**Order of Service**

**Introit: ‘Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs…’ [# 42 VIP vs. 1 & 4]**

* **Saxthorpe Choristers**

**The Call to Worship**

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord

**R: Who made heaven and earth**

L: Our salvation is in the Lord Jesus Christ,

**R: Who died for our sins and rose for our justification**

L: Our confidence is in the Holy Spirit,

**R: Who enables us to become God’s children.**

L: The Lord reigns!

**R: Let the earth rejoice,**

L: Our God reigns!

**R: We shall be glad and wait for His word.**

**Hymn: ‘Gather, Christians, Let’s now Celebrate…’ [# 375 VIP]**

***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!***

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!
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!
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***

**The Collect for Purity**

L: 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

##### Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

**R: 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

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

**Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

L: Let us in silence confess our sins to God and pray for his forgiveness

**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 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.**

L: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hear then the good news. If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**R: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: ‘This Little Light of Mine…’ [# 483 VIP]**

1. This little light of mine,  
   I'm gonna let it shine,

This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine,

Let it shine, Let it shine  
Let it shine

1. Every where I go,  
   I’m gonna let it shine,  
   Every where I go,  
   I’m gonna let it shine,

Every where I go,  
I’m gonna let it shine,Let it shine, Let it shine  
Let it shine

1. All through the night,  
   I’m gonna let it shine,   
   All through the night,  
   I’m gonna let it shine,   
   All through the night,  
   I’m gonna let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine  
   Let it shine

***Afro-American Spiritual***

**Children’s Time**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Collect:**

**ALL: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. AMEN**

**Old Testament: Lamentations 1:1-6 - Sis. Lucette Cargill**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 137 (VIP # 650)**

*Led by:* ***Bishop Christine Gooden Benguche***

L: **1**By the rivers of Babylon—  
    there we sat down, and there we wept  
    when we remembered Zion.

**R:** **2On the willows[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20137&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-16225a)**] there  
    we hung up our harps.**

L: **3**For there our captors asked us for songs,  
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,  
    “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

**R: 4How could we sing the Lord’s song  
    in a foreign land?**

L: **5**If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
    let my right hand wither!

**R:** **6Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,  
    if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem  above my highest joy.**

L: **7**Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites  
    the day of Jerusalem’s fall,  
how they said, “Tear it down! Tear it down!  
    Down to its foundations!”

**R:** **8O daughter Babylon, you devastator![**[**b**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20137&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-16231b)**]  
    Happy shall they be who pay you back  
    what you have done to us!**

L: **9**Happy shall they be who take your little ones  
    and dash them against the rock!

**The Gloria**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning its now, and ever shall be, World without end. AMEN.**

**Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 - Sis. Yvonne Brown**

**Hymn: ‘Come, Divine Interpreter…’ [# 146 VIP]**

1. Come, divine Interpreter,   
   Bring us eyes your book to read,   
   Ears the mystic words to hear,   
   Words which did from you proceed,   
   Words that endless bliss impart,  
   Kept in an obedient heart.
2. All who read, or hear, are blessed,   
   If your plain commands we do;   
   Of your kingdom here possessed,   
   You we shall in glory view—   
   When you come on earth to abide,   
   Reign triumphant at your side.

***Charles Wesley* (1707-88)**

**Gospel: Luke 17:5-10 - Sis. Valerie Hinds**

**Sermon - Rev’d Dr. Oral Thomas**

*(President, United Theological College*

*of the West Indies - UTCWI)*

* **Announcements**
* **Offertory**
* **Dedication of Offering**

**Intercessory Prayers: (pp. 74-75 MPB)**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn of Preparation: ‘We Gather ‘Round Your Table, God…’**

**[# 442 VIP]**

1. We gather 'round your  
   table, God,   
   Expecting to be fed;  
   Be present now as we   
   celebrate   
   in what we drink and eat.
2. The bread we break, the wine we drink,  
   they help to make us think  
   about the cruelty of the cross  
   which Jesus bore for us.
3. Body and blood upon the tree-  
   O what a mystery!  
   Not a dead Christ,   
   but a living One  
   God’s risen, living Son.
4. Wisdom we seek to understand  
   the workings of your hand!  
   Great God, these gifts of bread and of wine  
   they constitute a sign-
5. This sign of grace which we receive  
   is token of your love,  
   A timely message for all the earth-  
   for east, west, north, and south.
6. So we rejoice, the Spirit’s here,  
   the sacrament we share.  
   This simple meal is but a foretaste  
   of God’s great heavenly feast.

**George Mulrain (1946-)**

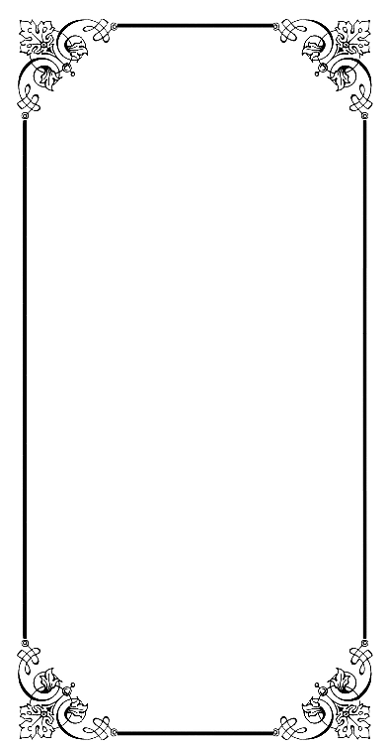
**Sacrament of Holy Communion** (pp. 76-79 MPB)

**The Peace**

**The Thanksgiving**

**The Action of the Bread and Wine**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: ‘How Beauteous Are Their Feet…’ [# 310 VIP]**

1. How beauteous are their feet   
   Who stand on Zion's hill,   
   Who bring salvation in their tongues,   
   And words of peace reveal!
2. How cheering is their voice,   
   How sweet their tidings are:   
   'Zion, behold your Saviour-King! He reigns and triumphs here.'
3. How blessèd are our ears   
   That hear this joyful sound,   
   Which kings and prophets waited for,   
   And sought, but never found!

1. How blessèd are our eyes   
   That see this heavenly light! Prophets and kings desirèd long,   
   But died without the sight.
2. The watchmen join their voice,   
   And tuneful notes employ; Jerusalem breaks forth in songs, And deserts learn the joy.
3. The Lord makes bare his arm Through all the earth abroad;   
   Let all the nations now behold   
   Their Saviour and their God.

***Isaac Watts* (1674-1748**)

**Benediction**

L: Now the God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the Sheep, with the blood of the eternal Covenant, make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ to whom be glory, for ever and ever.

L: THE PEACE OF GOD, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
  
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

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***Beginning with Me”***

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*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*