

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Today we declare that “Jesus is King” as we celebrate his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Welcome to all, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May Jesus rule in our hearts and in our lives as we worship. Welcome.

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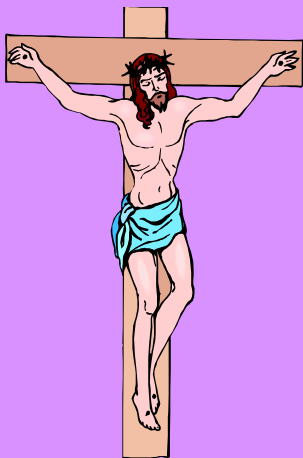
WATCHWORD: And being found in human form, Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. *(Philippians 2:7,8)*

Provincial Theme 2023:

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



LENT



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship: (Psalm 118:1)

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

Congregation: *For His mercy endures forever.*

Hymn 480 – *“The Lord is King! Lift Up Thy Voice”*

The Litany for Palm Sunday (p. 123 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich”* (2 Cor. 8:9, NIV).

Offertory Hymn: 232 – *“I Am the Way, King of the Victory”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50:4 – 9a

Choir Anthem – *“Hosanna to the King”*

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1 – 11

Canticle 7 – *The Hosanna Anthem* (p. 32, front of Hymnal)

The Sermon – *Rev. Ezra Parris*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 81 – *“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”*

Musical Interlude / Prayer of Preparation (p. 50 – Liturgy Book / p. 9 – Hymnal)

Holy Communion

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Verse: 566-v. 1 – *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 557 – *“Shepherd of Souls, Refresh And Bless”*

569 – *“Happy, Thrice Happy, Hour of Grace”*

575 – *“Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice”*

Eucharistic Verse: 566-v. 2 – *“Let Us Drink Wine Together”*

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 225 – *“I Love The Lord He Lent An Ear”*



220 – “*And Can It Be*”

202 – “*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*”

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 80 – “*Immortal Love, For Ever Full*”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Hymn: 596 – “*We Who Here Together Are Assembled*”

The Blessing

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 480 –

The Lord is King! lift up thy voice,
O earth, and all ye heavens, rejoice;
From world to world the joy shall ring,
‘The Lord Omnipotent is King!’

The Lord is King! who then shall dare
Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?

The Lord is King! child of the dust,
The Judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways:
Let every creature speak his praise.

He reigns! ye saints, exalt your strains;
Your God is King, your Father reigns;
And he is at the Father's side,
The Man of love, the Crucified.

Come, make your wants, your burdens known;
He will present them at the throne;
And angel bands are waiting there
His messages of love to bear.

One Lord, one empire all secures;
He reigns, and life and death are yours:
Through earth and heaven one song shall ring,
'The Lord Omnipotent is King!'



PALM SUNDAY

All standing.



We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, a descendant of your servant David.

You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.

You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear,

So that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us,

To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

All seated.

Let us pray:

Our sovereign Redeemer, we join the people of Jerusalem offering our own shouts of praise and celebration at your coming. Although we welcome you today with the multitude on Palm Sunday, we confess we have also stood with the condemning crowd on Good Friday. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have cried, "Crucify!" We turn to you for help and forgiveness, gracious Saviour; not because we deserve it, but because you are forgiving. Save us from our sinful ways, and restore us to a life of loyalty to you. Amen.

Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.

TUNE: HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788)

Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Saviour to redeem us from our sins:

Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.

God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.

God of hope, you comfort us through our Saviour's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.

All standing.

Having received the assurance of God's loving forgiveness, we join together to echo the praises of God's people who declared with one voice even then, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

(Here the congregation shall sing the Hosanna Anthem.)

Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

TUNE: HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOUR

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!

Philip P. Bliss (1838 – 1876)



WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich” (2 Cor. 8:9, NIV).*

Offertory 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



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Offertory Doxology

*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.*



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a

4. The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.
5. The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.
6. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.
7. For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.
8. He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me.
9. Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.



