



## 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 2, 2021

Good Friday

10:00 a.m.

**Welcome:** Welcome to all as we reflect upon and give thanks to God for the good he has done in delivering us from the power of sin and death. May the assurance of God's love and grace be our encouragement today.

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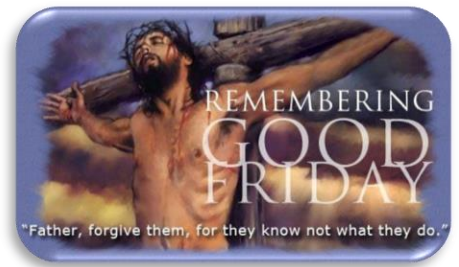
*Rev. Movelle Kellman*

**WATCHWORD FOR GOOD FRIDAY:** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.  
*(1 Corinthians 15:20)*

Provincial Theme 2021:

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





## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Invitation to Worship

Hymn 158 – *“My Song Is Love Unknown”*

Liturgy for Good Friday (p. 126, Liturgy Book / Projected)

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| ✠ The Trial Before the Sanhedrin | – | <i>Sis. Hilda Williams</i>     |
| ✠ The Trial Before Pilate        | – | <i>Sis. Jacqueline Walrond</i> |
| ✠ The Mocking and the Scourging  | – | <i>Sis. Lelia Gibbs</i>        |
| ✠ The Sentence                   | – | <i>Bro. Steven King</i>        |
| ✠ The Way to Calvary             | – | <i>Sis. Cornetta Franklin</i>  |
| ✠ Jesus on the Cross             | – | <i>Sis. Orrin Williams</i>     |
| ✠ The Watchers by the Cross      | – | <i>Sis. Wendy Davis</i>        |
| ✠ The Burial                     | – | <i>Bro. George Best</i>        |

Greetings & Announcements

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 25

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

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Hymn of Reflection: 272 – *“My Faith Has Found A Resting Place”*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

The Reading for Saturday

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

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 158 –

My song is love unknown,  
My Saviour's love to me;  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake  
My Lord should take, frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne  
Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know:  
But O, my friend, my friend indeed,  
Who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,  
And his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King:  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
And for his death they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.



## 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 pierced 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*

*The service ends with this Doxology.*

To God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb, be the blessing, honour, the glory, and the dominion, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



**Greetings & Announcements**



**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**



### **Ministry of the Word**

#### **Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 25**

- 18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.**
- 19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.**
- 20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?**
- 21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.**
- 22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:**
- 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;**
- 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.**
- 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.**



**Hymn of Preparation: 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.**



**Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris***



**Hymn of Reflection: 272 –**

**My faith has found a resting place,  
Not in device or creed:  
I trust the ever-living One –  
His wounds for me shall plead.**

*I need no other argument,  
I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that He died for me.*

**Enough for me that Jesus saves,  
This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to Him,  
He'll never cast me out.**

**My heart is leaning on the Word,  
The written Word of God,  
Salvation by my Savior's Name,  
Salvation through His blood.**

**My great Physician heals the sick,  
The lost He came to save;**

**For me His precious blood He shed,  
For me His life He gave.**



**Prayer of Commitment & Intercession**



**The Reading for Saturday**



**Closing 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.**



**Benediction**



**Organ Postlude**



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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

✝ TODAY: 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.



### 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.**

