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Sunday, April 4, 2021

Day of Resurrection

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: With joy we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, praying that through worship, fellowship, and the comfort of his word, we may be strengthened in the inner person. Welcome, and may the resurrection power of God quicken us today.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Jesus said, "You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." *(Mark 14:62)*

Provincial Theme 2021: "Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T."



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EASTER

At the early service parts 1 and 3 are used (part 3 either in the church or in the burial ground); at other services parts 1 and 2 may be used.

LITURGY FOR EASTER PART 1

All standing.

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

TUNE: *DIADEMATA*

**Christians dismiss your fear;
Let hope and joy succeed;
The joyful news with gladness hear,
‘The Lord is risen indeed:’
The promise is fulfilled
In Christ, our only Head;
Justice with mercy’s reconciled;
He lives who once was dead.**

Anon. Latin, Lyra Davidica (1708)

Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. All who have faith in me shall live, even though they die. No one who lives and has faith in me shall ever die.’

‘I am the first and the last, and I am the living One; I was dead and now I am alive for evermore’.

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be praised! In his great mercy by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, he gave us new birth into a living hope; the hope of an inheritance, reserved in heaven, which nothing can destroy or spoil or wither.

Christ was raised to life – the first fruits of the harvest of the dead. As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be brought to life. As we have worn the likeness of the earthly, so we shall wear the likeness of the heavenly. He will transfigure our humble bodies, and give them a form like that of his own glorious body.

Sown a perishable thing,

It is raised imperishable.

Sown in humiliation,

It is raised in glory.

Sown in weakness,

It is raised in power.

Sown a physical body,

It is raised a spiritual body.

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

Thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.

To him be glory and dominion for ever! Amen.

TUNE: LUTHER'S HYMN

**In death's strong grasp the Saviour lay,
For our offences given;
But now the Lord is risen today,
And brings us life from heaven;
Come, let us therefore all rejoice
And praise our God with cheerful voice,
And sing loud hallelujahs.**

**It was a wondrous war, I trow,
When life and death contended;
But life hath triumphed o'er the foe,
The reign of death is ended;
It is indeed as Scripture saith,
That Christ in dying conquered death,
And from his realm ascended.**

Martin Luther (1483 – 1546)

There follows the reading of the story of our Lord's Resurrection from the book 'Passion Week and Eastertide' or scripture lessons, with hymns and canticles.

All standing for the following Confession of Faith:

I believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who created all things, and was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.

I believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He rescued us from the domain of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son. He has conferred on us in Christ every spiritual blessing and made us fit to share the heritage of God's people in the realm of light.

This I most certainly believe.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. From him and through him and for him all things exist, and we through him. He became flesh and lived among us, taking the form of a servant, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Man. He was tested in every way as we are, yet without sin. He spoke of what he knew, and testified to what he had seen. To all who put their trust in him, he gave the right to become children of God.

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and on the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

This is my Lord who loves me and gave himself for me; purchased and redeemed me from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; so that I may be his own, and live in his kingdom serving him eternally righteousness, innocence and happiness.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father, and whom our Lord Jesus Christ sent, after he went away, to be our Comforter and be with us for ever. He comes to the aid of our weakness, affirming that we are God's children. He floods our hearts with God's love, and makes our bodies his holy temple. He works in us the will of God, giving to each one gifts as he chooses.

This I most certainly believe.

Glory to God in the Church of Jesus Christ, the holy universal Christian Church, in the communion of saints, at all times and for ever and ever.

Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

TUNE: WELLS

**Now, with angels round the throne,
Cherubim and Seraphim,
And the Church which still is one,
Let us swell the solemn hymn;
Glory to great I AM,
Glory to the victim Lamb.**

**Blessing, honour, glory, might
And dominion infinite,
To the Father of our Lord,
To the Spirit, and the Word;
As it was all worlds before,
Is and shall be evermore.**

Josiah Conder (1789 – 1855)

The service continues with part 2 or 3.



Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: John 20:1 – 18

- 1 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.**
- 2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the LORD out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.**
- 3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.**
- 4 So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.**

- 5 And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.
- 6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,
- 7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.
- 8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.
- 9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.
- 10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.
- 11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,
- 12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
- 13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my LORD, and I know not where they have laid him.
- 14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.
- 15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.
- 16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.
- 17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.
- 18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the LORD, and that he had spoken these things unto her.



