

# Order of Worship

## INTROIT: "Jesus, Stand Among Us"

1. JESUS, stand among us  
In your risen power;  
Let this time of worship  
Be a hallowed hour.
2. Breathe the Holy Spirit  
Into every heart;  
Bid the fears and  
sorrows  
From each soul depart.
3. Thus with quickened  
footsteps  
We'll pursue our way,  
Watching for the  
dawning  
Of eternal day. **Amen**

*William Pennefather  
(1816—1873)*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer
- R: **We are witnesses, to the love God has poured into us.**
- L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer
- R: **We are witnesses of God's love, sharing it with each person we meet.**
- L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ our Redeemer
- R: **We are witnesses to everyone we encounter, little children like us, sisters and brothers in God's family.**

## OPENING Hymn: "Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus...Redeemer" [# 55 VIP]

1. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus,  
our blessed Redeemer!  
Sing, O earth his wonderful love  
proclaim!  
Hail him! Hail him! Highest  
archangels in glory,  
Strength and honour give to his  
holy name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will  
guard his children  
In his arms he carries them all  
day long:  
**Refrain:**  
**Praise him! Praise him!**  
**Tell of his excellent**  
**greatness!**  
**Praise him! Praise him! Ever**  
**in joyful song!**
2. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus,  
our blessed Redeemer!  
For our sins he suffered and  
bled and died;
3. Praise him! Praise him! Jesus  
our blessed Redeemer!  
Heav'nly portals loud with  
hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Saviour who reigns  
forever and ever,  
Crown him! Crown him!  
Prophet and Priest and King!  
Christ is coming over the world  
victorious  
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord  
belong:  
*Fanny J. Crosby (1820—1915)*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

- L. Sovereign God, **we** come this morning in your Holy place to worship and magnify your mighty name. Creating God, you knit, weave and colour all of creation with your grace and glory and in Your own image You created us. You are worthy of our adoration and all glory belongs to You. God who mothers and fathers us, we praise you for the ways you nurture and sustain us. God who is our mother hen, You gently call us by Your spirit and gather us to Yourself and cover us under your mighty wings, You oh God are Loving, Kind, Compassionate, Full of glory. You have loved us beyond our understanding. Have shown us the way to love. So we exult you, Our Father, who is the foundation of our lives, our strength and portion. You oh God are our, everything, our all. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- L. Let us in silence confess our sins to God and pray for His forgiveness
- L: Let us pray: Almighty and Merciful God, Your tender mercies are over all Your works and even though Your love was revealed when You sent Jesus to be our Redeemer and through his death and resurrection You have reconciled us to Yourself, we have sinned and turned away from You. We come confessing that, spiritually we are poor, we are weak in faith and in love. Forgive us when we often disobey what we know to be our will, most times we forget you and leave you out of our lives, at times we are too blind know our sins, too proud to admit them. We confess that we struggle and at times, refuse to be witnesses before men. In your mercy, O Lord cleanse our spirits and our souls from all these unrighteous acts, and cause us to follow you more closely. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

- L: Anyone who sins has an advocate with God: Jesus Christ, the Son of God. By His life, death, and resurrection, He has convincingly demonstrated that we are never beyond the reach of God's love. In the name of Jesus, *your* sins are forgiven!
- R: **Amen. Thanks be to God**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- ALL: Lord God, we enter in your gates with praise and thanksgiving in our hearts. We are grateful that you have not dealt with us as we deserve but have given to us according to the riches of your glory. We are thankful that in our weakness, You are our strength; in our darkness, You are light; in our sorrow you are our comfort and peace. We cannot number all your blessings but accept our thanks for all your guidance and protection in**

our lives. We bless you for your continued presence as we try to walk daily in our Christian faith through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen

## PRAISE IN WORSHIP

- 'FullJoy' (Members of the Saxthorpe Praise Team)  
- **Sis. Winsome Exell**  
- **Sis. Michelle Bowen-Goldson**  
- **Sis. Judy-Marie Campbell**

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOCUS:

- **Sis. Christine McKen**

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### COLLECT:

