

SHARON & DUNSCOMBE  
Moravian Churches - Barbados

# HOLY WEEK

PASSION WEEK AND EASTERTIDE

*Readings from the Gospels*

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**Tuesday, March 31, 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:** *"We Praise Thee O God For The Son of Thy Love"*

We praise Thee, O God,  
For the Son of Thy love,  
For Jesus who died,  
And is now gone above.

***Chorus:***

*Hallelujah! Thine the glory,  
Hallelujah! Amen;  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory,  
Revive us again.*

We praise Thee, O God!  
For Thy Spirit of light,  
Who hath shown us our Saviour,  
And scatter'd our night.

All glory and praise  
To the Lamb that was slain,  
Who hath borne all our sins,  
And hath cleans'd ev'ry stain.

Revive us again;  
Fill each heart with Thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled  
With fire from above.

## READING OF THE DAILY TEXT — Tuesday, March 31, 2026

**Watchword:** *Indeed, the Lord our God is right in all that he has done.*  
Daniel 9:14

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul? (328)

**Doctrinal Text:** *Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?* Luke 24:26

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on! (328)

**Prayer:** You suffered for us on the cross, loving Christ. Your love for us is incomprehensible. How do we say thank you for this? We live a life worthy of being called children and heirs of God. We live a life of love. We offer our heart-felt thanks. Amen.

**HYMN: #198**

*“To God Be The Glory”*

To God be the glory! Great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:*

*And give him the glory!*

*Great things he hath done!*

**2** O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

**3** Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*1870. Frances van Alstyne.*

**READING FROM PASSION WEEK AND EASTERTIDE:**

**THE READING FOR TUESDAY**

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## **THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES REPROVED— Sis Marcia Straker**

Then addressing the people and his disciples, Jesus said, “The scribes and Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourself to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.

“Alas for you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You who shut up the kingdom of heaven in men’s faces, neither going in yourselves nor allowing others to go in who want to.

“Alas for you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You who pay your tithe of mint and dill and cummin and have neglected the weightier matter of the Law — justice, mercy, good faith! These you should have practised, without neglecting the others. You blind guides! Straining out gnats and swallowing camels!

“Alas for you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You who clean the outside of cup and dish and leave the inside full of extortion and intemperance. Blind Pharisees! Clean the inside of cup and dish first so that the outside may become clean as well.

“Alas for you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You who are like whitewashed tombs that look handsome on the outside, but

inside are full of dead men's bones and every kind of corruption. In the same way you appear to people from the outside like good honest men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

**HYMN: #165**      *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine for ever.

2    Where streams of living water flow  
     My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
     With food celestial feedeth.

3    Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
     But yet in love he sought me,  
     And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4    In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
     With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
     Thy cross before to guide me.

5    Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
     Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O, what transport of delight  
     From thy pure chalice floweth!

6    And so through all the length of days

Thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house for ever.

1868. H. W. Baker.

### **LAMENT FOR JERUSALEM — Sis Ingrid Ibrahim**

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often have I longed to gather your children, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you refused. So be it! Your house will be left to you desolate, for I promise, you shall not see me any more until you say, ‘Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

### **THE WIDOW’S OFFERING — Sis Ingrid Ibrahim**

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put in more than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.”

**HYMN: #718**      *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”*

We give thee but thine own,  
Whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

**2**    May we thy bounties thus

As stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as thou blessest us,  
To thee our first-fruits give.

3 O, hearts are bruised and dead,  
And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs, for whom the Shepherd bled,  
Are straying from the fold!

4 To comfort and to bless,  
To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless,  
Is angels' work below.

5 The captive to release,  
To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe thy word,  
Though dim our faith may be;  
Whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
We do it unto thee.

*1858. W. W. How.*

## **THE GREEKS COME TO JESUS — Sis Ingrid Ibrahim**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him. "Sir, we should like to see Jesus."

Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them, “Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain: but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it, anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

## **THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD — Sis Betty Bowen**

“Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”

A voice came from heaven. “I have glorified it and I will glorify it again.”

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, “It was an angel speaking to him.”

Jesus answered, “It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.” By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The crowd answered, “The Law has taught us that the Christ will remain for ever. How can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?”

Jesus then said, “The light will be with you only a little longer now. Walk while you have the light, or the dark will Overtake you’ he who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. While you still have the light, believe in the light and you will become sons of light.” Having said this, Jesus left them and kept himself hidden.

Though they had been present when he gave so many signs, they did not believe in him. And yet there were many who did believe in him, even among the leading men, but they did not admit it, through fear of the Pharisees and fear of being expelled from the synagogue: they put honour from men before the honour that comes from God.

Jesus declared publicly: “Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me. I, the light, have come into the world, so that whoever believes in me need not stay in the dark any more. If anyone hears my words and does not keep them faithfully, it is not I who shall condemn him, since I have not come to condemn the world, but to save the world. He who rejects me and refuses my words has his judge already: the word itself that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day. For what I have spoken does not come from myself; no, what I was to say, what I had to speak, was commanded by the Father who sent me, and I know that his commands mean eternal life. And therefore what the Father has told me is what I speak.”