Choir Anthem – “Hosanna to the King”



Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 21: 1 – 11

1. And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,
2. Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.
3. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.
4. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,
5. Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.
6. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,
7. And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.
8. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.
9. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.
10. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?
11. And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.



Hymn 81 –

Thou didst leave thy throne
And thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home
Was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
There is room in my heart for Thee.

Heaven's arches rang
When the angels sang,
Proclaiming thy royal degree;
But of lowly birth
Cam'st thou Lord, on earth,
And in great humility.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
There is room in my heart for Thee.

The foxes found rest,
And the birds had their nest
In the shade of the cedar tree;
But thy couch was the sod,
O thou Son of God,
In the deserts of Galilee.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
There is room in my heart for Thee.

Thou camest, O Lord,
With the living word,
That should set thy children free;
But with mocking scorn,
And with crown of thorn,
They bore Thee to Calvary.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
Thy cross is my only plea.

When heaven's arches shall ring,
And her choirs shall sing,
At thy coming to victory,
Let thy voice call me home,

Saying "Yet there is room,
There is room at my side for thee."
*And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus!
When thou comest and callest for me.*



MUSICAL INTERLUDE / Prayer of Preparation

The Lord's Supper I

A Prayer for private preparation:

I confess to thee, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed through my own fault; wherefore I pray thee to have mercy upon me. O Lord, forgive me all my sins, and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The congregation stands as the minister brings the elements to the table.

Our Saviour saith, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

I am the bread of life: whoever cometh to me shall never hunger; and whoever believeth in me shall never thirst.'

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold mercies.

But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us, gracious Lord, so to take this bread and drink this cup, that our fellowship with Thee may cleanse us from our sin and that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us. Amen.

A hymn is sung, or the Sursum Corda is used:

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God:

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

Holy, holy, holy,

*Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.*

Prayer is offered, or this form may be used:

Let us pray.

All glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that thou didst take our nature upon thee, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; that thou didst make there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and didst institute, and in thy holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that thy precious death.

Wherefore, we commemorate thy last supper with thy disciples and having in remembrance thy work and passion, thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and pleading thy eternal sacrifice, we thy servants do set forth this memorial which thou wilt us to make, giving thee thanks that thou hast counted us worthy to stand before thee.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that with thy holy life-giving Spirit thou wilt bless and sanctify both us and these gifts of bread and wine which we set before thee; that this bread which we break may be to us the communion of thy body; and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of thy blood; that we, and thy whole Church, receiving the same by faith, may be partakers of thy body and blood, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences: and in fellowship with all the faithful in heaven and earth, we pray thee to fulfil in us and in all thy people the purpose of thy redeeming love; and to thee, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **AMEN.**

Eucharistic Verse 566 – v. 1

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

All stand.

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, *'Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.'*

The Bread is distributed while hymns are sung.



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Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
Thy chosen pilgrim-flock
With manna in the wilderness,
With water from the rock.

Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,
As thou when here below,
Our souls the joys celestial seek,
That from thy sorrows flow.

We would not live by bread alone,
But by that word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.

Then share with us in love divine,
Thy body and thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.



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Happy, thrice happy, hour of grace
When Christ himself makes known;
He speaks to us as face to face,
And seals us for his own.

How much we owe for that great love,
Of life-long thanks and praise;
The love which brought thee from above
Us from our sin to raise!

Thanks for thy suffering, tears and cries,
And all thy deep distress,
The source to us of living joys
And endless happiness.

Thanks for thy thirst, O Prince of Peace,
When hanging on the tree;
What a divine refreshment this
To souls athirst for thee!

Thanks for that last heart-piercing cry
Borne on thy failing breath,
We too would on our God rely
And conquer e'en in death.

O might our lives in all things show
That we to Christ are bound,
That those he sought through pain and woe
He hath in triumph found.



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Jesus makes my heart rejoice,
I'm his sheep, and know his voice;
He's a shepherd, kind and gracious,
And his pastures are delicious;
Constant love to me he shows,
Yea, my worthless name he knows.

Trusting his mild staff always,
I go in and out in peace;
He will feed me with the treasure
Of his grace in richest measure;
When, athirst, to him I cry,
Living water he'll supply.

