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Moravian Churches - Barbados

H O L Y W E E K  
PASSION WEEK AND EASTERTIDE  
*Readings from the Gospels*

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**Monday, March 30, 2026**  
7:00 p.m. Online

**Watchword for the Week** — *And being found in human form, Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.*  
Philippians 2:7,8



# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

## **INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING HYMN:** # 161—*O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

O For a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!

2 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

3 His grace subdues the power of sin,  
He sets the prisoner free,  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

4 He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive,  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.

5 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Look unto him, ye nations; own  
Your God, ye fallen race;

Look and be saved through faith alone,  
Be justified by grace.

*1739. C. Wesley, a.*

## **READING OF THE DAILY TEXT — Monday, March 30, 2025**

**Watchword:** You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. Deuteronomy 4:2

Unto such as keep God's cov'nant  
and are steadfast in his way,  
unto those who still remember  
the commandments and obey. (458)

**Doctrinal Text:** For I will not be so bold as to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to win obedience from the gentiles, by word and deed. Romans 15:18

Who in Christ find greatest treasure  
and upon his grace depend;  
who but want to do his pleasure,  
just fulfilling his commands. (717)

**Prayer:** Christ simplified the laws for us: love God, love our neighbor, love ourselves. It shouldn't be hard; let us not make it more difficult to show people your everlasting, unconditional love. Gracious Lord, let your words guide our actions. Amen.

*Moravian Church in America, IBOC. Moravian Daily Texts 2025 North American Edition: A Devotional Guide for Every Day (p. 130). Interprovincial Board of Communication,*

**HYMN: #339** — *When We Walk With The Lord*

When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will,  
he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2 Not a burden we bear,  
not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss,  
not a frown or a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]

3 But we never can prove  
the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows,  
for the joy he bestows,  
are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]

4 Then in fellowship sweet  
we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way;

what he says we will do,  
where he sends we will go;  
never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]

## **READING FROM PASSION WEEK AND EASTERTIDE:**

### **THE READING FOR MONDAY**

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#### **THE FIG TREE**

— **Sis Hazel Carter**

Next day, as they were leaving Bethany, he felt hungry. Seeing a fig tree in leaf some distance away, he went to see if he could find any fruit on it, but when he came up to it he found nothing but leaves; for it was not the season for figs. And he addressed the fig tree. “May no one eat fruit from you again,” he said. And his disciples heard him say this.

#### **THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE — Sis Hazel Carter**

So they reached Jerusalem and he went into the Temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling there; he upset the tables of the money-changers and the chairs of those who were selling pigeons. Nor would he allow anyone to carry anything through the Temple. And he taught them and said. “Does not Scripture say: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples? But you have turned it into a robbers’ den.’”

In the daytime he would be in the Temple teaching, but would spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives. And from early morning the people would gather round him in the Temple to listen to him. The chief priests and the scribes, with the support of the leading citizens, tried to do away with him, but they did not see how they could carry this out because the people as a whole hung on his words.

There were also blind and lame people who came to him in the Temple, and he cured them. At the sight of the wonderful things he did and of the children shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David' in the Temple, the chief priests and the scribes were indignant. "Do you hear what they are saying?" they asked him.

"Yes," Jesus answered, "Have you never read this: 'By the mouths of children, babes in arms, you have made sure of praise'?"

### **You Are the King of Glory (Hosanna to the Son of David)**

You are the king of glory  
you are the Prince of peace,  
you are the Lord of heaven and earth,  
you're the sun of righteousness.  
Angels bow down before you,  
worship and adore, for  
you have the words of eternal life,  
you are Jesus Christ the Lord.  
Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Hosanna to the King of kings!  
Glory in the highest heaven,  
for Jesus the Messiah reigns.

### **FAITH AND PRAYER**

— **Sis Hazel Carter**

And when evening came he went out of the city. Next morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered to the roots. Peter remembered. "Look, Rabbi," he said to Jesus, "the fig tree you cursed has withered away."

Jesus answered, "Have faith in God. I tell you solemnly, if anyone says to this mountain: 'Get up and throw yourself into the sea,' with

no hesitation in his heart but believing that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. I tell you therefore: everything you ask and pray for, believe that you have it already and it will be yours. And when you stand in prayer, forgive whatever you have against anybody, so that your Father in heaven may forgive your failings too.”