**ALL: Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

• **OLD TESTAMENT: Joel 2:23-32 – Sis Barbara Hylton**

## RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 65 (VIP # 602)

*Led by: Pastor Wayne Stewart (Lay Preacher, Western St. Andrew Circuit)*

- L: <sup>1</sup> Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,  
and to you shall vows be performed,
- R: <sup>2</sup> **O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.**
- L: <sup>3</sup> When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
you forgive our transgressions.
- R: <sup>4</sup> **Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.**
- L: <sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.
- R: <sup>6</sup> **By your<sup>[a]</sup> strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.**
- L: <sup>7</sup> You silence the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.
- R: <sup>8</sup> **Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

- L: <sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.
- R: <sup>10</sup> **You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**
- L: <sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
- R: <sup>12</sup> **The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;**
- L: <sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

**THE GLORIA**

- L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
 P: **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.**

- **EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 4 6-8, 16-18 – Sis. Krysta-Gaye Stewart**

**MINISTRY ITEM: ‘Lord Make Us One’ – District Chorale**

- **GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14 – Pastor Maurice Goldson**  
 (Lay Pastor, Western St. Andrew Circuit)

**SERMON – Pastor Maurice Goldson**  
 (Lay Pastor, Western St. Andrew Circuit)

**HYMN OF RESPONSE: “In Loving Kindness Jesus Came [# 171 VIP]**

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| <p>1. In loving-kindness Jesus came,<br/>         My soul in mercy to reclaim,<br/>         And from the depths of sin and shame<br/>         Through grace he lifted me.</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i><br/> <b>From sinking sand he lifted me;<br/>         With tender hand he lifted me;<br/>         From shades of night to plains of light<br/>         O praise his name,<br/>         he lifted me!</b></p> | <p>But when I took him at his word,<br/>         Forgiven he lifted me.</p> <p>3. His brow was pierced with many a thorn<br/>         His hands by cruel nails were torn,<br/>         When from my guilt and grief, forlorn,<br/>         In love he lifted me.</p> <p>4. Now on a higher plane I dwell,<br/>         And with my soul I know 'tis well;<br/>         Yet how or why, I cannot tell,<br/>         He should have lifted me.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Charles H. Gabriel (1866-1932)</i></p> |
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- ❖ **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- ❖ **OFFERTORY**
- ❖ **DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER: – Pastor Maurice Goldson**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN “We’ve a Story to Tell the Nations...” [# 460 VIP]**

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| <p>1. We’ve a story to tell to the nations,<br/>         that shall turn their hearts to the right,<br/>         a story of truth and mercy,<br/>         a story of peace and light,<br/>         (rep.)</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i><br/> <b>For the darkness shall turn to dawning,<br/>         And the dawning to noonday bright;<br/>         And Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth,<br/>         The kingdom of love and light.</b></p> | <p>A song that shall conquer evil<br/>         And shatter the spear and sword, (rep.)</p> <p>3. We’ve a message to give to the nations,<br/>         That the Lord who reigneth above<br/>         Hath sent us his Son to save us,<br/>         And show us that God is love, (rep.)</p> <p>4. We’ve a Saviour to show to the nations,<br/>         Who the path of sorrow hath trod,<br/>         That all of the world’s great peoples<br/>         Might come to the truth of God, (rep.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>H. Ernest Nichol (1862-1928)</b></p> |
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**BENEDICTION**

- L: We’ve a story to tell to the Nations. Go forth as into a world that needs new visions. Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet. May the grace of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever.  
**Amen.**



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**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**

**20<sup>th</sup> Lords Day after Pentecost**

**Sunday, October 23, 2022**

**OFFICIATING CLERGY:**

**Preacher: Pastor Maurice Goldson**  
 (Lay Preacher, Western St. Andrew Circuit)

**Liturgist: Pastor Wayne Stewart**  
 (Lay Preacher, Western St. Andrew Circuit)

**Organist: Sis. Melrose Davies**

**Choristers:**

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| ▪ Sis. Fay Bowen-Nelson | ▪ Sis. Colleen Nembhard |
| ▪ Sis. Marcia Cohen     | ▪ Sis. Shirley Richards |
| ▪ Sis. Cecille Davis    | ▪ Sis. Chenee Riley     |
| ▪ Sis. Barbara Hylton   | ▪ Bro. Orville Manning  |

**Praise Team: FullJoy**

**District Bishop:** Rev’d Christine Gooden Benguche  
**District Secretary:** Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*