,<br>How shall I equal triumphs raise,<br>Or sing my great Deliverer's praise?       | 4. Outcasts of men, to you I call,<br>Harlots, and publicans, and thieves!<br>He spreads his arms to embrace you all;<br>Sinners alone his grace receives:<br>No need of him the righteous have;<br>He came the lost to seek and save.   |
| 2. O how shall I the goodness tell,<br>Father, which thou to me hast showed?<br>That I, a child of wrath and hell,<br>I should be called a child of God,<br>Should know, should feel my sins forgiven,<br>Blest with this antepast of heaven! | 5. Come, O my guilty brethren, come,<br>Groaning beneath your load of sin!<br>His bleeding heart shall make you room,<br>His open side shall take you in;<br>He calls you now, invites you home:<br>Come, O my guilty brethren, come!<br><p style="text-align: right;"><b>Charles Wesley (1707-88)</b><br/><i>(The Wesleys' Conversion Hymn, May 1738)</i></p> |

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### COLLECT FOR ALDERSGATE:

**ALL: Almighty God, you raised up your servants, John and Charles Wesley, to proclaim anew the gift of redemption and the life of**

holiness. Pour out your Spirit and revive your work among us; that inspired by the same faith and upheld by the same grace in word and sacrament, we and all your children may be made one in the unity of your Church on earth, even as we are made one in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 51:1—11 - Sis. Barbara Hylton (Saxthorpe)

Hymn: "O Come and Dwell in Me" [# 297 VIP]

1. Come and dwell in me,  
Spirit of power within,  
And bring the glorious liberty  
From sorrow, fear, and sin.
  2. The seed of sin's disease, Spirit  
of health, remove,  
Spirit of finished holiness,  
Spirit of perfect love.
  3. Hasten the joyful day Which  
shall my sins consume, When  
old things shall be passed away,  
And all things new become
4. I want the witness, Lord,  
That all I do is right,  
According to your will and  
word,  
Well-pleasing in your sight.
5. I ask no higher state;  
Indulge me but in this,  
And soon or later then  
translate  
To my eternal bliss.  
*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 130

- L: <sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
- R: <sup>2</sup> **Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**
- L: <sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?
- R: <sup>4</sup> **But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.**
- L: <sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD; my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;
- R: <sup>6</sup> **my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**
- L: <sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.
- R: <sup>8</sup> **It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.**

THE GLORIA

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13—16; 43—48 - Pastor Donovan Rookwood  
(Lay Preacher, Providence Circuit)

HYMN: "O Thou Who Camest from Above" VIP# 232

SERMON - Rev'd Dr. Oral Thomas (President, United Theological  
College of the West Indies - UTCWI)

HYMN: "Pass Me Not O gentle Saviour" [# 178 VIP]

1. Pass me not, O gentle  
Saviour,  
Hear my humble cry;  
While on others thou art  
calling,  
Do not pass me by.
  2. Let me at a throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief;
- Kneeling there in deep contrition,  
Help my unbelief.
3. Trusting only in thy merit,  
Would I seek thy face;  
Heal my wounded, broken  
spirit,  
Save me by thy grace.
  4. Thou the spring of all my  
comfort,  
More than life to me,  
Whom have I on earth beside  
thee?  
Whom in heaven but thee?  
*Frances J. van Alstyne (1820-1915)*
- Refrain:  
Saviour ! Saviour!  
Hear my humble cry  
And while others thou  
art calling,  
Do not pass me by.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OFFERTORY AND DEDICATION OF OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

CLOSING HYMN: "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" [# 188 VIP]

BENEDICTION - Rev'd Dr. Oral Thomas (President, United Theological  
College of the West Indies - UTCWI)

- L: By thine unerring Spirit led, we shall not in the desert stray, we  
shall not full direction need, nor miss our providential way.  
Go Forth empowered to do our Master's will and; may the  
grace of our Lord be with you always.

ALL: Amen.



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DIVINE WORSHIP

Sunday, May 22, 2022

ALDERSGATE LORD'S DAY

PARTICIPATING CLERGY:

Preacher: Rev'd Dr. Oral Thomas  
(President, United Theological College of  
the West Indies - UTCWI)

Liturgists: Pastor Donovan Rookwood  
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Organist: Pastor Donovan Rookwood

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*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*