

Order of Worship

INTROIT: "Come, Let's Magnify the Lord..." – Saxthorpe Choristers

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome to this Jamaica 60 Independence Day Service! A day when we celebrate Jamaica's Declaration of Independence on August 06, 1962. As we gathered in Churches all over Jamaica 60 years ago, so too we gather and raise our voices in celebration with a hymn that reminds us that from the beginning of time until the present, God has been taking care of us.

OPENING HYMN: "Gather Christians . . ." [# 375 VIP] - CHORISTERS

Refrain:
GATHER, Christians,
Let's now celebrate.
Gather, Christians,
The Lord we now await.
Gather, Christians, behold he comes.
Rejoice and sing for the Lord is King!

2. As we stand before our God,
With Christ Jesus, our
saving Lord,
We'll break his word now, and
break the bread,
As we proclaim: he's risen from
the dead!

1. To God the Father, let's give
Him praise.
To God the Father our voice we raise.
To God the Father who reigns above,
Praise the Lord for his mercy
and his love!

3. Let us all now, as one community,
Praise and honour the Trinity,
Let us all now with one accord
Sing out our praise to the living
Lord!

Garfield Rochard

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

L: Come, let us bless the Lord, you who are His people, for He has done great things for us

P: **Once we were no people. He has made us His people. Once we had no mercy, He has showed us His mercy.**

L: Give to the Lord the glory due unto His name, and worship Him with voices of rejoicing and thanksgiving.

P: **TO GOD BE THE GLORY, great things He has done!**

L: In the multitude of Your tender mercies, O Lord God, we have come to this ANNIVERSARY TIME, celebrating our Independence as a nation. In humility and with much gratitude we acknowledge Your gracious provision and guidance throughout our history and the good heritage You have given to us. Today we come with thankful hearts, to the God of our fathers and mothers who have made Jesus their rock of salvation. We stand upon their shoulders and give thanks for their example even as we celebrate with thanksgiving, Your great faithfulness over these six decades.

Morning by morning and year after year, Your compassions have never failed us; and Your providential care has been ever new. But even as we acknowledge Your grace and goodness, we must confess our unworthiness because we have sinned against You in myriads of ways. So, hear us now as we pray together:

P: **Merciful God, our Maker, our Judge and our Saviour we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we are sorry for all our sins, and truly repent. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey You in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: If anyone sins we have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous, and He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for us only, but also for the whole world. Hear then, Christ's word of grace. 'Your sins are forgiven'

P: **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN & YOUTH FOCUS:

Bro. Victor McSweeney

HYMN "Land of our Birth, We Pledge to Thee..." [# 523 VIP]

TIME OF PRAISE

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT:

ALL: **God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 1: 1 & 10 – 20 – Sis. Lucette Cargill (*Saxthorpe*)

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 50: 1 - 8 & 22 - 23 (VIP # 596) (NRSV)-

Led by: Sis. Camielle Michael Patterson
(*Local Preacher, Coke Circuit*)

L: ¹ The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

R: ² **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

L: ³ Our God comes and does not keep silent; before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him.

R: ⁴ **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

L: ⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

R: ⁶ **The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah**

L: ⁷ "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

R: ⁸ **Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

L: ²² Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver.

R: ²³ **Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honour me; to those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God."**

ALL: **Gloria Patri...**

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4: 11 – 16 (NRSV) – Sis. Valerie Hinds (*Saxthorpe*)

GOSPEL: Luke 12: 32 – 40 (NLT) – Rev'd Bosworth A. J. Mullings
(*Supt. Minister, Coke Circuit*)

SERMON

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MINISTRY ITEM: "How can I say Thanks..." [# 169]

– Saxthorpe Choristers

ANNOUNCEMENTS, OFFERTORY, BLESSING OF TITHES & OFFERING

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Almighty God, in whose hands lie the destiny of all peoples and nations, let not the hopes of our people perish, nor the sacrifices of men and women be in vain. As we celebrate these sixty years of our independence as a Nation, let us pray for the forward march of inspired men and women, moral movements and worthy organizations in affirming the dignity, peace and prosperity of all persons.

