**Order of Worship**

**Introit: ‘Majesty, Worship His Majesty’ [# 54a VIP]**

Majesty, worship his majesty,
Unto Jesus be all glory,
honour, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority
flow from his throne unto his own;
His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all Kings.

**Jack Hayford, (1934- )**

**– Saxthorpe Choristers**

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**Call to Worship/Invocation**

L: Majestic God, set our hearts to worship you, and you alone. May our worship rise like incense, sweet aroma unto you. As we offer worship, may you be pleased to speak to our hearts and minister to our needs.

**Opening Hymn** All Hail the Power of Jesu’s Name (VIP 40)

1. All hail the power of Jesu's name;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
To crown him Lord of all.
2. Crown him, you martyrs of your God,
Who from his altar call;
Extol him in whose path you trod,
And crown him Lord of all.
3. You seed of Israel's chosen race,
You ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.
4. Sinners! whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.
5. Let every tribe and every tongue
Before him prostrate fall,
And shout in universal song
The crownèd Lord of all.
6. O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall,
Join in the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all!

**Edward Perronet (1726—1792)**

**John Rippon (1751-1836) v. 6**

**Prayer of Adoration**

L: There is none like You God. You are the source of our life, our joy, our contentment, our satisfaction. All good a perfect gifts come from you, Triune God- Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Prayer of Confession**

L: You are God alone, but how often we turn to idols; not necessarily the images our hands have made but the idols of our hearts that have usurped your place as Sovereign in our lives. We have depended on other sources for contentment, meaning and purpose in our lives besides you. Purge our hearts of the idols that we have enthroned on thrones of our hearts whether mammon, power, prestige or pleasure. Forgive us our sin and give us hearts for you alone.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

L: Merciful God we thank you that you offer forgiveness and that you are for us and not against us. We thank you that you pursue us when we go astray and welcome us home when we come to our senses and resolve to live our lives in obedience to you. If the Lord kept a record of sin who could stand, but though our sins separate us from you, your steadfast love and compassion draw us back to yourself.

**Welcome**

**Praise and Worship: - *’FullJoy’***

*(Members of the Saxthorpe Praise Team)*

* **Love is the More Excellent Way**
* **My Chains Are Gone**

**Children/Youth Word**

 **Hymn:** ‘**O for A Closer Walk with God VIP 261 (verse 1, 3, 5 and 6)**

1. For a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb.
2. What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
The world can never fill.
3. The dearest idol I have known,
Whatever that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.
4. So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

**William Cowper
(1731-1800)**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Collect:**

**ALL: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.**

**Old Testament:** Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 **— Sis. Valerie Hinds**

**Responsive Reading –** Psalm 79:1-9 (VIP # 611)
 *Led by:* **Pastor Clifton Brown (***Lay Preacher, Western*

*St. Andrew Circuit)*

L: **1**O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple;
    they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

**R: 2They have given the bodies of your servants
    to the birds of the air for food,
    the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.**

L: **3**They have poured out their blood like water
    all around Jerusalem,
    and there was no one to bury them.

**R: 4We have become a taunt to our neighbors,
    mocked and derided by those around us.**

L: **5**How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever?
    Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?

**R: 6Pour out your anger on the nations
    that do not know you and on the kingdoms
    that do not call on your name.**

L: **7**For they have devoured Jacob
    and laid waste his habitation.

**R: 8Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us,  for we are brought very low.**

L: **9**Help us, O God of our salvation,
    for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins,  for your name’s sake.

**The Gloria**

L: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R: As it was in the beginning its now, and ever shall be, World without end. AMEN.**

**Epistle: 1Timothy 2:1—7 — Sis. Yvonne Brown**

**Hymn of Preparation:**

**‘Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing…’ [# 236 VIP]**

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure
Sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
Of my Lord's unchanging love!
2. Here I find my greatest treasure:
‘Hither by thy help I've come,’
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

1. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Take my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it from thy courts above!

**Robert Robinson
(1735—1790) alt.**

**Gospel:** Luke 16:1-13

**Sermon — Rev’d Stephen Mullings** *(Superintendent*

 *Minister, Spanish Town and Port Antonio Circuits)*

* **Announcements**
* **Offertory**
* **Dedication of Tithes and Offering**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn: Jesus Calls Us! O’er The Tumult [# 83 VIP 1,2, 3 & 5]**

1. Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea,
Day by day his clear voice soundeth, Saying: ‘Christian, follow me;’
2. As of old apostles heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
Leaving all for his dear sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying: ‘Christian, love me more.’
4. Jesus calls us! By your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, Serve and love you best of all.

**Cecil F. Alexander (1818-95)**

**Benediction**



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**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**

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**DIVINE WORSHIP**

**15th Lord’s Day after Pentecost**

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**

**Officiating:**

**Preacher: Rev’d Stephen Mullings** *(Superintendent Minister, Spanish Town and*

*Port Antonio Circuits)*

**Liturgist: Pastor Clifton Brown** *(Lay Preacher Western St. Andrew Circuit)*

**Organist: Sis. Melrose Davies**

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| * **Sis. Yvonne Brown**
 | * **Sis. Marie Miller**
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| * **Sis. Lucette Cargill**
 | * **Sis. Yvonne Patterson**
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| * **Sis. Valerie Hinds**
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| **Praise Team:** *(Members of ‘FullJoy’ Saxthorpe’s Praise Team)* |
| * **Sis. Winsome Exell**
 | * **Michelle Bowen-Goldson**
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| * **Sis. Judy-Marie Campbell**
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**District Bishop**: Rev’d Christine Gooden Benguche

**District Conference Secretary**: Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*