

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

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LENT

That I may know him,
and the power of his
resurrection, and the
fellowship of his
sufferings, being made
conformable to his death;

—Philippians 3:10

Sunday, April 6, 2025

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: It's another day the Lord has made; and what else should we do, but rejoice and be glad in it. Welcome to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad, as we join in the worship of the God worthy of our praise.

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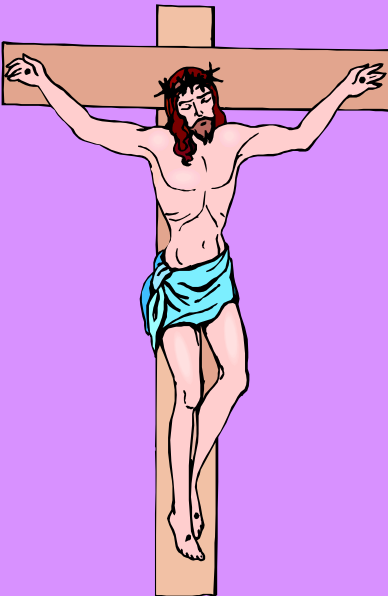
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WATCHWORD: ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 3:13,14)

Provincial Theme 2025:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE



Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call To Worship: The Sixth Order (CMP Liturgy Book, p.30)

Hymn 488 – *“Lord, We Thank You For The Pleasure”*

The Sixth Order (cont’d p.30 – *Let us pray:*)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 126:1 – 6

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.” – Psalm 100:4*

Offertory Hymn: 239 – *“My God I love Thee – not because”*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song

✠ *“I Thank You Oh Lord (Looking Back)”*

✠ *“Thank You, Lord,”*

✠ *“See What The Lord Has Done”*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:16 – 21

Second Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4 – 14

Choir Anthem – *“We Will Remember You”*

Sermon – *Rev. David Ince*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Hymn 582 – *“By Christ Redeemed, In Christ Restored”*

Consecration of the Bread

Distribution Hymns: 558 – *“We Come Now To Your Table Lord”*

561 – *“I Am The Bread Of Life”*

Consecration of the Wine

Distribution Hymns: 571 – *“My God, and is thy table Spread”*

576 – *“With deep devotion”*

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 588 – *“For the bread and for the wine”*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Covenant Song – *“Make Us One”*

The Blessing & Organ Postlude



Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship: The Sixth Order (CMP Liturgy Book, p.30)

All standing.

Jesus said, ‘I am the good Shepherd, and I know my own, and my own know me. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand’.

‘I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.’



Opening Hymn: 488 –

Lord, we thank thee for the pleasure
That our happy lifetime gives,
For the boundless worth and treasure
Of a soul that ever lives;

Mind that looks before and after,
Lifting eyes to things above,
Human tears, and human laughter,
And the depths of human love;

For the thrill, the leap, the gladness
Of our pulses flowing free;
E’en for every touch of sadness
That may bring us nearer thee;

But, above all other kindness,
Thine unutterable love,
Which, to heal our sin and blindness,
Sent thy dear Son from above.

Teach us so our days to number
That we may be lowly wise;
Dreamy mist, or cloud, or slumber
Never dull our heavenward eyes!

Hearty be our work and willing,
As to thee, and not to men;
For we know our souls' fulfilling
Is in heaven, not till then.



THE SIXTH ORDER

(Also for use in Advent, Lent, and before the Lord's Supper)

All stand

Let us pray:

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by his Son, and this is the word that we have from him:

‘The Lord our God, the Lord is One; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment.’

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

‘And the second is like it, namely this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.’

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these your laws in our hearts, we beseech you.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to you, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Remain seated.

TUNE: FAHRE FORT, ZION

*Thanks and praise,
Thanks and praise,
Thanks and praise be ever thine,
That thy word to us is given,
Teaching us, with power divine,
That the Lord of earth and heaven,
Everlasting life for us to gain,
Once was slain, once was slain.*

Christian Gottfried Clemens (1743 – 1815)

The readings with hymns or Te Deum.

Let us pray:

The Christ Litany

Lord, have mercy upon us,

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

Christ, hear us.