P: **Gracious God, hear our prayer**

L: Lord, we ask that You touch the hearts of those involved in human trafficking, who carry out kidnappings of innocent people, that we might see the release of all who are held against their will, who are enslaved and who are unjustly imprisoned.

P: **Gracious God, hear our prayer**

L: O God we ask that You trouble the consciences of those who lure children and young people into pornography and prostitution, so that in this, our native land, and throughout the

world their might be a greater respect for human life and freedom.

P: Gracious God, hear our prayer

L: Lord, we pray that you will hasten the day when any trade that dehumanizes or mars human lives, including the trade in drugs and guns will cease, for the sake of peaceful and harmonious existence in our communities.

P: Gracious God, hear our prayer

L: O God, we pray for people across the world who have been afflicted or affected by the Coronavirus (COVID 19) and or monkey pox; that they may be healed. We also pray for those who have lost loved ones; for the health workers who care for the sick at great danger to their own health. We pray too for those who are healthy yet are being restricted out of an abundance of caution. We also pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet and are experiencing hardships because of economic fallouts and those who, today, are fearful and those who are anxious.

P: Gracious God, hear our prayer

L: We pray for those who suffer pain, and persecution; hunger and loneliness, alienation and fear. Lord draw near to all who are burdened and heavy-laden. We commend them to You in their suffering and grief for your word reminds us that the Eternal God is our refuge and underneath are His everlasting arms. Lord hear us.

P: Lord graciously hear us. AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER [# 26 VIP]

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
Hallowed be thy name

On the earth as it is in heaven.
Hallowed be thy name

Give us this day our daily bread.
Hallowed be thy name

And forgive us all our trespasses
Hallowed be thy name

Only as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

Hallowed be thy name

And lead us not into temptation,
Hallowed be thy name.

But deliver us from all that is evil.
Hallowed be thy name

For thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory
Hallowed be thy name

Forever and ever, for ever and ever
Hallowed be thy name

Amen! Amen! it shall be so.
Hallowed be thy name

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Hallowed be thy name.

**The Lord's Prayer Adap. By:
J. Jefferson Cleveland (1937-)
and Verloga Nix (1933-)**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN: "Let us Break Bread Together..." [# 434a VIP]

1. Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees...
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees,
3. Let us praise God together on our knees,

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun,
O, Lord, have mercy on me.

(Based on African-American spiritual)

COMMUNION LITURGY [Pg. 95 MHB]

CLOSING HYMN: "I Vow to Thee My Country..." [# 424 VIP]

1. I Vow to thee, my country,
all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love,
The love that asks no question,
the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
The love that makes
undaunted
the final sacrifice.
2. And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies,
we may not see her King;
3. Her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of
gentleness
and all her paths are peace.

BENEDICTION

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

1. Eternal Father bless our land,
Guard us with Thy Mighty
Hand,
Keep us free from evil powers,
Be our light through countless
hours.
To our Leaders, Great Defender,
Grant true wisdom from above.
Justice, Truth be ours forever,
Jamaica, Land we love.
Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica land
we love.
2. Teach us true respect for all,
Stir response to duty's call,
Strengthen us the weak to
cherish,
Give us vision lest we perish.
Knowledge send us Heavenly
Father,
Grant true wisdom from
above.
Justice, Truth be ours forever,
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INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY

9th Lord's Day after Pentecost
Sunday, August 07, 2022

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT



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Rev'd Bosworth A. J. Mullings JP
(Supt. Minister, Coke Circuit)

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Sis. Camielle Michael Patterson
(Local Preacher, Coke Circuit)

Children &

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Sis. Melrose Davies

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- Sis. Yvonne Brown
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- Sis. Valerie Hinds
- Sis. Marie Miller
- Sis. Yvonne Patterson
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*A warm welcome to all worshippers on this
glorious Independence Sunday!*