

Order of Worship

INTROIT: 'Let all the World...' [# 10 V.I.P] – District Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Creator God of heaven and earth.

C: **Holy is Your name.**

L: We come to worship you today. Inspire us through your songs.

C: **Enfold us as Your community**

L: Embrace us with a vision so strong that we will go from here with good news for all people.

HYMN: 'Angel Voices, Ever Singing' [# 370 VIP vs. 1, 2 and 5]

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| 1. Angel voices, ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel harps, for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless
thee,
And confess thee Lord of
might. | Can we know that thou art
near us
And wilt hear us? Yea, we can. |
| 2. Thou who art beyond the
farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man? | 5. Honour, glory, might, and
merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast
given
Earth and heaven render thee.
Amen. |
- Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

L: Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down. What a privilege it is to assemble in your name.

C: **You are worthy of all praise.**

L: Give us a special anointing of Your Holy Spirit so that as we join together in worship, we will be in one accord.

C: **We want to worship You in spirit and in truth.**

L: Your investment in us being fearfully and wonderfully made leaves us in awe

C: **We adore You, we praise You.**

L: O Lord, Our Lord, highly exalted. Accept our praises as we give You the honour and glory due.

ALL: We pray in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

L: Forgiving Father, we come humbly admitting that our best efforts to lovingly serve You and our neighbours have again fallen short. Our well delivered messages have mostly been within the four walls of our chapels. We then head back to our homes, communities and workplaces where we get careless in continuing the message of a Christian lifestyle that speaks louder and clearer than our words.

O God, help us to be more sensitive to the promptings of your indwelling Holy Spirit, thus enabling us to make meaningful use of opportunities afforded us, especially in these moments of chaos and confusion. Your word declares that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us from our unrighteousness and cleanse us from our sins.

ALL: Amen, thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Our Hearts overflow with joy and thanksgiving to You, o God, as we join in singing.

HYMN: 'Sweet Hour of Prayer' [# 289 VIP]

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| 1. Sweet hour of prayer!
Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of
care,
And bids me at my Father's
throne
Make all my wants and
wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the
tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour
of prayer! | Where God my Saviour
shows his face,
And gladly take my station
there,
And wait for thee, sweet
hour of prayer! |
| 2. Sweet hour of prayer!
Sweet hour of prayer!
The joys I feel, the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits
burn
With strong desires for thy
return!
With such I hasten to the place | 3. Sweet hour of prayer!
Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition
bear
To him whose truth and
faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to
bless.
And since he bids me seek
his face,
Believe his word, and trust
his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour
of prayer! |
- William Walford
(1772—1850)**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOCUS

L: Jesus, we thank You that children were involved in your earthly ministry. You used a little child as an example, clearly stating that unless we change and become like children, we will never enter the kingdom of heaven. The age of technology has widened their choices for entertainment and it is urgent that we seek ways to reach them for you. In Jesus' name we Pray. **AMEN.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

ALL: Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as a mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT: Amos 7: 7 – 17 – Bro. Keith Nelson

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 82 (VIP # 614)

Led by: Sis. Marcia Tavares (Spanish Town Circuit)

- L: ¹God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
- R: ²**“How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah**
- L: ³Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
- R: ⁴**Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”**
- L: ⁵They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- R: ⁶**I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;**
- L: ⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince.”
- R: ⁸**Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!**

THE GLORIA

EPISTLE: Colossians 1: 1 – 14 – Bro. Paul Thorbourne

HYMN: 'Come, Thou Everlasting Spirit' [# 427 VIP]

1. Come, thou everlasting Spirit,
Bring to every thankful mind
All the Saviour's dying merit,
All his sufferings for mankind:
2. True recorder of his passion,
Now the living faith impart,
Now reveal his great salvation,
Preach his gospel to our heart.
3. Come, thou witness of his
dying;
Come, remembrancer divine,
Let us feel thy power, applying
Christ to every soul, and mine.

*Charles Wesley
(1707-88)*

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 25 – 37

- Rev'd Shane Hansel
(Minister, Spanish Town Circuit)

SERMON:

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HYMN OF RESPONSE: 'My Saviour, How Shall I Proclaim' [# 230 VIP]

1. MY Saviour, how shall I
proclaim,
How pay the mighty debt I
owe?
Let all I have, and all I am,
Ceaseless to all thy glory
show.
2. Too much to thee I cannot
give;
Too much I cannot do for thee;
Let all thy love, and all thy
grief,
Grav'n on my heart for ever be.

*Paul Gerhardt (1607-76)
trans. by John Wesley
(1703-91)*

❖ ANNOUNCEMENTS / OFFERTORY/ BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: The Lord be with You.

R: **And also with You**

L: God, we bring our prayers to you with confidence knowing
that you will hear and answer.

We pray for the world You created and the people who share
it with us; for countries caught up in war and violent conflict;
for the economic crisis in the world and the hardships it is
creating for your people.

R: **Have mercy upon us, O God.**

L: We remember those who are oppressed and neglected; the
homeless and the destitute; those who have no one to care
for them; those who face the pain and grief at the loss of
loved ones. Help us to give wholehearted support in practical
ways and in prayer.

R: **Have mercy upon us, O God.**

L: We pray for our country Jamaica. Grant wisdom to our
leaders as they seek Your will in doing what is right. We
remember our people who are unemployed, hungry, abused
physically, mentally and emotionally.

R: **Have mercy upon us, O God.**

L: We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Comfort those
who are struggling with their faith. Grant wisdom to those
who minister among us. Keep us faithful to the call we have
received. In Christ Jesus, our Lord, we pray.

R: **Have mercy upon us, O God.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 'A Charge to Keep I have' [# 315 VIP]

1. A Charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky:
2. To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil:
O may it all my powers
engage
To do my Master's will!
3. Arm me with jealous care,
As in thy sight to live;
And O thy servant, Lord,
prepare
A strict account to give!
4. Help me to watch and pray,
And on thyself rely,
Assured, if I, my trust betray,
I shall for ever die.

*Charles Wesley
(1707—1788) alt.*

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"*

METHODIST VOICES IN WORD AND SONG TELEVISION MINISTRY



DIVINE WORSHIP

5th Lord's Day after Pentecost

OFFICIATING CLERGY:

Preacher: Rev'd Shane Hansel
(Minister, Spanish Town Circuit)

Liturgist: Sis. Marcia Tavares
(Lay Preacher, Spanish Town Circuit)

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- Sis. Patricia Beecher
- Sis. Shirley Richards
- Sis. Fay Bowen-Nelson
- Bro. Orville Manning
- Sis. Marcia Cohen
- Bro. Keith Nelson
- Sis. Cecile Davis
- Bro. Paul Thorbourne
- Sis. Colleen Nembhard

District President: Bishop Christine Gooden-Benguiche
District Conference Secretary: Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

A warm welcome to all worshippers!