

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

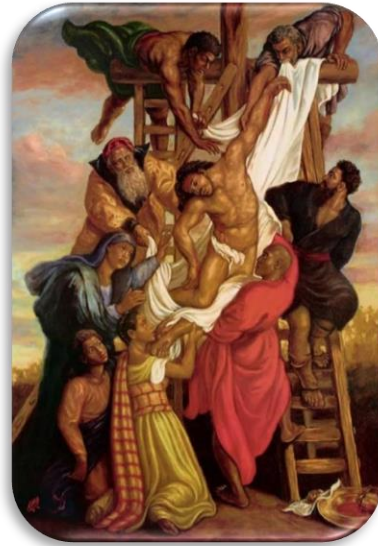
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Friday, March 29, 2024

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

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Associate Pastor: Rev. David Ince

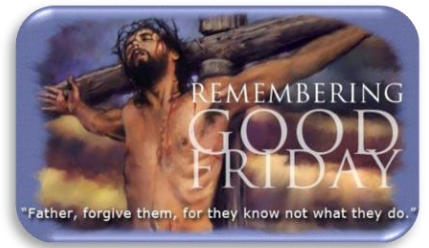
WATCHWORD FOR GOOD FRIDAY: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

(John 3:16)

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE



Organ Prelude

Call to Worship: (1 Corinthians 1:18)

Leader: For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,

Cong.: *But to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

Opening Hymn – “Down at the cross where my Saviour died (Glory to His Name)”

Welcome

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

WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS:

Offertory Sentence: *“If we live, it’s to honour the Lord. And if we die, it’s to honour the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.” (Romans 14:8)*

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

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choir Anthem – “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Reflection – Rev. David Ince

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

The Reading for Saturday

Closing Hymn – “Jesus paid it All”

The Doxology

Organ Postlude



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Cong.: *But to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*



Opening Hymn –

Down at the cross where my Saviour died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His Name!

Glory to His Name,

Glory to His Name:

*There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His Name!*

I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within,
There at the cross where He took me in;
Glory to His Name!

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;
Glory to His Name!

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete;
Glory to His Name!



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 sustained,
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)



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS:

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Offertory 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.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Choir Anthem – “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”



Reflection – – Rev. David Ince



Prayer:

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.*



The Reading for Saturday



Closing Hymn –

I hear the Savior say,
“Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all.”

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots
And melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim,
I’ll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

And now complete in Him
My robe His righteousness,
I’ll rejoice with all my might,
I am now divinely blest.

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,”
My lips shall still repeat.



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.***



Organ Postlude



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

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

† **SUNDAY – DAY OF RESURRECTION**

† Sunrise Reading Service at 5:00 a.m.

† Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

† Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



Activities in the Month of April 2024:

† Food & Fun Day – Easter Monday, April 1st, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Sharon Grounds.

† Sports and Fellowship Day – Saturday, 6th, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

† Harvest Festival at Penuel – Sunday, 7th, 3:30 p.m.

† Unity Prayer Watch (Sharon & Dunscombe) – Thursday, April 11th, 12 Noon – 12:00 Midnight. You can sign-up by calling Rev. Parris, Rev. Ince, Rev. Kellman or the Church Office.

† Harvest Festival at Faith (Six Roads) – Sunday, 14th, 8:00 a.m.

† Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 27th, online via Zoom.

† Conference Women's Fellowship & Youth Heritage Tour – Saturday, 27th

† Youth Convention – Sunday, 28th, 10:00 a.m. at Sharon Moravian Church.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. March is Month of Disabled, in Barbados and as a church we offer our encouragement and support to any who are faced with a disability of any nature. We extend the invitation to all to be mindful of and create space for people with disabilities, that they may find life. On our premises here at

Sharon, you will note that a Disabled Parking Space has been demarcated in front of the D. C. Moore Centre. We ask that it be reserved for those with mobility challenges who drive.

2. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. We held our Anniversary Service on February 10th. Other events being planned, include:
 - ✝ Food & Fun Day – Easter Monday, April 1, 2024. Admission is free. Food and drinks will be on sale!
 - ✝ “The George Ramsay Memorial” Lecture – Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The lecture will be presented by Dr. Pedro Welch.
 - ✝ “Come Back Sunday” – Sunday June 30, 2024.
 - ✝ Anniversary Dinner & Gala – October 12, 2024.
 - ✝ We have launched a “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 dollars or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don’t have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. Envelopes are available for collection. For 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. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



3. At its meeting held on March 12, 2024, the Board of Stewards appointed its Executive as follows: Chairman – Sis Margaret Best; Vice-Chairman – Sis Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle; Secretary – Sis Evelina King-Harper; Treasurer – Sis Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall; Assistant Secretary – Sis Brenda Mascoll; Assistant Treasurer – Sis Jennifer Clarke.

4. At its meeting held on February 29, 2024, the Board of Elders appointed Sis. Carmel Downes as Vice-Chairman, Sis Cora Cumberbatch as Secretary and Sis. Hazel Carter as Assistant Secretary. The assignment of Districts is as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1 st Avenue Jackson, Browne's Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Sis. Ismay Straker
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman's Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Bevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

5. 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 for these details.
- 6. 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/) 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



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“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. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Shanna King (USA)*
3. **The Bereaved:** We express condolences and pray for the relatives and friends of Sis. Patterson Williams on her passing.
4. **World Peace**



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

† **Moravian Daily Text 2024:**

- American Paperback Edition – \$25
- American Large Print Edition – \$32

† **Offering Envelopes for 2024** – 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 for 2024** – 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.



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MONDAY



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1-6 pm



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PRIZES & SURPRISES



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Celebrating the Past
Pursuing the Vision of God's Kingdom

225TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS CALENDAR 2024

**225TH
ANNIVERSARY
SERVICE**



FEB 11 | 4:00PM

MAR 3 | 3:30PM



**MARCH OF
WITNESS**
(UNITY SUNDAY)

FUN DAY



APR 1 | 11:00AM

MAY 16 | 7:00PM



**'THE GEORGE
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**ANNIVERSARY
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