HYMN: *“Walk In The Light (Jesus the Light of the World)”*

***Refrain:***

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
Come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright;  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.*

1. All ye saints of light proclaim,  
Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Life and mercy in His name,

Jesus, the Light of the world.

2 Hear the Saviour's earnest call,  
Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Send the gospel truth to all,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

3 Why not seek Him then today,  
Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Go with truth the narrow way,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

4 Come, confess Him as your king,  
Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Then the bells of heav'n will ring,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

## **THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE — Sis Candace Barker**

Jesus left the Temple and as he was going away his disciples came up to draw his attention to the Temple buildings. And one of them said to him, "Look at the size of those stones, Master! Look at the size of those buildings!"

And Jesus said to him, "You see these great buildings? Not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed."

And while he was sitting facing the Temple, on the Mount of Olives, Peter, James, John and Andrew questioned him privately. "Tell us, when is this going to happen and what sign will there be that all this is about to be fulfilled?"

## PERSECUTION OF THE DISCIPLES

— Sis Candace Barker

Then Jesus began to tell them, “Take care that no one deceives you. Many will come using my name and saying, ‘I am he’ and they will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this is something that must happen, but the end will not be yet. For nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes here and there; there will be famines. This is the beginning of the birth pangs. Be on your guard: they will hand you over to sanhedrins; you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear Witness before them, since the Good News must first be proclaimed to all the nations. And when they lead you away to hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what to say; no, say whatever is given to you when the time comes because it is not you who will be speaking: it will be the Holy Spirit. Brother will betray brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise against their parents and have them put to death.

“You will be hated by all men on account of my name. Many will fall away; men will betray one another and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise; they will deceive many and, with the increase of lawlessness, love in most men will grow cold; but the man who stands firm to the end will be saved.

**HYMN:** # 310

*“Courage Brother Do Not Stumble”*

Courage, brother! do not stumble,  
Though thy path be dark as night;  
There’s a star to guide the humble:  
Trust in God, and do the right.

**2** Though the road be rough and dreary,

And its end far out of sight,  
Foot it bravely; strong or weary,  
Trust in God, and do the right.

3 Perish policy and cunning,  
Perish all that fears the light!  
Whether losing, whether winning,  
Trust in God, and do the right.

4 Some will hate thee, some will love thee,  
Some will flatter, some will slight;  
Cease from man, and look above thee:  
Trust in God, and do the right.

5 Simple rule, and safest guiding,  
Inward peace, and inward might,  
Star upon our path abiding, —  
Trust in God, and do the right.

*1857. N. Macleod.*

## **THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN — Sis Deborah Inniss**

“This Good News of the kingdom will be proclaimed to the whole world as a witness to all the nations and then the end will come. If anyone says to you then, ‘Look, here is the Christ,’ or, ‘He is there,’ do not believe it; because the coming of the Son of Man will be like lightning striking in the east and flashing far into the west. In those days, after that time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves

come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.

## **BE ON THE ALERT**

— **Sis Eula Gibbs**

As it was in Noah's day, so it will be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood, people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be the same as it was in Lot's day: people were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but the day Lot left Sodom, God rained fire and brimstone from heaven and it destroyed them all. It will be the same when the day comes for the Son of Man to be revealed, Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of this life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home and left his servants in charge, each with his own tasks, and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!"

**HYMN:** #309 *"Christian, Seek Not Yet Repose (Watch and Pray)"*

'Christian, seek not yet repose,  
Hear thy guardian angel say;  
Thou art in the midst of foes;  
Watch and pray.

2 Principalities and powers,  
Mustering their unseen array,  
Wait for thy unguarded hours:  
Watch and pray.

3 Gird thy heavenly armour on;  
Wear it ever, night and day;  
Ambushed lies the evil one:  
Watch and pray.

3 Hear the victors who o'ercame;  
Still they mark each warrior's way;  
All with one clear voice exclaim,  
'Watch and pray.'

4 Hear, above all, hear thy Lord,  
Him thou lovest to obey;  
Hide within thy heart his word,  
'Watch and pray.'

5 Watch, as if on that alone  
Hung the issue of the day;  
Pray that help may be sent down:  
Watch and pray.

*1839. Charlotte Elliott.*

**REFLECTION** — Rev. David Ince

**PRAYER**

**HYMN:** *“My Soul Says Yes”*

My soul says yes, says yes, says yes  
My soul says yes, says yes to your will  
My soul says yes, says yes, says yes  
My soul says yes, says yes to your will

Where you lead me, I will follow  
When you call me, I will answer  
Oh my Lord, teach me how to know your ways (X2)

Whatever it takes, whenever you want  
What moments you choose, whatever you plan  
Oh my Lord, let your will be done in me

So be my light, be my guide  
Be my way, be my will  
Oh my Lord, come lay your hands all over me (X2)

My soul says yes, says yes, says yes  
My soul says yes, says yes to your will  
My soul says yes, says yes, says yes  
My soul says yes, says yes to your will

*Sonnie Badu*

**BENEDICTION**