### **THE QUESTION OF AUTHORITY — Bro Tevye-Kaori Parris**

They came to Jerusalem again, and as Jesus was teaching in the Temple the chief priests and the scribes and elders came to him and said, “What authority have you for acting like this? And who gave you this authority?”

“And I,” replied Jesus, “will ask you a question, only one; if you tell me the answer to it, I will then tell you my authority for acting like this. John’s baptism: where did it come from, heaven or man? Answer me that.”

And they argued it out this way among themselves, “If we say from heaven, he will retort, “Then why did you refuse to believe him?”; but if we say from man, we have the people to fear, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So their reply to Jesus was, “We do not know.”

And he retorted, “Nor will I tell you my authority for acting like this.

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**C.M.**

**O** For a heart to praise my God,  
A heart from sin set free;  
A heart that’s sprinkled with the blood  
So freely shed for me;

**2** A heart resigned, submissive, meek,  
My dear Redeemer’s throne,

Where only Christ is heard to speak,  
Where Jesus reigns alone;

3 A humble, lowly, contrite heart,  
Believing, true, and clean,  
Which neither life nor death can part  
From him that dwells within;

4 A heart in every thought renewed,  
And full of love divine;  
Perfect and right, and pure and good:  
A copy, Lord, of thine.

5 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;  
Come quickly from above;  
Write thy new name upon my heart,  
Thy new best name of love.

*1742. C. Wesley.*

## **THE TWO SONS** — **Bro Tevye-Kaori Parris**

“What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, ‘My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not go,’ but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, ‘Certainly, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did his father’s will?”

“The first,” they said.

Jesus said to them, “I tell you solemnly; tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did,

Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.

## **THE WICKED TENANTS** — **Sis Evelina King-Harper**

“Listen to another parable, There was a man, a land-owner, who planted a vineyard: he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; he then leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. But when the tenants saw the son they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.’ So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

They answered, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants, who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.”

Jesus said to them, “I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.” When they heard his parables, the chief priests and the scribes realised he was speaking about them, but though they would have liked to arrest him they were afraid of the crowds, who looked on him as a prophet.

### **To The Work! To The Work!**

To the work! to the work! we are servants of God,  
Let us follow the path that our Master has trod;  
With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew,

Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

***Refrain:***

*Toiling on, toiling on,  
Toiling on, toiling on:  
Let us hope, let us watch,  
And labor till the Master comes.*

- 2 To the work! to the work! let the hungry be fed;  
To the fountain of life let the weary be led;  
In the cross and its banner our glory shall be,  
While we herald the tidings, "Salvation is free!"
- 3 To the work! to the work! there is labor for all;  
For the kingdom of darkness and error shall fall;  
And the name of Jehovah exalted shall be,  
In the loud-swelling chorus, "Salvation is free!"
- 4 To the work! to the work! in the strength of the Lord,  
And a robe and a crown shall our labor reward;  
When the home of the faithful our dwelling shall be,  
And we shout with the ransomed, "Salvation is free!"

*Fanny Crosby (1871)*

**THE GREAT BANQUET** — **Sis Evelina King-Harper**

Jesus began to speak to them in parables once again. "There was a man who gave a great banquet, and he invited a large number of people. When the time for the banquet came, he sent a servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come along: everything is ready now.' But all alike started to make excuses. The first said, 'I have bought a piece of land and must go and see it. Please accept my apologies.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen and

am on my way to try them out. Please accept my apologies.' Yet another said, 'I have just got married and so am unable to come.' The servant returned and reported this to his master. Then the householder, in a rage, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in here the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' 'Sir,' said the servant, 'your orders have been carried out and there is still room.' Then the master said to his servant, 'Go to the open roads and the hedgerows and force people to come in to make sure my house is full; because, I tell you, not one of those who were invited shall have a taste of my banquet'."

**415**

**664.6664.**

Christ for the world! we sing:  
The world to Christ we bring  
With loving zeal;  
The poor, and them that mourn,  
The faint and overborne,  
Sin-sick and sorrow-worn,  
Whom Christ doth heal.

**2** Christ for the world! we sing:  
The world to Christ we bring  
With fervent prayer;  
The wayward and the lost,  
By restless passion tossed,  
Redeemed at countless cost  
From dark despair.

**3** Christ for the world! we sing:  
The world to Christ we bring  
With one accord;

With us the work to share,  
With us reproach to dare,  
With us the cross to bear  
For Christ our Lord.

