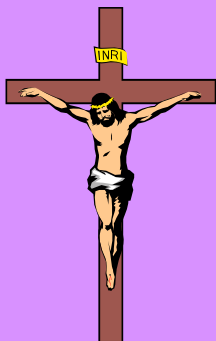


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**Sunday, March 28, 2021**

**Palm Sunday**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome:** We greet and welcome each other today, as we declare, "Jesus is King." As we celebrate his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we also celebrate his rule in our hearts and in our lives. Welcome.

**Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris**

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**Associate Pastor:**

**Rev. Movelle Kellman**

**WATCHWORD:** Jesus said, "You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."  
*(Mark 14:62)*

**Provincial Theme 2021: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."**

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Leader: Sing, O heaven, and be joyful, O earth, for the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it!

Congregation: *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, your King comes to you; He is righteous, and brings salvation.*

Hymn 136 – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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**Opening Hymn: 136 –**

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
To crown him Lord of all.  
Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
Who from his altar call;  
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
And crown him Lord of all.

Ye prophets who our freedom won,  
Ye searchers, great and small,  
By whom the work of truth is done,  
Now crown him Lord of all.  
Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go spread your trophies at his feet,  
And crown him Lord of all.

Bless him, each poor oppressèd race  
That Christ did upward call;  
His hand in each achievement trace,  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Let every tribe and every tongue  
To him their hearts enthrall:  
Lift high the universal song,  
And crown him Lord of all.



## Palm Sunday

*All stand*

We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

*You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, a descendant of your servant David.*

You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.

*You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.*

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear,

*So that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.*

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us,

*To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

*All Sit*

Let us pray:

*Our sovereign Redeemer, we join the people of Jerusalem offering our own shouts of praise and celebration at your coming. Although we welcome you today with the multitude on Palm Sunday, we confess we have also stood with the condemning crowd on Good Friday. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have cried, "Crucify!" We turn to you for help and forgiveness, gracious Saviour; not because we deserve it, but because you are forgiving. Save us from our sinful ways, and restore us to a life of loyalty to you. Amen.*

Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.

*Tune: HYFRYDOL*

**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.  
Israel's Strength and Consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
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)*

Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

*Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.*

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Saviour to redeem us from our sins:

*Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.*

God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

*Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.*

God of hope, you comfort us through our Saviour's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

*As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.*

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

*For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.*

*All stand*

Having received the assurance of God's loving forgiveness, we join together to echo the praises of God's people who declared with one voice even then, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

*(Here the congregation will sing the Hosanna Anthem.)*

Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

*You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!*

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

*To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.*

*Tune: HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOUR*

**Man of Sorrows, what a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim.  
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!**

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood.  
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!**

**Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was He.  
'Full atonement' – can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!**

*Philip P. Bliss (1838 – 1876)*



**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**



**Adoration In Songs & Choruses**



**Ministry of the Word**

**Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1 – 11**

- 1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;**
- 2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.**
- 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.**
- 4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.**
- 5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.**
- 6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;**
- 7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.**
- 8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.**

- 9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.
- 10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:
- 11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.



**Canticle 7 – The Hosanna Anthem (p. 32, front of Hymnal)**

**Canticle 7 – Hosanna Anthem (Matthew 21:9)**

*(The anthem is written for boys and girls to sing in alternate parts. It may, however, easily be sung according to any other responsive arrangement.)*

- B. Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!  
 G. .... | Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!  
 B. .... | Hosanna,  
 G. Hosanna, –  
 B. Hosanna, –  
 G. Hosanna, –  
 B. Blessed is he that | comes!  
 G. .... | Blessed is he | that comes!  
 B. .... | he that comes in the Name | of the Lord!  
 G. .... | he that comes in the Name of the Lord!  
 B. Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!  
 G. Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!  
 B. Hosan– | na,  
 G. .... | Hosan– | na,  
 B. .... | Hosan– | na,  
 G. .... | Hosan– | na,  
 B. .... | Hosan– | na,  
 G. .... | Hosanna in the high– | -----  
 - | est.  
 B. .... | in the high– | est.  
 B. Hosanna, –  
 G. Hosanna, –  
 B. Hosan– | na,  
 G. .... | Hosanna in the highest, |  
 | Hosanna in the highest.  
 B. .... | Hosanna in the highest.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 103 –

**Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes ‘Hosanna!’ cry;  
Thine humble beast pursues his road  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin  
O’er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
The wingèd squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Expects his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, your power, and reign.**



Benediction



Organ Postlude



**Welcome, Celebrations & Notices**

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*Today: Michael Lewis, Daleshia Miller & Donna Moore*

*Advanced: Patricia Layne (29<sup>th</sup>), Gwendolyn Oke, Krifnaly Padmore & Yvette Taitt (30<sup>th</sup>), Cheryl-Ann Greenidge & Muriel Todd (31<sup>st</sup>), Keiana Maynard (2<sup>nd</sup>)*



*Congratulations to Bro. Frank & Sis. Sheila Small who will celebrate their 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on March 31, 2021*



## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT**

† **TODAY:** Holy Week Services begin – 6:00 p.m. online on YouTube.

### **THIS WEEK**

† **Office Hours** – Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).

† **Monday – Thursday:** Holy Week Services – 6:00 p.m. online on YouTube. Web search for the “Moravian Church Barbados YouTube.”

† **Good Friday Worship** – 10:00 a.m.

† **NEXT SUNDAY** – Day of Resurrection

† **Worship** – 9:30 am. There will be no Holy Communion. We will resume that sacrament on the First Sunday in May.



## **NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS**

1. The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from 8:00 p.m. April 6th to 8:00 p.m. April 9, 2021. Sharon and Dunscombe have been given responsibility for Wednesday, April 7th, 2:01 p.m. – Thursday, April 8th, 4:00 a.m. [14hrs]. A form has been prepared, dividing the time into half-hour slots and you are asked to take responsibility for an half of an hour, singularly or joining with another, to keep the watch going. This watch has been a Moravian practice since August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecostal experience. Please call one of the pastors to sign-up.
  2. The Good Friday Offering for 2021 will go towards Provincial Missionary endeavours including Education and Medical Missions.
  3. The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province (ECP) has drawn the Watchword for each Province and Unity Undertaking for 2021. The watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) is “*He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth*” (Psalm 105:7). The watchword is assigned for April 3, 2021.
  4. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.
- † We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.

- ✝ Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.
- ✝ Those who are not back out to church as yet 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. Flower Festival 2021 has been cancelled as the ongoing COVID-19 has negatively impacted preparations, particularly the procurement of flowers.
- 6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



We are in receipt of a Funeral Pall which was donated by Sis. Jean Straker and Sis Chloris Hicks who are currently in the USA. We express thanks to our two sisters.



#### PRAYER NEEDS:



Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Sydney Gibson, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*



#### AVAILABLE:

- ✝ Moravian Daily Text 2021: American Regular Print Paperback Edition – \$24
- ✝ Offering Envelopes for 2021 – 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.
- ✝ Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- ✝ On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- ✝ Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.
- ✝ Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25.00; Provocation – \$20.
- ✝ The Book, ‘Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.



## **Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2021**

**In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:**

- 1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.**
- 2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.**
- 3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.**
- 4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;**
  - ✝ persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;**
  - ✝ persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.**
- 5. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.**
- 6. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.**
- 7. There shall be a physical distance of at least three feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least three feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.**
- 8. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.**
- 9. No hymnals, Bibles, leaflets or other materials shall be distributed to worshippers;**
  - ✝ Bibles, hymnals etc. should only be shared by family members;**
  - ✝ The Lectern Bible shall also be removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.**
- 10. Infant Baptism, Confirmation, Dedication, laying on of hands or anointing have been suspended for the time being.**
- 11. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.**
- 12. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.**
- 13. There shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service.**