LITURGY FOR EASTER PART 3

The following is used in the burial ground or in the church:

TUNE: St. MAGNUS

**The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right;
The king of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal light.**

Thomas Kelly (1769 – 1854)

Jesus said, 'Set your troubled hearts to rest. Trust in God always; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so I would have told you; I am going to prepare a place for you'.

We know that when our earthly frame is destroyed, we possess a building provided by God, eternal and in heaven.

This hope we have as a foundation for our lives, safe and secure.

Our outward humanity is in decay,

Yet day by day we are inwardly renewed.

Our troubles may be slight and short-lived,

Yet their outcome is an eternal glory which far outweighs them, provided our eyes are fixed, not on the things that are seen, but on the things that are unseen.

What is seen is transient,

What is unseen is eternal.

Therefore, now that we have been justified through faith, we are at peace with God through Jesus Christ,

We rejoice in the hope of sharing the divine glory.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, by your resurrection you have opened for us the way to eternal life. Raise us from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, in the communion of your Church here on earth. Confirm in us the faith that we shall live even though we die. Teach us to seek and strive for the things of your kingdom, where you are seated on the right hand of God the Father. Keep us in unbroken fellowship with the whole Church triumphant and all our Christian brothers and sisters, who in the past year have been called home and entered into your joy (including especially those of this congregation.....), that we may rejoice together in your presence now and for ever.

Amen.

TUNE: NASSAU

Ye who Christ's disciples are,
Let your hearts be tending
Thither where you wish to share
Bliss that's never ending:
O may we
Constantly,
Weaned from things terrestrial,
Lord for joys celestial.

There the Lamb is glorified
Who for us was given;
There the souls for whom he died
Praise him now in heaven.
Here, by faith
In his death,
We find consolation
And complete salvation.

1789. J. Miller

Grace be to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the King of the rulers of the earth.

To him who loves us, who freed us from our sins by his blood and who made us to be a kingdom, to be priests serving his God and Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.
Amen.



Hymn 131 –

We sing His love, who once was slain,
Who soon o'er death revived again,
That all His saints through Him might have
Eternal conquest o'er the grave.

*Soon shall the trumpet sound, Soon shall the trumpet sound,
Soon shall the trumpet sound,
And we shall rise
Shall rise, shall rise shall rise to immortality,
Shall rise to immortality.*

The saints who now with Jesus sleep,
His own almighty power shall keep,
Till dawns the bright illustrious day
When death itself shall die away.

**How loud shall our glad voices sing,
When Christ His risen saints shall bring,
From beds of dust and silent clay,
To realms of everlasting day!**

**When Jesus we in glory meet,
Our utmost joys shall be complete;
When landed on that heavenly shore,
Death and the curse will be no more.**

**Hasten, dear Lord, the glorious day,
And this delightful scene display;
When all Thy saints from death shall rise,
Raptured in bliss beyond the skies.**



Adoration In Songs & Choruses



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



Hymn of Preparation – “*In Christ Alone*”

In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris



LITURGY FOR EASTER PART 2

Son of God, Saviour of the world,

Be gracious unto us.

By your agony and passion,

By your dying words,

By your cross and reconciling death,

By your rest in the grave,

Bless and comfort us, good Lord.

By your triumphant resurrection,

By your appearing to the disciples,

By your glorious ascension,

By your sending the Holy Spirit,

By your word and sacraments,

By your abiding presence,

By your coming again in glory,

Bless and comfort us, good Lord.

Eternal God and Father, by whose power our Lord Jesus Christ was raised from the dead; with the whole company of your people in heaven and on earth we rejoice and give thanks, that he who was dead is alive again and lives for evermore; that he is with us now and always, and that nothing can part us from your love in him; that he has opened the way to your kingdom and brought us the gift of eternal life.

All glory, praise and thanksgiving, all worship, honour and love, be yours, almighty and everlasting God, in time and for all eternity. Amen.

TUNE: DARWALL

**The stone is rolled away;
The Lord is ris'n indeed!
At God's right hand today
He sits, He intercedes.
The keys of death, hell and the grave
He took; mankind He came to save.**

2014 Ian C. Hughes a.

Prayers of intercession are offered:

Prayer for the Church.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence, carry out the work of humanity's salvation; and let the whole world feel and see that those things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things shall attain to perfection, through him from whom they took their origin, even through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Prayer for those in trouble.

God, you are the source of all comfort and consolation. We pray today for those who are sick and suffering; for the widow and widower, the motherless and the fatherless; for the sad and despairing. Reveal yourself to each one and teach them to find in you the strength in all trouble, and the refuge in every time of anxiety.