4 Christ for the world! we sing:  
The world to Christ we bring  
With joyful song;  
The new-born souls, whose days,  
Reclaimed from error's ways,  
Inspired with hope and praise,  
To Christ belong.

*S. Wolcott, d. 1886.*

## **TAXES TO CAESAR — Sis Jaaziel Parris**

Then the Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap him in what he said. So they waited their opportunity and sent agents to pose as men devoted to the Law and to fasten on something he might say and so enable them to hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor. These came and said to him, "Master, we know that you are an honest man, that you teach the way of God in all honesty and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus was aware of their malice and cunning and replied, "You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with."

They handed him a denarius and he said, "Whose head is this? Whose name?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

He then said to them, "Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar — and to God what belongs to God."

As a result they were unable to find fault with anything he had to say in public. His answer took them by surprise and they were silenced and went away.

## **Lord, I Give You My Heart**

This is my desire to honour You  
Lord, with all my heart, I worship You  
All I have within me, I give You praise  
All that I adore is in You

### ***Chorus***

*Lord, I give You my heart  
I give You my soul, I live for You alone  
Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake  
Lord, have Your way in me  
Lord, I give You my heart  
I give You my soul, I live for You alone  
Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake  
Lord, have Your way in me*

[Verse]

[Chorus]

*1995, Reuben Morgan.*

## **THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD — Sis Ismay Straker**

Then some Sadducees — who deny there is a resurrection — came to him and they put this question to him, “Master, we have it from Moses in writing, if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no child, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first married a wife

and then died leaving no children. The second married the widow, and he too died leaving no children; with the third it was the same, and none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman herself died. Now at the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be, since she had been married to all seven?"

Jesus said to them, "Is not the reason why you go wrong, that you understand neither the scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, men and women do not marry; no, they are like the angels in heaven. Now about the dead rising again, have you never read in the Book of Moses, in the passage about the Bush, how God spoke to him and said: 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and of Jacob'? He is God, not of the dead, but of the living. You are very much mistaken."

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**C.M.**

Let saints on earth in concert sing  
With those whose work is done;  
For all the servants of our King  
In heaven and earth are one.

**2** One family, we dwell in him,  
One Church, above, beneath;  
Though now divided by the stream,  
The narrow stream of death.

**3** One army of the living God,  
To his command we bow;  
Part of his host hath crossed the flood,  
And part is crossing now.

**4** E'en now to their eternal home  
There pass some spirits blest;  
While others to the margin come,

Waiting their call to rest.

5 Jesus, be thou our constant guide;  
Then, when the word is given,  
Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,  
And bring us safe to heaven.

*1759. C. Wesley. a.*

### **THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT — Sis Jaaziel Parris**

One of the scribes, who had listened to them debating and had observed how well Jesus had answered them, now came up and put a question to him: “Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?”

Jesus replied, “This is the first: ‘Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord and you must love the Lord our God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is: ‘You must love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

The scribe said to him, “Well spoken, Master, what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.”

Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

And after that no one dared to question him anymore,

### **THE WOMAN TAKEN IN ADULTERY — Sis Kaylia Doughty**

At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been

caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, "Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?" They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him.

But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again.

When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

"No one, sir," she replied.

"Neither do I condemn you," said Jesus; "go away, and don't sin anymore."

**238**

76.76.76. 74. With Refrain.

I was sinking deep in sin,  
Far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within,  
Sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea  
Heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me,  
Now safe am I.

*Love lifted me, Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help,*

*Love lifted me!*

2 All my heart to Him I give,  
Ever to Him I'll cling,  
In His blessed presence live,  
Ever His praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true,  
Merits my soul's best songs,  
Faithful, loving service too,  
To Him belongs.

3 Souls in danger, look above,  
Jesus completely saves,  
He will lift you by His love,  
Out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea,  
Billows His will obey,  
He your Saviour wants to be,  
Be saved today.

*1912. James Rowe.*

**REFLECTION** — Rev. Ezra Parris

**PRAYER**

**Hymn: # 272**

**C.M .With Refrain.**

My faith has found a resting place,  
Not in device nor 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.*

- 2 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.
- 3 My heart is leaning on the Word,  
The written Word of God;  
Salvation by my Saviour's name  
Salvation through his blood.
- 4 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.

*1891. E. E. Hewitt.*

**BENEDICTION**