To be his such joy doth bring
That I here must ever sing;
And when these blest days are over
To the arms of my dear Saviour
I shall be conveyed to rest:
Yea, my lot indeed is blest.



All having received the Bread, the Congregation stands.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ's body was given for you: and feed upon him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

Tune: Media Vita (Part II)

*Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Grant that we may never
Lose the comforts from thy death,
Have mercy, O Lord.*



Eucharistic Verse 566 – v. 2

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

All stand

After the same manner also, the Lord Jesus took the cup when he had supped, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink ye all of it, for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.'

The Wine is distributed while hymns are sung.



I love the Lord; he lent an ear,
 When I for help implored;
 He rescued me from all my fear,
 Therefore I love the Lord.

Return, my soul, unto thy rest,
 From God no longer roam;
 His hand hath bountifully blest,
 His goodness calls thee home.

What shall I render unto thee,
 My Saviour in distress,
 For all thy benefits to me,
 So great and numberless?

This will I do, for thy love's sake,
 And thus thy power proclaim,
 Salvation's sacred cup I'll take,
 And call upon thy name.

Thou God of covenanted grace,
 Hear and record my vow,
 While in thy courts I seek thy face,
 And at thine altar bow.

Henceforth myself to thee I give,
 With single, heart and eye,
 To walk before thee while I live,
 And bless thee when I die.



And can it be that I should gain
 An interest in the Saviour's blood?
 Died He for me, who caused His pain –
 For me, who Him to death pursued?
 Amazing love! How can it be,
 That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:
 Who can explore His strange design?

In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above –
So free, so infinite His grace –
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray –
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.



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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.



All having received the Wine, the Congregation stands.

Take and drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be ye thankful.

All partake together, then sit or kneel, and after silent prayer, sing this verse:

*Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou eternal God;
Bless thy congregation
Through thy sufferings, death and blood,
Have mercy, O Lord.*



Verses of Thanksgiving may be sung or a prayer of thanksgiving such as the following is offered:

Hymn of Thanksgiving – 80

Immortal Love, for ever full,
For ever flowing free,
For ever shared, forever whole,
A never ebbing sea!

Our outward lips confess the name
All other names above;
Love only knoweth whence it came,
And comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
To bring the Lord Christ down:
In vain we search the lowest deeps,
For him no depths can drown.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is he;
And faith has still its Olivet,
And love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch him in life's throng and press,
And all is well again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said
Our lips of childhood frame,
The last low whispers of our dead
Are burdened with his name.

We faintly hear, we dimly see,
In differing phrase we pray;
But, dim or clear, we own in thee
The Light, the Truth, the Way!



O Christ, our ever-living Lord, who in thy great love hast fed us at thy table, we most heartily thank thee for this time of fellowship, and for the spiritual strength and comfort thou dost impart to our souls. Grant us thy help to keep the vows which here we renew. May the uplifting sense of thy presence remain with us to guide and defend our lives.

We praise thee that thou has made us members of thy mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people: and we commend to thee all those who are joined to us in the one true faith. We bring to thee in love and tenderness all who are dear to us Be pleased to unite thy people everywhere in love and charity; and let thy Church spread abroad in the earth, drawing all people unto thyself, that they may find redemption and peace in thee.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank thee for all thy servants who have departed in the faith, the great cloud of witnesses by whom we are encompassed, who in every age have loved thee in life, and continued faithful unto death, especially those

most dear to our own hearts Give us grace with them to follow thee, and bring us at the last to those things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Now, unto him that loved us, and hath loosed us from our sins by his blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto his God and Father, unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

During a covenant hymn, the right hand of fellowship is given, as a pledge of rededication to the service of Christ and a sign of our oneness in him.



Covenant Hymn – 596

We who here together are assembled,
Joining hearts and hands in one,
Bind ourselves with live that's undissembled,
Christ to love and serve alone:
O may we our imperfect songs and praises
Be well-pleasing unto thee, Lord Jesus:
Say, 'My peace I leave with you:'
Amen, Amen, be it so.



