



SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

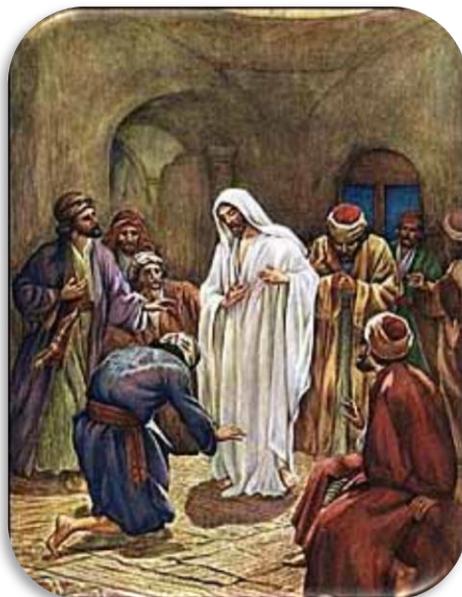
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*But my God shall supply all your need according
to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19 KJV



Sunday, April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: *“He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.”* Such is our confession today on this Third Sunday of Easter. We rejoice and glorify the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Welcome to all as we join in worship today, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home and abroad.

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WATCHWORD: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. *(1 John 3:1)*

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.

Cong: *Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.*

All: *Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.*

Opening Hymn – *“Behold, What Love, What Boundless Love”*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 4

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. – 1 Corinthians 16:2*

Offertory Hymn: 239 – *“My God, I Love Thee Not Because”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks*

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Acts 3:12 – 19

Hymn – *“I would have the Saviour with me”*

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36 – 48

Choir Anthem – *“Lift High The Cross”*

Sermon – – *Rev. David Ince*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 232 – *“I am the way, the King of the Victory”*

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



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Opening Hymn –

Behold, what love, what boundless love,
The Father hath bestowed
On sinners lost, that we should be
Now called the sons of God!

*Behold, what manner of love!
What manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us,
That we, that we should be called,
Should be called the sons of God!*

No longer far from Him but now
By precious blood made nigh,
Accepted in the Well beloved,
Near to God's heart we lie.

What we in glory soon shall be,
It doth not yet appear;
But when our precious Lord we see,
We shall His image bear.

With such a blessed hope in view,
We would more holy be,
More like our risen, glorious Lord,
Whose face we soon shall see.



RESPONSIVE READING – PSALM 4

1. Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
2. O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? *Selah.*
3. But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.
4. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. *Selah.*
5. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.
6. There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
7. Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.
8. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.



Prayer & Lord's Prayer



Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. – 1 Corinthians 16:2*

Offertory Hymn: 239 –

My God, I love thee – not because
I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love thee not
Are lost eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me
Upon the cross embrace;

For me didst bear the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace,

And griefs and torments numberless,
And sweat of agony;
And death itself – and all for me,
Who was thine enemy.

Then why, O blessèd Jesus Christ
Should I not love thee well?
Not for the sake of winning heaven,
Or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught,
Not seeking a reward;
But as thyself hast lovèd me,
O ever-loving Lord.

E'en so I love thee, and will love,
And in thy praise will sing;
Because thou art my loving God
And my eternal King.



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Thanks, thanks, I Give You thanks

*Thanks, thanks, I give You thanks
For all You've done
I am so blessed
My soul is at rest
O Lord, I give You thanks.*



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Worship in Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Acts 3: 12 – 19

12. And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?
13. The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.
14. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;
15. And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.
16. And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.
17. And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.
18. But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.
19. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.



Hymn –

I would have the Saviour with me,
For I dare not walk alone;
I would feel His presence near me,
And His arms around me thrown.

*Then my soul shall fear no ill,
While He leads me where He will;
I will go without a murmur,
And His footsteps follow still.*

I would have the Saviour with me,
For my faith, at best is weak;
He can whisper words of comfort
That no other voice can speak.

I would have the Saviour with me,
In the onward march of life,
Thro' the tempest and the sunshine,
Thro' the battle and the strife.

I would have the Saviour with me,
That His eye the way may guide,
Till I reach the vale of Jordan,
Till I cross the rolling tide.



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36 – 48

36. And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.
37. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.
38. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?
39. Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.
40. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.
41. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?
42. And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.
43. And he took it, and did eat before them.
44. And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.
45. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46. And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
47. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
48. And ye are witnesses of these things.



Choir Anthem – “*Lift High The Cross*”



Sermon – – *Rev. David Ince*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



Closing Hymn: 232 –

I am the way, the king of the victory
I am the truth, Lord of the Harmony
I am the light, light of the world to be
Hosanna I hold your hand my friend
Hosanna I give you strength my friend
Hosanna to walk the seas my friend
We gonna sail to victory

*Sailing (sailing), sailing (sailing),
sailing cross the river sailing
Sailing (sailing), sailing (sailing),
sailing cross the river sailing
Freedom (sister), freedom (brother),
freedom in the life of Jesus
Hosanna I hold your hand my friend
Hosanna I give you strength my friend
Hosanna to walk the seas my friend
We gonna sail to victory*

I am the vine, you shall abide in me
I am the river, you shall be cleansed in me
I am the rock, you shall have life in me
Hosanna I hold your hand my friend.....

