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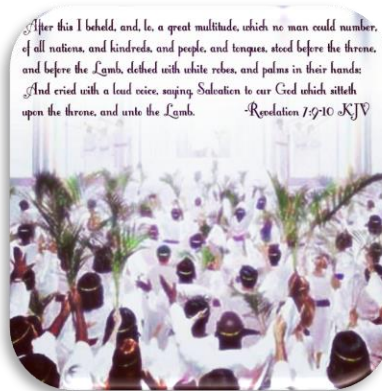
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Sunday, November 1, 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Day

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: God is both creator and sustainer of life. We stand amazed in God's presence and at his glorious work. With others through the ages we declare, *All glory, laud and honour To thee, Redeemer, King.* Welcome to all, including those who join in worship by way of our livestream on YouTube and FaceBook. Welcome.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!
(Revelation 7:10)

Provincial Theme 2020: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Invitation to Worship (Psalm 107:1 – 3):

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

C: *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.*

Litany: In Memory of Martyrs and Saints (p. 160 – Liturgy Book)

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Blessing of Tithes & Offerings

Adoration In Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:9 – 17

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 23:1 – 12

Choir Anthem – “What Are These?”

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 162 – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (149)

MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation (p. 50 – Liturgy Book / p. 9 – Hymnal)

Reception: Bro. Edwin Sandiford, Bro. Shirley Stewart. (p. 61 – Liturgy Book / p. 18 – Hymnal)

Holy Communion

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 154 – *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* (140)

576 – *With Deep Devotion* (535)

560 – *Come Take By Faith* (518)

201 – *I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus* (189)

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 202 – *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* (191)

203 – *I Will Sing The Wondrous Story* (192)

719 – *Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory* (679)

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 266 – *We Bless Thee For Thy Peace, O God* (243)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 599 – *We Covenant With hand and Heart* (555)

The Blessing & Organ Postlude



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IN MEMORY OF MARTYRS AND SAINTS

All standing

TUNE: BEDFORD

**Glory to God whose witness train,
Those heroes bold in faith,
Could smile on poverty and pain,
And triumph e'en in death.**

**God whom we serve, our God can save,
Can damp the scorching flame,
Can build an ark, can smooth the wave,
For such as love his name.**

**Lord, if thine arm support us still
With its eternal strength,
We shall o'ercome the mightiest ill,
And conquerors prove at length.**

Nicolaus L v. Zinzendorf (1700 – 1760)

Leader: After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.

All: *And they were shouting with a great roar, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"*

Leader: These are they of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and caves, and the holes of the earth. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword, they were burned at the stake. They were destitute, afflicted, ill-treated. These are they that came out of great tribulation, and they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

All: *That is why they stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his Temple.*

Leader: They will never again be hungry or thirsty; they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun. For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water.

All: *And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.*

TUNE: SINE NOMINE

**For all thy saints, who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest:**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight:
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

William W. How (1823 – 1897)

All seated.

Leader – Let us pray:

Almighty God our heavenly Father, we offer unto thee our hearty thanks and praise, for the holy lives of all thy servants, the prophets, apostles and martyrs, who have shone forth as lights in the world, and sacrificed their lives in testimony of their faith. We thank thee for the blessed communion of all thy saints in glory.

We remember before thee all who have departed this life in the true faith, and especially those most dear to us. We rejoice in our present fellowship with them, our abiding hope, and the promise of future joy.

Let the great cloud of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us an example of godly life. May we, with patience, run the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; and obtain an entrance into the everlasting kingdom, and with the glorious assembly of the saints, worship and adore thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

All standing

TUNE: LANCASHIRE

**Apostles, prophets, martyrs,
And all the sacred throng
Who wear the spotless raiment,
Who raise the ceaseless song;
For those passed on before us,
Saviour, we thee adore,
And walking in their footsteps,
Would serve thee more and more.**

Horatio Nelson (1823 – 1913)

Leader: God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right,

All: *For the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.*

Leader: Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

All: *No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. If God is for us, who can ever be against us?*

Leader: This is the message from the one who is the Amen--the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's new creation: If you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

All: *To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever!* *Amen.*

TUNE: ALFORD

**Ten thousand times ten thousand,
In sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints
Throng up the steeps of light!
'Tis finished, all is finished,
Their fight with death and sin;
Fling open wide the golden gates
And let the victors in!**

