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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 15, 2022

Good Friday

10:00 a.m.

Welcome: "... He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: ..." (Isa. 53:5). Welcome to all who join us, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad. Today we celebrate the transforming love of God in Christ Jesus. Welcome!

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

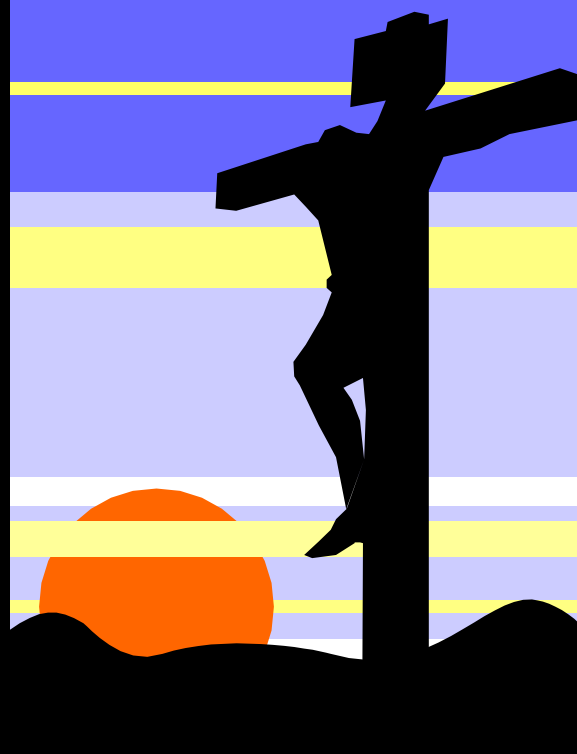
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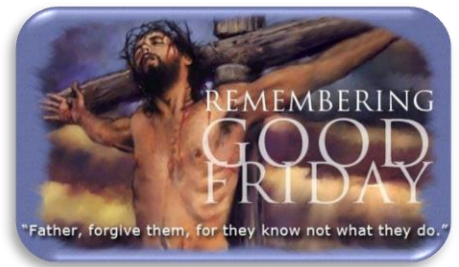
WATCHWORD FOR GOOD FRIDAY: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *(John 3:16)*

Provincial Theme 2022: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."

Seek & Submit; Hear & Heed; Imagination & Insight;

Focus & Function; Total Transformation





ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Invitation to Worship

Hymn 98 – “Hail! Thou Once Despised Jesus!”

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

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| ✝ The Trial Before the Sanhedrin | – | <i>Sis. Eula Gibbs</i> |
| ✝ The Trial Before Pilate | – | <i>Bro. Anthony Ifill</i> |
| ✝ The Mocking and the Scourging | – | <i>Sis. Denise Grant</i> |
| ✝ The Sentence | – | <i>Bro. Victor Hurdle</i> |
| ✝ The Way to Calvary | – | <i>Sis. Joan Taylor</i> |
| ✝ Jesus on the Cross | – | <i>Bro. Clarence Cummings</i> |
| ✝ The Watchers by the Cross | – | <i>Sis. Veronica Leacock</i> |
| ✝ The Burial | – | <i>Bro. Luther Barker</i> |

Hymn 109 – “‘Man of Sorrows,’ What A Name”

Greetings & Announcements

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choir Anthem – “’Tis Finished”

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3:18 – 22 – *Sis. Orrin Williams*

Hymn of Preparation: 202 – “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Hymn of Reflection: 97 – “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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: 98 –

Hail! thou once despisèd Jesus!
Hail! thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
Thou didst free salvation bring:
Hail! thou agonizing Saviour,
Bearer of our sin and shame,
By thy merits we find favour;
Life is given through thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
All our sins on thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed,
Thou hast full atonement made:
All thy people are forgiven
Through the virtue of thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven,
Man is reconciled to God.

Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
There forever to abide;
All the heavenly hosts adore thee,
Seated at thy Father's side:
There for sinners thou art pleading;
There thou dost our place prepare;
Ever for us interceding
Till in glory they appear.

Worship, honour, power, and blessing,
Thou art worthy to receive:
Loudest praises, without ceasing,
Meet it is for us to give;
Help, ye bright angelic spirits!
Bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
Help to sing our Saviour's merits,
Help to chant Immanuel's praise!



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 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.*



Hymn 109 –

‘Man of Sorrows’, what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood;
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He.
‘Full atonement’ – can it be?
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Lifted up was He to die,
‘It is finished!’ was His cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high;
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!



Greetings & Announcements



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Choir Anthem – “’Tis Finished”



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3:18 – 22 – *Sis. Orrin Williams*

18. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:
19. By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;
20. Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.
21. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:
22. Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.



