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Come, faithful Shepherd, bind me
 With cords of love to thee,
 And evermore remind me
 That thou hast died for me:
 O may thy Holy Spirit
 Set this before mine eyes,
 That I thy death and merit
 Above all else may prize.

2 Thou, Lord, wilt not forsake
 me,
 Though I am oft to blame;
 As thy reward, O take me
 Anew, just as I am:
 Grant me henceforth, dear
 Saviour,
 While in this vale of tears,
 To look to thee, and never
 Give way to anxious fears.

3 Am I of my salvation
 Assured through thy love;
 May I on each occasion
 To thee more faithful prove:
 Hast thou my sins forgiven,
 Then, leaving things behind,
 May I press on to heaven,
 And bear the prize in mind.

1746. J. Hutton, a.

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C.M.

O 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 Where is the blessedness I
 knew,
 When first I saw the Lord?
 Where is the soul-refreshing view
 Of Jesus and his word?

3 What peaceful hours I once
 enjoyed,
 How sweet their memory still;
 But they have left an aching void
 The world can never fill.

4 Return, O holy Dove, return,
 Dear messenger of rest;
 I hate the sins that made thee
 mourn,
 And drove thee from my breast.

5 The dearest idol I have
 known,
 Whate'er that idol be,
 Help me to tear it from thy
 throne,
 And worship only thee.

6 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.

1772. W. Cowper.

Sharon Moravian Church

**Lenten Midday
 Meditations 2017**

Wednesdays 12:15—12:45 pm.

THEME: A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

**Wednesday
 March 8, 2017**

The Closer Walk

Sharon Moravian Church,
 Sharon, St. Thomas BB22136, Barbados.
 Telephone: 246-425-4011 (O)

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Hymn: # 473 — YE SERVANTS OF GOD

Daily Text and Prayer

Welcome

Hymn: # 266 — WE BLESS THEE FOR THY PEACE O GOD.

Bible Reading: Matthew 13:44-52

Hymn: # 327 — *Come, Faithful Shepherd, Bind Me*

Meditation

Hymn: # 329 — *O FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD*

Prayer & Benediction

Psalm 112

1 ¶ *Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
Who delights greatly in His commandments.*

2 *His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of
the upright will be blessed.*

3 *Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness
endures forever.*

4 *Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is
gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.*

5 *A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his
affairs with discretion.*

6 ¶ *Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in
everlasting remembrance.*

7 *He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast,
trusting in the LORD.*

8 *His heart is established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees
his desire upon his enemies.*

9 *He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His
righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with
honor.*

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Ye servants of God,
Your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad
His wonderful name;
The name all-victorious
Of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious,
And rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high,
Almighty to save;
And still he is nigh,
His presence we have;
The great congregation
His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation
To Jesus our King.

3 Salvation to God,
Who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud,
And honour the Son:
The praises of Jesus
The angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces,
And worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore,
And give him his right,
All glory and power,
All wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing,
With angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing,
And infinite love.

1744. C. Wesley, a.

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C.M.

We bless thee for thy peace, O
God,
Deep as the unfathomed sea;
Which falls like sunshine on the
road
Of those who trust in thee.

2 We ask not, Father, for repose
Which comes from outward rest,
If we may have through all life's
woes
Thy peace within our breast;

3 That peace which suffers and
is strong,
Trusts where it cannot see,
Deems not the trial way too long,
But leaves the end to thee;

4 That peace which flows serene
and deep,
A river in the soul,
Whose banks a living verdure
keep—
God's sunshine o'er the whole.

5 O Father, give our hearts this
peace,
Whate'er the outward be,
Till all life's discipline shall cease,
And we go home to thee.

1858. Anon. in
'Christian Melodies' (American).