By your human birth in likeness of sinful flesh,

Make our bodies your holy temple;

By your homely toil at the carpenter's craft,

Show us the worth and blessedness of labour;

By your baptism with water and the Spirit,

Grant us your spirit in the fellowship of your Church;

By your victory in all temptation,

Strengthen us for the daily fight with sin;

By all the gracious words that proceeded out of your mouth,

Make the fruit of our lips to glorify God;

By your healing all manner of sickness,

Send us to minister to those who suffer;

By your feeding the multitude with bread,

Make us mindful of the needs of the world;

By your going about doing good,

Show us the righteousness of heaven;

By your being poor in the things of the earth,

Make us rich towards God.

Remain seated.

TUNE: ST SIMON

O thou whose human life for us
Did happiness obtain;
Thou who, expiring on the cross,
God's image didst regain;
We bless thee for the gifts restored
Through thy humanity;
Beneath thy shadow, Son of Man,
'Tis good thy child to be.

Frederick William Foster (1716-1835), alt.

By your transfiguration on the mount,
Show us the divine glory under the veil of flesh;
By your royal entry into the holy city,
Show us the peaceful glory of your reign;
By your holy supper with your disciples,
Keep us in fellowship with you and your people;
By your agony in Gethsemane,
Help us to say at all times, 'Your will be done;'
By your sufferings and death on the cross,
Show us the weight of the sin which you bore for us;
By your rising again from death to glory,
Lead us on to victory over sin and death;
By your going before us into heaven,
Prepare there a place even for us;
By your sending the Holy Spirit,
Abide with us always even unto the end of the world;
By the blessed hope of your coming again,
Keep us in watchfulness and prayer.

Remain seated.

TUNE: DER SABBATH

O form us all, while we remain
On earth, unto thy praise;
That each one fully may attain
Thy blessed aim through grace:
Till we in heaven thy face shall see,

*May spirit, soul and body be
Preserved by thee against that day
Blameless, O Lord, we pray.*

Moravian Liturgy 1793, anon.

Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of your mercies, your whole Church; all who join with us in prayer; all our brothers and sisters, wherever they may be in your vast kingdom, who stand in need of your grace and help. Pour out upon them the riches of your mercy, so that, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, together we may ever praise your wonderful and holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead and the Ruler of the kings of the earth, be the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.



Responsive Reading: Psalm 126:1 – 6

1. When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.
3. The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.
4. Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.
5. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
6. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.



Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.” – Psalm 100:4*

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.*



Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



Adoration in Song –

“I Thank You Oh Lord (Looking Back)”

Yes, I thank You, O Lord.
Yes, I thank You, O Lord.
Looking back in my life I see
All things You have done for me.
I thank You, O Lord.

Yes, I love You, O Lord.
Yes, I love You, O Lord.
Looking back in my life I see
Many things You have done for me.
I love You, O Lord.

Yes, I praise You, O Lord.
Yes, I praise You, O Lord.
Looking back in my life I see
All things You have done for me.
I praise You, O Lord.

Yes, I thank You, O Lord.
Yes, I thank You, O Lord.
Looking back in my life I see
Many things You have done for me.
I thank You, O Lord.



“Thank You Lord (With A Grateful Heart)”

I come before You today
And there's just one thing that I want to say
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

For all You've given to me
For all the blessings that I cannot see
Thank You Lord

Thank You Lord

With a grateful heart
With a song of praise
With an outstretched arm
I will bless your name

Thank You Lord
I just want to thank You Lord
Thank You Lord
I just want to thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

For all You've done in my life
You took my darkness and gave me Your light
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

You took my sin and my shame,
You took my sickness and healed all my pain
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

With a grateful heart
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Thank You Lord
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Thank You Lord



“See what the Lord has done”

See what the Lord has done
See what the Lord has done
What we waited for has come to pass
See what the Lord has done

See what the Lord has done
Can you see What the Lord has done?
What we waited for has come to pass
See what the Lord has done

Can you see what the Lord has done?
Can you see what the lord has done?
What we've been waiting for
He has brought to pass
See what the Lord has done

See what the Lord has done
See what the Lord has done
What we waited for has come to pass
See what the Lord has done



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:16 – 21

16. Thus saith the Lord, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;
17. Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.
18. Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.
19. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.
20. The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.
21. This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.



Second Scripture Reading: **Philippians 3:4 – 14**

4. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:
5. Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;
6. Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
7. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
8. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,
9. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
10. That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
11. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.
12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
13. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
14. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.