The Blessing:

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

In the name of Jesus. AMEN.

All remain standing whilst the minister removes the elements from the table.



Organ Postlude



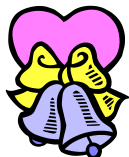
Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Today we declare that “Jesus is King” as we celebrate his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Welcome to all, whether you are in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May Jesus rule in our hearts and in our lives as we worship. Welcome.



Today: *Keiana Maynard*

Advanced: *Brenda Mascoll (4th), Nathaneal Joseph (5th), James T. Hinds & Akeem Maynard (6th), Resa Layne (7th), Shaquon Bryan & Esmay Waldron (8th)*



Congratulations to Bro. Ronald & Sis. Lucine Baker who will celebrate their 59th Wedding Anniversary on April 4, 2023

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: PALM SUNDAY

† Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre

† Moramus Singers Presentation of The Power of the Cross – *Christ's Passion, Our Redemption* – 5:00 p.m. at Mount Tabor Moravian Church, St. John. Admission is FREE, an offering will be received.

† 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).

† Monday – Wednesday: Holy Week Services (Sharon & Dunscombe) – 7:00 p.m. Streamed the Sharon Moravian Church YouTube Channel. Type into any browser: www.youtube.com/@sharonmoravianchurch

† Thursday (Maundy Thursday): Holy Week Reading Service, including the Lord's Supper – 6:00 p.m.

† Good Friday: Worship at 10:00 a.m.

† Next Sunday: DAY OF RESURRECTION

† Divine Worship – 9:30 a.m.

† Sunday School (All Ages) – 10:00 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre



In the Month of April 2023:

- ✠ Palm Sunday – 2nd
- ✠ Holy Week Services – Monday, 3rd to 7th
 - ✠ Monday – Wednesday – 7:00 p.m., Online.
 - ✠ Holy Thursday – 6:00 p.m. In-sanctuary, including the Lord’s Supper. The Bus will be available to transport those who have night-driving challenges to their homes.
- ✠ Good Friday – 7th. Worship at 10:00 a.m.
- ✠ Resurrection / Easter Sunday – 9th. Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- ✠ Unity Prayer Watch (Sharon & Dunscombe) – Sunday, April 09th, 12 Noon – 12:00 Midnight. You can sign-up by calling Rev. Parris, Rev. Kellman or the Church Office.
- ✠ Easter Monday Fish Fry – 10th, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.
- ✠ Sports and Fellowship Day – Saturday 15th, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Lester Vaughan School Sports Field. All ages invited.
- ✠ Harvest Festival at Faith (Six Roads) – Sunday, 16th, 8:00 a.m.
- ✠ Youth Convention – Sunday, 23rd, 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Moravian Church. Preacher: Rev. Onita Samuel-Warner of the St. Kitts Conference.
- ✠ Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 29th, online via Zoom.



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. Items will cost either \$3.00 or \$5.00.
2. Our annual fund-raising Easter Monday Fish-Fry will be held on April 10, 2023. We look forward to the usual assistance of the congregation in the donation of food items and in the sale of tickets.
3. From the Chairman of the Provincial Board:
 - ✠ The Unity Prayer Watch is a special service to the world, offered by the worldwide Moravian Church. The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from April 03 – April 17, 2023 (Sharon & Dunscombe – Sunday April 09th, 12 Noon – 12:00 midnight).
 - ✠ Conferences and congregations are asked to observe the time allotted for our members to engage in this unbroken prayer chain. This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecost experience.
 - ✠ Prayer is still a vital part of our walk with God and the life of the church. Let us therefore be in readiness for this prayer event as we continue to seek God’s guidance and direction for our Church, the world and ourselves.

