**Order of Worship**

**The Call to Worship**

L: In this season of waiting, our God comes.

**P: Come, Holy God, and fill us with your urgent hopes for justice.**

L: In this holy season of delight and wonder, our Savior comes.

**P: Come, Companion of the poor, and challenge us to share in the gospel of welcome for all.**

L: In these days of remembering what our lives are to be, Your Holy Spirit comes.

**P: Come, Preparer of the way, to take us by the hand to walk with our sisters and brothers down the path to service.**

**Hymn: “Sing We the King Who is Coming to Reign…” [# 56 VIP]**

1. Sing we the King who is coming to reign;
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain!
Life and salvation his empire shall bring,
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King:

***Refrain:
Come let us sing: Praise to our King,
Jesus our King, Jesus our King:
This is our song, who to Jesus belong:
Glory to Jesus, to Jesus our King.***

1. All shall be well in his kingdom of peace,
Freedom shall flourish and wisdom increase,

Justice and truth from his sceptre shall spring,
Wrong shall be ended when Jesus is King.

1. Souls shall be saved from the burden of sin;
Doubt shall not darken his witness within;
Hell has no terrors, and death has no sting;
Love is victorious when Jesus is King:
2. Kingdom of Christ, for your coming we pray;
Hasten, O Father, the dawn of the day
When this new song your creation shall sing,
Satan is vanquished, and Jesus is King:

**Charles S. Horne (1865-1914)**

**Prayer of Adoration**

L: God of love and renewal, we exalt you as the One who always comes. Enter the wilderness of our lives, and call us to prepare once more for the coming of your Son. Fill the valleys of our insecurities with hope, and bring low the mountains of our pride and conceit. We humbly bow before you as we recognize you as the One who make straight the paths before us, and guide our feet in the ways of peace. **AMEN.**

**Song of Penitence: “Lord Prepare Me …” - Saxthorpe Choristers**

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| ***Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuaryPure and holy, tried and trueWith thanksgiving, I'll be a livingSanctuary, for You*** |

**Call to Confession**

L: John the Baptist, proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Together, let us confess our sins and turn to God.

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: Holy God, You witness the sorts of lives we lead. When we are asked to share the gospel of hope and peace, we place it on our to-do list instead. When we are given the chance to cry out for justice for others, we fall strangely silent. When we are invited to pray with joy in every moment, we prefer to grumble about every insignificant thing in our lives.**

**Have mercy on us, God of grace, and prepare our hearts for Your forgiveness to have its way in them. Fill us with Your hope so we might lighten the shadows of others. Help us to join the choirs of children in singing of Your joy. Transform us with that tender mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, our God desires us to live lives of peace and, because we have been forgiven, we can now live such lives with the help of God.

**P: Alleluia! Amen.**

**Time of Praise & Thanksgiving - ‘FullJoy’**

* Sis. Winsome Exell &
* Sis. Judy-Marie Campbell

**Youth Focus - Bro. Victor McSweeney**

**Hymn: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus…” [# 133 VIP]**

1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
2. Israel’s Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
3. Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
4. By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

***Charles Wesley
(1707—1788)***

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Collect for the Day**

**ALL: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith through Jesus Christ our Lord.  Amen.**

**Old Testament: Isaiah 11: 1—10** *Read by* **Sis. Valerie Hinds**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 [VIP 608]**

*Led by:* **Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane**

(*Supt. Minister, Western St. Andrew Circuit)*

L: **1**Give the king your justice, O God,
    and your righteousness to a king’s son.

**R: 2May he judge your people with righteousness
    and your poor with justice.**

L: **3**May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
    and the hills, in righteousness.

**R: 4May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
    give deliverance to the needy,
    and crush the oppressor.**

L: **5**May he live while the sun endures
    and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**R: 6May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
    like showers that water the earth.**

L: **7**In his days may righteousness flourish
    and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**R: 18Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
    who alone does wondrous things.**

L: **19**Blessed be his glorious name forever;
    may his glory fill the whole earth.
                Amen and Amen.

**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: Romans 15: 4—13** *Read by:***Sis. Lucette Cargill**

**Gospel: St. Matthew 3:1—12** *Read by:***Rev’d Bosworth Mullings**

  *(Supt. Minister, Coke Circuit)*

**Hymn: “There’s a Light Upon the Mountain…”** **[# 144 VIP]**

1. There's a light upon the mountains,
And the day is at the spring,
When our eyes shall see the beauty
and the glory of the King;
Weary was our heart with waiting,
And the night-watch seemed so long;
But his triumph-day is breaking,
And we hail it with a song.