Choir Anthem – “We Will Remember You”



Sermon – – *Rev. David Ince*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



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 willest 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.**



Hymn 582 –

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,
We keep the memory adored,
And show the death of our dear Lord,
Until He come.

His body broken in our stead
We ‘take and eat’ – the living bread;
And thus, by faith, our souls are fed
Until He come.

The drops of His dread agony,
His life blood shed for us, we see;
The wine shall tell the mystery
Until He come.

And thus that dark betrayal night
With the last advent we unite
By one blest chain of loving rite,
Until He come.

O blessed hope! with this elate
Let not our hearts be desolate,
But, strong in faith, in patience wait
Until He come.



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.



Hymn 558 –

We come now to your table Lord,
You are the Living Bread.
We come now to your table Lord,
Let every soul be fed.
You are the Living Bread,
Let every soul be fed,
And now may every soul be fed,

With Living Bread.

We drink the cup, it was for us
Your sacred blood was shed,
We drink the cup, it was for us
You suffered pain and bled;
Your sacred blood was shed,
You suffered pain and bled;
We drink the cup, it was for us
Your blood was shed.

A holy feast transforming us,
The sacred Bread and Wine,
A holy feast transforming us,
That makes our lives divine;
The sacred Bread and Wine,
That makes our lives divine;
A holy feast transforming us,
This Bread and Wine.



Hymn 561 –

‘I am the bread of Life’, our Saviour said.
Feed on Him, and your souls for e’er shall live;
Drink freely from His fountain, sweet and pure,
And dwell in bliss with Him forevermore.

‘I am the Shepherd-Good’, our Saviour said.
Safe and secure He’ll keep you in His fold;
Be not afraid when danger cometh nigh,
Your caring Shepherd will defend your cry.

‘I am the Way, the Truth, I am the Life’ –
Proclaimed our loving Saviour, God’s dear Son;
Walk in His footsteps, His true Word believe,
And by Your faith, the light of life, receive.

‘I am the resurrection and the Life’ –
Declared our mighty Saviour, and our Lord;
He’ll raise you from a state of helplessness,
To live with Him in peace and righteousness.



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.***



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.



Hymn 571 –

My God, and is thy table spread?
And doth thy cup with love o'erflow?
Thither be all thy children led,
And let them all its sweetness know.

Hail, sacred feast which Jesus makes,
Rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
Thrice happy he who here partakes
That sacred stream, that heavenly food.

O let thy table honoured be,
And furnished well with joyful guests;
And may each soul salvation see,
That here its sacred pledges tastes.

Refresh thy thirsting people, Lord,
And bid our drooping graces live;

And more, that energy afford
A Saviour's love alone can give.



Hymn 576 –

With deep devotion
We in Christ's sufferings trace
The unfathomed ocean
Of his abounding grace;
He gave
Himself, our souls to save.

His body broken
Upon the shameful cross,
As he hath spoken,
Was given to death for us:
We feed
On everlasting bread.

The Lord draws near us,
Let us to meet him haste;
He comes to cheer us,
His flesh is our repast,
His blood
Our drink and highest good.

In sweet communion
With Christ, our Paschal Lamb,
And holy union
With all who love his name
May we
Abide continually.



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 – 588

For the bread and for the wine,
For the pledge that seals Him mine,
For the words of love divine,
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the feast of love and peace,
Bidding all our sorrows cease,
Earnest of the kingdom's bliss,
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For the words that turn our eye
To the cross of Calvary,
Bidding us in faith draw nigh,
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the bread,
Type of Him on whom we feed,
Him who liveth and was dead;
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

Till He come we take the cup;
As we at His table sup,
Eye and heart are lifted up!
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.



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 –

*Make us one heart
Make us one mind
Make us one, let your will be done
Make us one flame, to proclaim your name
Make us one, make us one*



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



Benediction



Organ Postlude



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

It's another day the Lord has made; and what else should we do, but rejoice and be glad in it. Welcome to all, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad, as we join in the worship of the God worthy of our praise.



Today: James T. Hinds & Akeem Maynard

Advanced: Resa Layne (7th), Shaquon Bryan & Esmay Waldron (8th), Shamaria Brewster (9th), Una Campbell, Michelle Collymore & Kaleb Blackman-Gibbons (10th), T'Shura Hinds (11th), Tyler Codrington & Shaniyah Payne (12th)



Congratulations to Bro. Kadeem & Sis. Jordonna Herbert, who are celebrating their 6th Wedding Anniversary today.