Amen.

Prayer for the aged and the dying.

O God, though all else should fail, you remain true; and though all things die, you live. We pray for those who are near the end of their earthly pilgrimage, that they may spend their remaining days in your presence, and meeting death with the strength of your grace, may pass into the nearer light of your knowledge and love.

Amen.

God of peace, whose Son our Lord Jesus was brought back from the dead to become the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood that sealed an eternal covenant, equip us to do your will in everything that is good, that our lives may always be acceptable to you through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

The service continues with hymn, sermon, hymn, and benediction.



Closing Hymn: 121 –

I serve a risen Saviour,
He's in the world today;
I know that He is living,
Whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy,
I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him
He's always near.

*He lives, He lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks to me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives,
Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.*

In all the world around me
I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair
I know that he is leading,
Thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing
Will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian!
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him
The help of all who find,
None other is so loving,
So good and kind.



Benediction



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

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Today: Brenda Mascoll

Advanced: Nathaneal Deane (5th), James T. Hinds & Akeem Maynard (6th), Resa Layne (7th), Shamaria Brewster (9th), Una Campbell, Michelle Collymore, Valerie Ramsay & Kaleb Blackman-Gibbons (10th)



Congratulations to Bro. Art & Sis. Valerie Ramsay who will celebrate their 18th Wedding Anniversary on April 5, 2021.



Flowers today are donated by the Layne family!



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

† TODAY: Day of Resurrection

† Worship – 9:30 am.

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).

† Wednesday: Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom

† Unity Prayer Watch (Sharon & Dunscombe)

† Saturday: “Touch & Go” – 4:00 p.m.

† NEXT SUNDAY: Worship – 9:30 am.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. The Eastern West Indies Province will participate in the Unity Prayer Watch from 8:00 p.m. April 6th to 8:00 p.m. April 9, 2021. Sharon and Dunscombe have been given responsibility for Wednesday, April 7th, 2:01 p.m. – Thursday, April 8th, 4:00 a.m. [14hrs]. A form has been prepared, dividing the time into half-hour slots and you are asked to take responsibility for an half of an hour, singularly or joining with another, to keep the watch going. This

watch has been a Moravian practice since August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecostal experience. Please call one of the pastors to sign-up.

2. The Moravian Church Barbados Conference presents, Children & Youth “Touch and Go” via Zoom.

a. Juniors (8yrs & Under) – Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

b. Intermediates (9-12yrs) – Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

c. Seniors (13yrs & Over) – Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Come, share and explore under the theme: “*S.H.I.F.T the Focus.*”

3. The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province (ECP) has drawn the Watchword for each Province and Unity Undertaking for 2021. The watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) is “*He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth*” (Psalm 105:7). The watchword is assigned for April 3, 2021.

4. 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.

5. Flower Festival 2021 has been cancelled as the ongoing COVID-19 has negatively impacted preparations, particularly the procurement of flowers.

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



PRAYER NEEDS:



Our Shut-ins: Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Sydney Gibson, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.



Those who fell asleep and were laid in the grave since last Easter (2020 – 2021):



Interred At Sharon:

1. Kathleen Idalia Waithe: Melrose, St. Thomas
2. Winston Gaskin: Lodge Hill, St. Michael
3. Cynthia Roberta Walcott: Cane Vale Crescent, Christ Church
4. Carl Weston Forde: Melrose, St. Thomas
5. Ottaline Eudora Hall: Husbands New Development, St. Michael
6. Merville Pilgrim: Canewood Road, Jackson, St. Michael
7. George Collymore: Spooners Hill, St. Michael
8. Erla Ofeel Reid: Cane Garden, St. Thomas
9. Patricia Anita Smith: Jackson Terrace, St. Michael

Interred Elsewhere:

1. Hazel Lorraine Bovell: Lewis Gap, Green Hill, St. Michael



AVAILABLE:

- † **Moravian Daily Text 2021: American Regular Print Paperback Edition – \$24**
- † **Offering Envelopes for 2021 – 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.**
- † **Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15**
- † **On order from the Church Office, copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.**
- † **Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church from the Church Office.**
- † **Books by Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25.00; Provocation – \$20.**
- † **The Book, ‘Created in Their Image: *Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914*’ written by Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts. The cost is \$50.00.**



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2020

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 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 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 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, Dedication, 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.**