Hymn of Preparation: 202 –

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Hymn of Reflection: 97 –

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand –
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

O safe and happy shelter,
O refuge tried and sweet,
O trysting place where Heaven's love
And Heaven's justice meet!
As to the holy patriarch
That wondrous dream was giv'n,
So seems my Saviour's cross to me,
A ladder up to heav'n.

Upon that Cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart with tears,
Two wonders I confess:
The wonders of His glorious love,
And my own worthlessness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place.
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain or loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross



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



Greetings & Announcements

Welcome: “. . . *He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: . . .*” (Isa. 53:5). Welcome to all who join us, in the sanctuary and online, at home and abroad. Today we celebrate the transforming love of God in Christ Jesus. Welcome!



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

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

✝ **Saturday:** Easter Food Sale clean-up – 8:00 a.m.

✝ **NEXT SUNDAY – DAY OF RESURRECTION**

✝ Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

✝ Sunday School (Seniors) – 9:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre

✝ Online Sunday School – Juniors (15yrs and under) at 11:00 a.m. and Seniors (16yrs and over) at 2:30 p.m. The facility is Google Meet and those who desire to join should email the Sunday School Superintendent at valeacock@gmail.com.



In the Month of April 2022:

✝ Easter Food Sale – Easter Monday, 18th, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.

✝ Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 23rd, online via Zoom.

✝ Youth Convention: Royal Praise Worship Celebration – Sunday, 24th, 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Moravian Church. Preacher: Rev. Liselle Roberts of the Tobago Conference.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Women's Fellowship will hold a Farmer's Market immediately after Church on Sundays. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the financial proceeds will go to the Church to be used as needed. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
2. On Easter Monday we will hold a fund-raiser here at Sharon. We are calling it, **EASTER FOOD SALE** and we want it to be a whole-church effort. We look forward to the same sort of support you have given over the years for our Fish Fry, so as to make this a success. Mark the date on your calendar.



3. We express thanks to all who participated and kept the Unity Prayer Watch going on Tuesday April 12th. The prayer watch began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecost experience. The Spirit of God ignited a passion for prayer that gave birth to a prayer meeting that lasted for 100 unbroken years. Let us keep that passion alive as we seek the face of God for direction for the Church, the world, and our lives.
4. Our membership is divided into districts and our Elders are given responsibility for these districts as follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDER
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.	Sis. Shirley Cadogan
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. Grace Sandiford Sis. Angelus Hurdle
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.	Sis Diana Boyce
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 in need of people to serve on our Media Team. Here is opportunity to be trained and then to engage in an important ministry to our congregation. Interested persons should contact Sis Kristina Carter.

6. 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 for these details.
7. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
 - ✝ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ruth Bishop, Sis. Andilla Haynes, Sis. Margaret Haynes, Bro. Ryan Hinds, Sis. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Annie Harris*
3. Our nation, for strength and deliverance as we continue to battle the COVID-19 Pandemic.
4. WORLD PEACE.



AVAILABLE:

† Moravian Daily Text 2022:

† American Paperback Edition – \$25

† American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$30

† Offering Envelopes for 2022 – 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 2022 – 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.



Circular from the Chairman of PEC

To: All Members of Staff/Congregations
CC: Members of PEC, Bishops
From: Rev. Algernon Lewis, Chairman of PEC
Subject: Synod Advisory #2
Date: March 30, 2022
Ref: PEC 70/22

FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

The Provincial Board makes the following announcements:

- 1. The date for the 33rd Provincial Synod has been adjusted to July 17-22, 2022. The Opening Service will be on July 17 at 9.00 a.m. This will be a provincial service with input from each Conference.**
- 2. The Synod Retreat will be held on July 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The theme for the Retreat is: Embracing the change: Thriving amidst the crisis.**
- 3. Synod sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. with Devotions led by the Chaplain each morning with participation from all Conferences throughout the week.**
- 4. Conferences are required to designate a location that allows all synodals to meet in the same space while also allowing for adequate personal space for Committee meetings.**
- 5. Two Pre-Synod sessions will be held May 26 & June 16, where the Synod reports, procedural matters for the hosting of the 33rd Provincial Synod virtually, and other issues will be discussed.**
- 6. The other officers of Synod – Vice Chairman and Assistance Secretary will be elected at the first pre-Synod meeting.**
- 7. The Registration form for the 33rd Provincial Synod will be shared shortly.**
- 8. The election of a Bishop has been added to the 33rd Provincial Synod agenda.**

Please be in prayer for the 33rd Provincial Synod that all the logistics come together and the will of God is done.





NOTICE



UPON ENTERING
PLEASE USE
HAND SANITIZER
HELP STOP THE
SPREAD OF COVID-19

Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2022

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 (6) 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 (3) 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 (3) 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, and rites involving the 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.