4. 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.
5. 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



Provincial Theme 2023:

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

“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. Marva Craigwell, Bro. Athelston Lawrence, Sis. Norma Nicholls, Sis. Cynthia Eversley*
3. The Bereaved: *We express condolences to and pray for: the family of Sis. Ruth Bishop on her passing; Sis. Gloria Skeete on the passing of her sister in Canada.*
4. World Peace



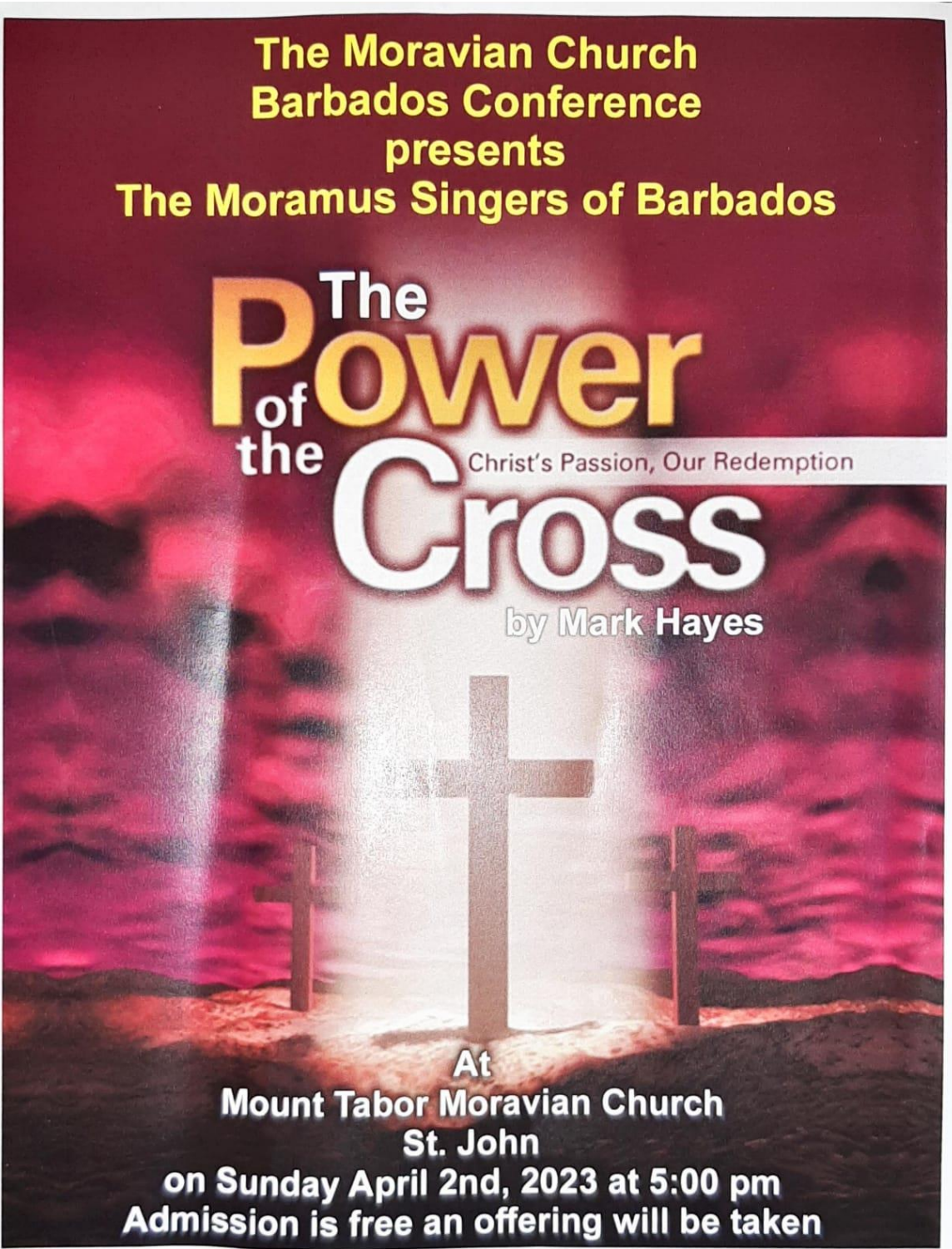
AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✠ **Moravian Daily Text 2023: American Paperback Edition – \$25 | American Large Print Paperback Edition – \$31**
- ✠ **Offering Envelopes for 2023 – 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 2023– 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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The Moramus Singers of Barbados**