**Bring near thy great salvation,
Thou Lamb for sinners slain!
Fill up the roll of thine elect;
Then take thy power, and reign!
Appear, desire of nations;
Thine exiles long for home,
Show in the heavens thy promised sign:
Thou Prince and Saviour, come!**

Henry Alford (1810 – 1871)



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Today: Beverley Clarke & Dayana Crookendale

Advanced: Keith Hope & Hugh Waithe (2nd), Gregory Nicholls (3rd), Althea Hazzard (4th), Thalia Knight, Dominic Lynch & Tracy Nicholls (5th), Coral Holder & Michelle Reece-Herbert (6th)

NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the PEC: . . . As part of our monthly prayer gathering, we are invited to engage in a three-day Prayer Seminar under the theme: *Let us Pray!?!? Exploring the relevance and efficacy of prayer in the twenty-first century*. The following are the opportunities to gather for times of teaching, praying, and fellowship:
 - ✠ Sunday, 01 November – (7:30 p.m.) “An hour in the Word”
 - ✠ Monday, 02 November – (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.) “An hour of Power” – (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.) Conversations – Topic: “*Let us Pray?!?! Exploring the relevance and efficacy of prayer in the twenty-first century.*”
 - ✠ Tuesday, 03 November – (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.) “An hour of Power” – (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.) “An hour in the Word”
 - ✠ Please note, my provincial family, that these sessions will be done via Zoom and [you may request the link by calling the Pastor(s) or emailing Sharon.moravian.church@gmail.com]
 - ✠ Let us continue to pray without ceasing, more so in this season of uncertainty and opportunity.
2. Flower Festival 2021: As 2020 draws to a close, we look with faith to a brighter 2021 in every area of our lives. We seek a renewal physically, spiritually and morally, and we pray for a Rebirth!
 - ✠ Hence the theme for the FLOWER FESTIVAL 2021 – REBIRTH! The Festival is scheduled for Whitsuntide Weekend 2021 – May 22 – 24.
 - ✠ The Flower Festival Committee has met and plans are in progress. This is an invitation to ALL members and friends to once again sponsor and donate to this event. Sponsorship fees remain unchanged at \$300.00. We look forward to your support as before. All persons desirous of sponsoring – again or for the first time – should indicate by the end of December, so that a location can be reserved for you.
3. 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 for these details.

4. Flowers are needed for our church! You will find on the Notice Board next to the main door to the church, a roster in the shape of flower. You may sign up to indicate that you would (1) cover the cost to obtain flowers for the arrangements or (2) provide the complete arrangements, for a particular Sunday(s). Feel free to join with others to provide the flowers to celebrate your birthday(s) etc.
5. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 pm.
6. Remember our Basket of Hope Ministry. There are still those in our community that are in need of our assistance. You are invited each Sunday to make donations of non-perishable food items, which can be deposited in the basket placed at the rostrum (Altar).



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- Today:** Divine Worship & Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.
Provincial (3-Day) Prayer Seminar begins.
“An hour in the Word” – 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please request the Meeting ID and Passcode.
- Office Hours:** Tuesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre)
- Tuesday:** Women’s Fellowship – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Online Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.
- Next Sunday:** Divine Worship & Harvest Festival – 9:30 a.m.



ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020:

- † Provincial (3-Day) Prayer Seminar – 1st – 3rd
- † Missionary Festival at Clifton Hill – Sunday, 8th, 10:00 a.m.
- † Faith’s Flea Market – Saturday, 7th, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Vendor spaces @ \$45. Six roads, St. Philip.
- † Harvest Festival at Sharon – Sunday, 8th at 9:30 a.m. All of our groups are invited to be involved by decorating at least one window with flowers, food and the like, according to a theme of their choosing; and by rendering an item during the service. Harvest items will be on sale in the D. C. Moore Centre. Soup will be offered, to keep you until lunch.
- † Rev. Parris on Vacation – 9th – 27th
- † Missionary Festival at Gracehill – Sunday, 15th, 8:00 a.m.
- † Harvest Festival at Bethlehem – Sunday, 15th, 10:00 a.m.
- † Missionary Festival at Fulnec – Sunday, 15th, 8:00 a.m.



PRAYER NEEDS:



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

The Sick / Recovering: *Sis Eula Gibbs & Bro Sydney Gibson (QEH).*



Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:9 – 17

- 9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;
- 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.
- 11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,
- 12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.
- 13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?
- 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.
- 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.
- 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 23:1 – 12

- 1 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,**
- 2 Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:**
- 3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.**
- 4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.**
- 5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,**
- 6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,**
- 7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.**
- 8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.**
- 9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.**
- 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.**
- 11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.**
- 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.**



Choir Anthem



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Hymn 162 –

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;**

**Visit us with thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave:**

**Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;**

**Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**



MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation

A Prayer for private preparation:

I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.

THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNICANTS

From the Liturgy Book of the Moravian Church in the Caribbean

The reception of persons from the communicant membership of some other branch of the Christian Church takes place at a service of public worship, normally at the beginning of the Communion Service.

Dearly beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, we welcome _____ who has already made a profession of faith in Christ and has been received into full communion with the Church, and now wishes to become a member of this congregation.

Naming the individuals, the minister says:

_____ do you reaffirm your faith in Christ and wish to worship and serve him in this congregation?

Answer: *I do.*

All: *We rejoice to welcome and receive you into this congregation. May the blessing of God rest on all of us in our fellowship and service; may we help and enrich one another in love, may we live together in the spirit befitting the company of Christ's people, bearing witness to the strength and purpose of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.* *Amen.*

*The minister and others so appointed
give the right hand of fellowship to
the new member during the singing of these verses.*

TUNE: GÖRLITZ

**Here in the name of Christ our Lord,
The Church's Head by all adored,
With Christian love and purpose true,
This Church in faith embraces you.**

**We welcome you among us here,
With joy that God has brought you near.
With heart and hand we pledge our love,
And pray God's blessing from above.**

**The God of peace you sanctify
And bless you richly from on high,
That spirit, soul and body may
Reflect God's presence every day.**

*Moravian Book of Worship, 1995, anon.
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The Lord's Supper I

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.'

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.

But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us. Amen.

A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.*

Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:

Let us pray.

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou willest us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **AMEN.**

All stand.

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, '*Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.*'

The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.



154

**Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts,
We turn unfilled to thee again.**

**Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee thou art good
To them that find thee, all in all.**

**We taste thee, O thou living bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountain-head,
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.**

**Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad, when thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**

**O Jesus, ever with us stay;
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.**



576

**With deep devotion
We in Christ's sufferings trace**

The unfathomed ocean
Of his abounding grace;
He gave
Himself, our souls to save.

His body broken
Upon the shameful cross,
As he hath spoken,
Was given to death for us:
We feed
On everlasting bread.

The Lord draws near us,
Let us to meet him haste;
He comes to cheer us,
His flesh is our repast,
His blood
Our drink and highest good.

In sweet communion
With Christ, our Paschal Lamb,
And holy union
With all who love his name
May we
Abide continually.



560

Come, take by faith the body of our Lord,
And drink the blood of Christ for you outpoured.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
Who by his cross and blood the victory won.

Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and himself the Priest.

He, ransomer from death, and light from shade,
Giveth his holy grace his saints to aid.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.

He, that his saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;

**With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.**

**O Judge of all, our only Saviour thou,
In this thy feast of love, be with us now.**



201

**I am trusting thee, Lord, Jesus,
Trusting only thee,
Trusting thee for full salvation,
Great and free.**

**I am trusting thee for pardon:
At thy feet I bow,
For thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.**

**I am trusting thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Every day and hour supplying
All my need.**

**I am trusting thee for power:
Thine can never fail;
Words which thou thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.**

**I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall;
I am trusting thee for ever,
And for all.**



All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

Tune: Media Vita (Part II)

***Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,***

*Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Grant that we may never
Lose the comforts from thy death,
Have mercy, O Lord.*



All stand

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.'

The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.



202

**O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.**

**O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.**

**O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.**



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.



Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
 He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
 His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
 He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
 Our God is marching on.

In a manger on a straw bed Christ was born yet King is He,
 With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:
 As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free;
 While God is marching on.

**He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
He is wisdom to the mighty, he is succour to the brave;
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of time his slave:
Our God is marching on.**



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Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

*Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Bless thy congregation
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,
Have mercy, O Lord.*



Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:

Hymn of Thanksgiving – 266

**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.**

**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;**

**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;
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.**

**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.**



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those most dear to our own hearts Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

AMEN.

During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.



Covenant Hymn – 599

*We covenant with hand and heart,
To follow Christ, our Lord;
With world and sin and self to part,
And to obey his word:
To love each other heartily,
In truth and in sincerity,
And under cross, reproach and shame,
To glorify his name*



The Blessing:

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the name of Jesus. AMEN.

All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.



Organ Postlude



AVAILABLE:

- **Offering Envelopes for 2020** – 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** – 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
- **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 – 2020

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.**