1. In the fading of the starlight
we can see the coming morn;
And all human lights are paling

In the splendours of the dawn;
For the eastern skies are glowing as with light of hidden fire
And the hearts of all are stirring with the throbs of deep desire.

1. There's a hush of expectation, and a quiet in the air;
And the breath of God is moving
in the fervent breath of prayer: For the suffering, dying Jesus
Is the Christ upon the throne, And the travail of our spirit is the travail of his own.
2. He is breaking down the barriers,
he is casting up the way;
He is calling for his angels
to build up the gates of day:

But his angels here are human, not the shining hosts above;
For the drum-beats of his army are the heart-beats of our love.

1. Hark! We hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell;
Tis the triumph-song of Jesus, of our King, Immanuel:
Zion, go you forth to meet him;
and, my soul, be swift to bring
All your sweetest and your dearest
for the triumph of our King!

***Henry Burton
(1840—1930)***

**SERMON: - Rev’d Bosworth Mullings**

 *(Superintendent Minister, Coke Circuit)*

**The Nicene Creed (pp. 72-73 MPB)**

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

**Prayers of Intercession** *(Please see Insert)*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn of Preparation: “We Come Now to Your Table Lord” [# 441 VIP]**

1. We come now to your table Lord,
You are the Living Bread.
We come now to your table Lord,
Let every soul be fed.
You are the Living Bread,
Let every soul be fed,
And now may every soul be fed,
With Living Bread.
2. We drink the cup, it was for us
Your sacred blood was shed,
We drink the cup, it was for us
You suffered pain and bled;
Your sacred blood was shed,

You suffered pain and bled;
We drink the cup it was for us
Your blood was shed.

1. A holy feast transforming us,
The sacred Bread and Wine,
A holy feast transforming us,
That makes our lives divine;
The sacred Bread and Wine,
That makes our lives divine;
A holy feast transforming us
This Bread and Wine.

***C. C. Jamaica Workshop***

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** **(pp. 95-97 MPB)**

**Closing Hymn: “Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending…” [# 135 VIP]**

1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Hallelujah! x 3
God appears on earth to reign.
2. Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, x 3
Shall the true Messiah see.
3. The dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears;
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture x 3
Gaze we on those glorious scars!
4. Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
High on Thy eternal throne
Savior take the power and glory
Claim the kingdom for Thy own
Hallelujah! x 3
Everlasting God come down.

***Words:
Charles Wesley 1707- 1788***

***Music: Martin Madan 1726—1790***

**The Benediction**

L: God is sending you to be messengers of this holy season.

**P: We will go to share God’s grace in the shadowed places of our world.**

L: Jesus is sending you to be messengers of his gospel.

**P: We will go to share the good news of justice in every way we treat each person.**

L: The Spirit is sending you to be messengers of peace.

**ALL: We will go to share the gifts of hope and reconciliation which have been placed in our hearts. And so may God be always glorified in and through our lives. AMEN. (c) Thom M. Shuman**



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***“Spreading Scriptural Holiness to Reform the Nation…***

***Beginning with Me”***

***Sub Theme***

***“Building a Resilient People: Church, Community and Nation”***

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2nd Lord’s Day in Advent

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

**SERVICE OF WORD
& SACRAMENT**

 **Officiating Clergy:**

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| **Preacher:** |  | **Rev’d Bosworth Mullings***(Superintendent Minister – Coke Circuit)* |
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| **Liturgist:** |  | **Rev’d Dr. Wayneford McFarlane***(Superintendent Minister – Western St. Andrew Circuit)* |



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| **Organist:**  |  | **Bro. Donovan Rookwood** |  |
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| **Choristers:** |  | * **Sis. Yvonne Brown**
 | * **Sis. Valerie Hinds**
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|  |  | * **Sis. Lucette Cargill**
 | * **Sis. Marie Miller**
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| **Praise Team:** | **‘FullJoy’** (Members of the Saxthorpe Praise Team) |



 **District Bishop**: Rev’d Christine Gooden- Benguche

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

*A warm welcome to all worshippers!*