

## SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

*(Built by Slaves - 1799)*

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WHEN HE HAD RECEIVED  
THE DRINK, JESUS SAID,  
"IT IS FINISHED."  
WITH THAT, HE  
BOWED HIS HEAD  
AND GAVE UP HIS SPIRIT.

-JOHN 19:30



Friday, April 7, 2023

Good Friday

10:00 a.m.

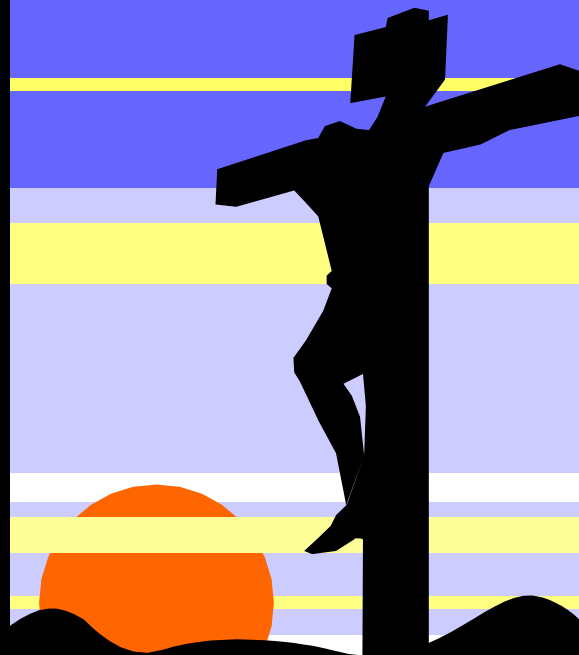
**Welcome:** Welcome to all, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad; as we reflect upon and give thanks to God for the deliverance from the power of sin and death, afforded us in Christ Jesus. May God's love and grace transform our lives today. Welcome.

*Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris*  
*(Manse: 246-546-0344)*

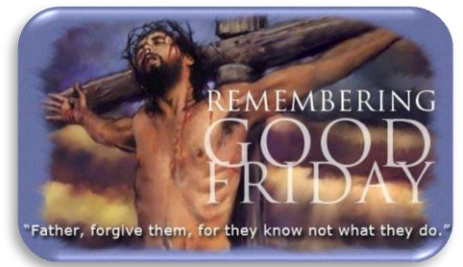
**WATCHWORD FOR GOOD FRIDAY:** For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *(John 3:16)*

**Provincial Theme 2023:**

*"SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion"*



## ORDER OF SERVICE



**Organ Prelude**

**Introit**

**An Invitation to Worship**

**Hymn 203 – “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”**

**Liturgy for Good Friday (p. 126 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)**

- ✝ The Trial Before the Sanhedrin
- ✝ The Trial Before Pilate
- ✝ The Mocking and the Scourging
- ✝ The Sentence
- ✝ The Way to Calvary
- ✝ Jesus on the Cross
- ✝ The Watchers by the Cross
- ✝ The Burial

**Hymn 96 – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS:**

**Offertory Sentence: Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Cor. 9:15)**

**Offertory Hymn: 90 – “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”**

**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**

**The Doxology**

**Choir Anthem – “Jesus, Gentle Lamb”**

**Sermon – Rev. Ezra Parris**

**Hymn of Reflection: 97 – “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**

**The Reading for Saturday**

**Hymn 268 – “Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed”**

**Benediction**

**Organ Postlude**



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## Organ Prelude

## Introit

## An Invitation to Worship



## Opening Hymn: 203 –

I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me, –  
How he left the realms of glory  
For the cross on Calvary.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me, –  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost: but Jesus found me,  
Found the sheep that went astray,  
Raised me up and gently led me,  
Back into the narrow way.  
Days of darkness still may meet me,  
Sorrow's path I oft may tread;  
But his presence still is with me;  
By his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet;  
Then he'll bear me safely over,  
Made by grace for glory meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me, –  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.



## GOOD FRIDAY

*All standing, these sentences are said responsively:*

God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

*Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*

He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities.

*Upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.*

Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.