**The
Power
of
the
Cross**
Christ's Passion, Our Redemption
by Mark Hayes



**At
Mount Tabor Moravian Church
St. John
on Sunday April 2nd, 2023 at 5:00 pm
Admission is free an offering will be taken**



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Lebanon (1838) Enon (1817)
Spring Gardens (1756)
Gracefield (1839) Bethany (1870)
Cedar Hall (1822) Cashew Hill (1993)
Gracehill (1773) Cana (1863)
Gracebay (1797) Urlings (1987)
Potters Zion (1881) Judges Hill (1993)
Greenbay (1845) Five Islands (1838)
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Sis. Flo Jean-Marie

Sharon (1768) Dunscombe (1860)
Mount Tabor (1825) Penuel (1914)
Calvary (1834) Gracehill (1882) Fulnec (1894)
Clifton Hill (1841) Centenary (1866)
Bethlehem (1964) Faith (2018)
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Rev. Adelyn Mgonela
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Bro. Ivyn Williams
Sis. Isilin Lewis
Sis. Kerstin Petty

Bethesda (1819) New Dawn (2012)
Estridge (1839)
Zion (1777) Bethel (1832)
Lay Pastor
Lay Pastor
Treasurer



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Nisky (1771)
Memorial (1843)
Faith (1999)
Friedensberg (1771)
Friedenthal (1755)
Friedensfeld (1801)
New Herrnhut (1737)
Emmaus (1783) Bethany (1754)
Lay Minister of Christian Education
Treasurer



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Minister of Christian Education
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Spring Gardens (1851) Bethesda (1874)
Buccoo (1996)
Montgomery (1790) Minister of Christian Edu.
Bon Accord (1861) Black Rock (1869)
Evangeli (1989)
Moriah (1840) Minister of Christian Edu.
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GRENADA MISSION

Rev. Devon Mannix



TRINITY MORAVIAN

Rev. Erfin Browne

2023 CALENDAR

"SHIFT: Reclaiming our Identity, Renewing our Purpose, and Re-igniting our Passion"

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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01 - New Year's Day 06 - Epiphany						

FEBRUARY

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07 - Grenada's Independence 22 - Ash Wednesday						

MARCH

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07 - Good Friday 09 - Easter Sunday						

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18 - Ascension Day 28 - Pentecost						

JUNE

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01 - Territory Day of BVI Day						

AUGUST

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31 - Trinidad & Tobago Independence						

SEPTEMBER

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19 - St. Kitts & Nevis Independence 24 - Day of Prayer for Surviving Spouses						

OCTOBER

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31 - Reformation Day						

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01 - Antigua & Barbuda Independence 13 - Chief Elder Festival 30 - Barbados Independence						

DECEMBER

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25 - Christmas Day						

MORAVIAN MEMORIAL DAYS

Mar 1: The founding of the Unitas Fratrum at Lititz, Bohemia, 1457.
Mar 26: The election of the first Minister of the Unitas Fratrum, 1467. The Sun-day nearest March 26 is observed as a day of Prayer for Theological Education.

May 12: The signing of the Brotherly Agreement which marked the Renewal of the Unitas Fratrum at Herrnhut, Saxony, 1727.
Jun 17: The founding of Herrnhut 1722.
Jul 6: The Martyrdom of John Hus, 1415.

Aug 13: The Manifestation of the Holy Spirit at Herrnhut, 1727.
Aug 17: The revival among the children of Herrnhut, 1707.
Aug 21: The departure of the first Moravian Missionaries from Herrnhut, 1732

Sep 16: the experience of Headship of Christ in the Moravian Church, 1741. This date is observed as Ministers' Covenant Day to renew their covenant with God and with one another.
Nov 13: The Proclamation of the Headship of Christ in the Moravian Church, 1741. (Christ as Chief Elder of the Moravian Church.)
Dec 13: The beginning of the Moravian Missions, St. Thomas, V. I., 1732