

Order of Worship

L: Today we give God thanks for the lives of those in the family of faith. We give thanks for the company of saints whom we have lost along the way and who are no longer present with us.

CALL TO WORSHIP -

L: Come into God’s presence with singing and praise
R: **We join the assembly of faithful followers**
L: Let us worship the Almighty with words of praise and songs of joy
R: **We join the hope-filled saints of God**
L: Sing a new song as we recall the lives of those who have gone before. Sing and rejoice in God’s name.

OPENING HYMN: “Immortal Invisible God Only Wise” [# 13 VIP]

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

4. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

5. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
3. To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,

Walter C. Smith (1824—1908)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

L: O God our heavenly Father, we give you praise, honour and worship. We stand in awe before your majesty and before all your creations to recognize your magnificence and power. We were created to worship you, indeed Lord; it is our great desire to worship you all the day long, for all that you have done and for all that you are. We worship you Lord, we magnify your matchless name. Great I AM, you are worthy to be praised. Holy Father, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth. This we pray in Jesus’ name. **AMEN.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: O Lord our God, you are our strength when we are burdened with sins, and our help when we are weakened by shame and guilt. We are condemned, wretched and vile. Look with compassion on your children who are crying out loudly to you.
R: **Have mercy upon us O Lord.**
L: We have sinned in thoughts, words and deeds. Wash us with the blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, **Lord, who would survive?** But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you; for the sake of your son Jesus Christ, forgive our foolish ways. Deliver us from our wicked demeanours toward our fellow human beings. Help us to forgive one another and to be our brother’s keeper. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **AMEN.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: **Thanks, thanks we give you thanks for your faithfulness. Thank you for the opportunity to call you Father. We thank Thee O Lord for every good gift that we receive from you. Thank you Lord for the good news that your resurrection has brought to us; that one day you will come again and will take all of us who believe in your word to yourself and that where you will be there we will be also. Thank you, for the hope and the assurance of the eternal life in you. We pray in Jesus’s name. AMEN.**

HYMN: “Breathe On Me, Breath of God ...” [# 159 VIP]

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou would’st do.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God
Till I am wholly thine
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity. Amen.
- Edwin Hatch (1835—189)*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

ALL: **Heavenly Lord, you long for the world’s salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: Haggai 1: 15b—2:9 – Sis. Valerie Hinds

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 145 (VIP 653)

Led by: Sis. Chenee Riley

- L: ¹I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

R: ²**Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**
- L: ³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

R: ⁴**One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.**
- L: ⁵They will recount the glorious^[a] splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

R: ¹⁷**The LORD is just in all his ways
and kind in all his doings.**
- L: ¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

R: ¹⁹**He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.**
- L: ²⁰The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

ALL: ²¹**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

THE GLORIA

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

EPISTLE: 2 Thessalonians 2: 1–5, 13—17 - Sis. Lucette Cargill

GOSPEL: Luke 20: 27—38 - Sis. Betty Zephyr

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

1. We’ve a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light, *(rep.)*

Refrain:
*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright;
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
The kingdom of love and light.*
2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and sword, *(rep.)*

3. We've a message to give to the nations,
That the Lord who reigneth above
Hath sent us his Son to save us,
And show us that God is love, *(rep.)*

4. We've a Saviour to show to the nations,
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,
That all of the world's great peoples
Might come to the truth of God,
(*rep.*)

H. Ernest Nichol
(1862-1928)

SERMON: - Rev'd Pierre Claudel Zephyr
(*Superintendent Minister, East Kingston Circuit*)

APOSTLE'S CREED

ALL: I BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

- ❖ ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ❖ OFFERTORY
- ❖ BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

L: You are the God who answers your children, in their distress, when they cry out to you. You are the same God yesterday, today and forever. In your mercy Lord, remember us. We are burdened and are heavy laden, but you say come unto you. Here we are Lord. Deliver us from our oppressors, give victory to us from our daily fights, struggles and pains. Grant us peace in a world of wars, injustice and exploitation. We pray for the sick and the marginalized. Grant them healing and hope. We pray for our country and the decision-makers of this land. We pray for your church in the world, especially the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, and the Jamaica District. Let your love drench us so that we can be a transformed nation, where reconciliation and forgiveness is our common denominator. Lord, help us; graciously hear us, we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: "Redeemed ..." [# 92 VIP]

1. Redeemed, by the precious blood of the Lamb,
Redeemed, by the touch of a Saviour's hand,
- Redeemed, an ol' Satan was standin' by,

Refrain:
***Redeemed, we were saved and sanctified,
Redeemed, Alleluia,
Redeemed!***

2. Redeemed, when in sin and condemned to die,

3. Redeemed, when in sorrow and nearly drown',
Redeemed, on a broad road darkness-bound,

4. Redeemed, by the precious blood of the Lamb,
Redeemed, by the touch of a Saviour's hand,

Adap. By:
Barry Chevannes (1940—2010)

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THE THANKSGIVING page 77

ACTION OF BREAD & WINE/ THE SHARING/ THANKSGIVING

BLESSING OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN: "And Can It Be..." [# 188 VIP vs. 1, 3, 4 and 5]

1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!
2. He left his Father's throne above—
So free, so infinite his grace—
Emptied himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me!
3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light,
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
4. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Charles Wesley
(1707-88)

BENEDICTION

L: Go forth in strength, knowing the hope to which God has called you, knowing the glorious inheritance God has reserved for the saints, and the power God has bestowed for those who believe, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

***"Caring for the Body, Mind and Soul as we
serve the present age"***

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