*TUNE: FAHRE FORT, ZION*

**Lamb of God! Lamb of God!  
Thanks and praise to you are due;  
O accept our adoration  
For the blessings ever new  
Flowing from your life and passion:  
May our hearts and lips with one accord  
Hail you Lord! Hail you Lord!**

*Erdmuth Dorothea Zinzendorf (1700 – 1756)*

*tr. George Traneker (1776 – 1802), alt.*

*This is my Lord who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of evil; not with gold or silver, but with his Holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death, that I may be his own, and live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he, risen from the dead, lives and reigns for all eternity.*

For your long-suffering with human sin through all the ages,

*We thank you, O Lord.*

For the redemption of the world through the pain of the Passion and the cruelty of the Cross,

*We thank you, O Lord.*

For those who have taken up their cross for love of you and others,

*We thank you, O Lord.*

By your having been despised and rejected,  
By your agony and passion,  
By your dying words,  
By your cross and reconciling death,  
*Bless and comfort us, O Lord.*

*TUNE: DEM HEILIGEN BLUT*

**Go follow the Saviour,  
Consider his travail;  
Adore him forever,  
You sinners and marvel;  
It is for you – he suffers so.  
It is for you – he suffers so.**

**Behold the Lord Jesus,  
For you he is wounded,  
He bleeds to release us;  
His love is unbounded:  
For evermore – his name adore.  
For evermore – his name adore.**

*John Cennick (1718 – 1755), alt.*

*All seated.*

**Let us read the Gospel of our Lord's suffering and death.  
Readings are from the book 'Passion Week and Eastertide'.**

## **THE TRIAL BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN**

*TUNE: CARTHAGE*

**See the Lord of life and light,  
Christ the pure and lowly;  
See him taken in the night,  
Bound by hands unholy.**

**See him led before his foes,  
Cruel mockings bearing,  
Patiently in all his woes  
Doom of sinners sharing.**

*Moravian Liturgy 1960. anon*

## THE TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

*TUNE: MIT FREUDEN ZART*

**You are the Truth, come enter, Lord,  
My heart and shine within me;  
Dispel my darkness, let your word  
From evil wholly win me.  
Reveal yourself yet more to me,  
O Truth, set me at liberty,  
And teach me to obey you.**

*Moravian Liturgy 1754  
Recast Frederick William Foster (1760 – 1835), alt.*

## THE MOCKING AND THE SCOURGING

*TUNE: PASSION CHORALE*

**O head so full of bruises,  
So full of pain and scorn,  
Midst other sore abuses  
Mocked with a crown of thorn;  
O head, ere now surrounded  
With brightest majesty.  
In death now bowed and wounded,  
Saluted be by me.**

**I give you thanks unfeignèd,  
O Jesus, friend in need,  
For what your soul sustainèd,  
When you for me did bleed.  
Grant me to lean unshaken  
Upon your faithfulness,  
Until I hence am taken  
To meet you face to face.**

*Salve caput cruentatum,  
Paulus Gerhardt (1607 – 1676)  
tr. John Gambold (1711 – 1771), alt.*

## THE SENTENCE

*TUNE: HORSLEY*

**There is a green hill far away,  
Outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified,  
Who died to save us all.**

**We may not know, we cannot tell  
What pains he had to bear;  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.**

**O dearly, dearly has he loved!  
And we must love him too,  
And trust in his redeeming blood,  
And try his works to do.**

*Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 – 1895)*

## **THE WAY TO CALVARY**

*TUNE: PASSION CHORALE*

**Forgive them, O my Father,  
They know not what they do:  
The Saviour spoke in anguish,  
As the sharp nails went through.  
O depth of sweet compassion!  
O love divine and true!  
O save the souls that slight you,  
Who know not what they do.**

*Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 – 1895)*

## **JESUS ON THE CROSS**

*All standing for the narrative of the death.*

*All seated for silent prayer.*

*TUNE: MEDIA VITA (Part 11)*

**Most holy Lord and God,  
Holy, Almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Saviour.  
Our eternal God;  
Grant that we may never  
Lose the comforts from your death:  
Have mercy, O Lord.**

*Moravian Liturgy 1772, anon. alt.*

## **THE WATCHERS BY THE CROSS**

*TUNE: ALLE MENSCHEN*

**Lord, I'll praise you now and ever,  
Who for me was crucified;  
For your agony, dear Saviour,  
For your wounds and piercèd side,**

**For your love, so tried, unending,  
For your death, all deaths transcending.  
For your death that all might live,  
Lord, myself to you I give.**

*John Christian Jacobi (1670 – 1750)*

## **THE BURIAL**

*TUNE: CARTHAGE*

**Now the task is fully wrought,  
Told his suffering's story;  
Crucified, but conquered not,  
Christ goes to his glory.**

**Grant, O Christ, Our Lord and God,  
Through your bitter passion.  
That we may, as your reward,  
Joy in your salvation.**

**May we ever weigh the cause  
Of your death and suffering,  
And hearts set to keep your laws  
Bring as a thank-offering.**

*John Christian Jacobi (1670 – 1750)*

### **Let us pray:**

Almighty God, you have shown us in the life and teaching of your Son the true way of living; You have also shown us in his suffering and death that the path of love may lead to a cross and that the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns. Give us grace to learn these hard lessons. Help us to take up our cross and follow Christ in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith. May we have such fellowship with him in his pain and sorrow that we may come to know the secret of his strength and peace, so that even in our darkest hour of testing and turmoil we may see the shining of the eternal light. *Amen.*





## Hymn 96 –

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.