I am your God, rising in victory.
I am your brother, living in flesh with thee
I am your saviour, dying on Calvary
Hosanna I hold your hand my friend



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: Daphne Alleyne

Advanced: Darren Clarke & Waveney Hinds (15th), Chelsea Greenidge (16th), Shelah Clarke-Parris (17th), Cornetta Franklin & Liam Pinder (18th)



Congratulations to Bro. Elsworth Clarke & Sis. Sheila Foster-Clarke, who will celebrate their 26th Wedding Anniversary on April 18, 2024.



MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,
Bless them all we humbly pray;
Our dear heavenly Father’s love and favour
Be their comfort every day.
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,
Favour them with his most gracious leading;
Thus shall they be truly blessed,
Both in labour and in rest.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- † Today: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
 - † Tombola Items left over from our Food & Funday for Sale after Worship
- † This Week:
- † THIS WEEK
- † Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- † Tuesday: Women’s Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Bible Study (The Minor Prophets) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship – 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:

- † 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
- † Sharon Community Visitation – Saturday, 27th at 4:00 p.m.
- † Youth Convention – Sunday, 28th, 10:00 a.m. Outdoors at Sharon Moravian Church.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Remember that we resume the “Basket of Hope” ministry as of today, in which you have opportunity to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made every Sunday, during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.
2. Thanks to all who supported and participated in the Conference Sports and Fellowship Day last Saturday, 6th at the St. Leonard’s Boys Secondary School Sports Field. It was a good day.

3. Thanks to all who kept the Unity Prayer Watch (Sharon & Dunscombe) going on Thursday, April 11th, 12 Noon –12:00 Midnight.
4. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. Upcoming events being planned, include:
 - ✝ “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.



5. Moravian Music Sunday will be observed in much of the Eastern West Indies Province on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024. However, Sharon and Dunscombe will observe Moravian Music Sunday on May 5, 2024, as Annual Youth Convention will be held on April 28th.
6. The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:
 - ✝ Rev. Kevin St. Hill will represent the Moravian Unity at the Global Christian Forum Gathering (GCF) in Accra Ghana from April 15-20 under the theme, “*That they may know.*” This Gathering brings together diverse Christian leaders from across the world to discuss matters of faith

and the church in the world. Bro. St. Hill is one of two young clergy requested to represent the Moravian Unity.

- † The Provincial Board announces the return of Sis. Maryse Roberts to continue her service as Assistant Treasurer of the Province.
- † The Rev. Georgette John-Cotton, who serves as the Pastor of the Gracehill and Cana Congregations in the Antigua Conference, has resigned as a Pastor of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, effective April 15, 2024. The Provincial Board expresses sincere thanks and appreciation to Sis. John-Cotton for her service to the Province since 1995. We pray for God’s blessings and favor on Sis. John-Cotton in the next season of her life.
- † Rev. Bonnie E.B.W. Smith, Provincial Director of Christian Education, Minister of Christian Education in the Antigua Conference and Superintendent of the Antigua Conference has been called to serve as Interim Pastor of the Cana Moravian Church in the Antigua Conference, effective April 15, 2024.
- † Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of the PEC has been called to serve as Interim Pastor of the Gracehill Moravian Church in the Antigua Conference, effective April 15, 2024.
- † Rev. Erflin Browne has been temporarily reassigned to the Antigua Conference while he awaits the regularization of his immigration status for Trinidad and Tobago.
- † Please pray for Sis. Smith, Bro. Lewis, Bro. Browne, their families and the congregations as they answer the call of God in this moment.

7. The assignment of Elders 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, 1st 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

8. 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.

9. 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

† Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.



Thank You!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: We acknowledge the gift of BD\$500 to the General Fund.



The Past 225 Years

9. In 1972, the government of the day, sought to recognise the importance of some historical buildings on the island, and so the Sharon Moravian Church was placed on the 15-cent stamp. Many people have kept that stamp as a collector's item.



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. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Sharon on Friday April 26, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.*

4. **World Peace**



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † Moravian Daily Text 2024 – American Paperback Edition – \$25
- † 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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“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



Moravian Church - Barbados Conference



Annual Youth Convention

2024 Edition - Rally

Theme: "Youth with a Mission"

Our dynamic and powerful speakers:



Sis. Analacia
Yarde



Bro. Shammam
Watson



Sis. Sharika
Forde



Sis. Sonjina
Kirton



Sis. Calea Mason

 Sunday 28th April, 2024 | 9:30 am

 Sharon, St. Thomas

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We are outdoors! Bring your picnic chairs.
Rep your congregational colours.
Let's rally with the Youth of the Future.