## Greetings & Announcements



## WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS:

**Offertory Sentence:** *Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Cor. 9:15)*

## Offertory Hymn: 90 –

Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross,  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning star  
Sheds its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day,  
With its shadows o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand,  
Just beyond the river.



### **Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**



### **The Doxology**



### **Choir Anthem – “Jesus, Gentle Lamb”**



### **Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris**



### **Hymn of Reflection: 97 –**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand –  
The shadow of a mighty Rock  
Within a weary land,  
A home within the wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat,  
And the burden of the day.

O safe and happy shelter,  
O refuge tried and sweet,  
O trysting place where Heaven's love  
And Heaven's justice meet!  
As to the holy patriarch  
That wondrous dream was giv'n,  
So seems my Saviour's cross to me,  
A ladder up to heav'n.

Upon that Cross of Jesus  
Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me;  
And from my smitten heart with tears,  
Two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of His glorious love,  
And my own worthlessness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow  
For my abiding place.  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain or loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
My glory all the cross



### **Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



### **The Reading for Saturday**



**Closing Hymn: 268 –**

Alas! and did my Saviour bleed,  
And did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For sinners such as I?

*At the cross! at the cross! where I first saw the light,  
And the burden of my heart rolled away,  
It was there by faith I received my sight,  
And now I am happy all the day!*

Was it for crimes that I have done,  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
And shut his glories in,  
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died,  
For man, the creature's sin.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe,  
Here, Lord, I give myself away  
'Tis all that I can do.



**Benediction**



**Organ Postlude**



**Greetings & Announcements**

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

✝ TODAY: Good Friday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

✝ NEXT SUNDAY – DAY OF RESURRECTION

✝ Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

✝ Sunday School (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



### In the Month of April 2023:

✝ Resurrection / Easter Sunday – 9th. Worship at 9:30 a.m.

✝ Unity Prayer Watch (Sharon & Dunscombe) – Sunday, April 09th, 12 Noon – 12:00 Midnight. You can sign-up by calling Rev. Parris, Rev. Kellman or the Church Office.

✝ Easter Monday Fish Fry – 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.

✝ Sports and Fellowship Day – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Lester Vaughan School Sports Field. All ages invited.

✝ Harvest Festival at Faith (Six Roads) – Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.

✝ Youth Convention – Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Moravian Church. Preacher: Rev. Onita Samuel-Warner of the St. Kitts Conference.

✝ Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup>, online via Zoom.



## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Women's Fellowship will hold a Farmer's Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.

2. Our annual fund-raising Easter Monday Fish-Fry will be held on April 10, 2023. We look forward to the usual assistance of the congregation in the donation of food items and in the sale of tickets.

3. From the Chairman of the Provincial Board:

✝ The Unity Prayer Watch is a special service to the world, offered by the worldwide Moravian Church. The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from April 03 – April 17, 2023 (Sharon & Dunscombe – Sunday April 09th, 12 Noon – 12:00 midnight).

✝ Conferences and congregations are asked to observe the time allotted for our members to engage in this unbroken prayer chain. This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecost experience.

- † Prayer is still a vital part of our walk with God and the life of the church. Let us therefore be in readiness for this prayer event as we continue to seek God's guidance and direction for our Church, the world and ourselves.
4. We are thankful for your financial support.
- † We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
- † You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
- † Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit [www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.
5. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.
- † Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.
- † We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.
- † Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/](http://www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/)) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).
- † You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)



## Provincial Theme 2023:

*“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”*

*“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. – Chairman of PEC*



### PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore*
2. The Sick/Recovering:  
✠ Of our congregation: *Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Norma Nicholls, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*
3. The Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for: the family of Sis. Ruth Bishop on her passing; Sis. Gloria Skeete on the passing of her sister in Canada.*
4. World Peace



### AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✠ Moravian Daily Text 2023: American Paperback Edition – \$25 | American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$31
- ✠ Offering Envelopes for 2023 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- ✠ Missionary Collection Boxes 2023– If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- ✠ Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- ✠ Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- ✠ Books:
- 📖 Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.
- 📖 Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.



📖 Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.

✚ Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.