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 & Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

✝ Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

- ✝ **This Week:**
- ✝ **Office Hours – Tuesday & 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 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.**
- ✝ **Wednesday:** **DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
 - ✝ **Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.**
- ✝ **Friday:** **Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.**
- ✝ **Next Sunday: **PALM SUNDAY****
 - ✝ **Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m. GREEN SUNDAY**
 - ✝ **Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre**
 - ✝ **Palm Sunday Presentation: “*What A Wondrous Hope*” – 5:00 p.m. at Grace Hill Moravian Church.**



Activities in the Month of April 2025:

- ✝ **Day of Prayer and Fasting – Wednesday, 9th, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
- ✝ **Unity Prayer Watch (Sharon & Dunscombe) – Thursday, April 10, 10:01 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. You can sign-up by calling Rev. Parris, Rev. Ince, Rev. Kellman or the Church Office.**
- ✝ **Bethlehem Tea Party – Saturday, April 12, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Church Hall. Tickets – \$35.**
- ✝ **Palm Sunday – 13th**
- ✝ **Green Sunday (at Sharon) – 13th. As we seek contributions towards repairs to our church building, we invite attendees to wear green and to present a walk-up offering of green Barbados currency.**
- ✝ **Moramus Singers of Barbados Palm Sunday Presentation: *What A Wondrous Hope* – Sunday 13th, 5:00 p.m. at the Grace Hill Moravian Church, Spooner’s Hill. An Offering will be received.**
- ✝ **Holy Week Services – Monday, 14th to Thursday 17th**
 - **Monday – Wednesday – 7:00 p.m., Online.**
 - **Holy Thursday – 6:00 p.m. In-sanctuary, including the Lord’s Supper.**
- ✝ **Resurrection (Easter) Sunday – 20th**
- ✝ **Annual Fish Fry – Easter Monday, 21st, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre. **Pledge Forms are available – please collect one.****
- ✝ **Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 26th, online via Zoom.**
- ✝ **Youth Convention – Sunday, 27th, 10:00 a.m.**



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Thanks to all who supported our St. Thomas We Gathering Market Day last week; whether by maintaining a stall or by patronizing the event.
2. To conclude our Bible Study Series on Fasting, Wednesday, April 9th will be observed as a Day of Prayer and Fasting in this pastorate. Everyone is invited to fast from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Remembering that fasting is way to the strengthening of our faith, you are encouraged to (1) Choose a fast — A meal, a specific type of food, social media or some other daily activity that can distract you from God; (2) Set a focus for that day by meditating on Scripture about faith {e.g. Heb. 11:6, Mat. 17:20, rom. 10:17}; (3) Pray, Reflect {Did my faith grow through the process of fasting}, Journal {Write down any struggles, insights}.
3. Giving is one of the engagements / disciplines of the season of Lent. Here at Sharon and Dunscombe, although much of our “gathering” has been online, you are invited to still give a Lenten Offering. You can do so by setting an amount aside for each of the seven weeks and then presenting that offering on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or Easter Sunday.
4. We have closed our year of celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. One planned event remains outstanding, that is the Planting of a Time Capsule, which will be completed when all the items have been gathered.
5. We are still open to contributions under our “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 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.



6. From the Superintendent:

6.1. Delegates to Provincial Synod:

6.1.1. The results of balloting in congregations on March 9th were as follows:

✠ **LAY DELEGATE:** Sis. Betty Alleyne Headley – 148; Sis. Carolyn Hinds – 148; Sis. Cheryl Crony-Sealy – 113; Bro. David Blenman – 160; Sis. Khelia Best – 148; Sis. Margaret Best – 111; Sis. Ottley Cox-Burrowes – 107; Bro. Shamar Watson – 117; Sis. Verve Alleyne – 123; Bro. Wordsworth Hinds – 61.

✠ **YOUTH DELEGATE:** Sis. Charlene Forde – 10; Sis. Jahnyah Audain – 17; Sis. Janae Paul – 16; Sis. Kaylia Doughty – 25; Sis. Renee Holford – 20. A special meeting of Island Conference was held online on March 16th at 7:30 p.m. to have an online election to break the tie for the second and third Lay Delegate. The following were thereafter considered elected as our Synod Delegates:

- Sis. Betty Alleyne Headley
- Sis. Carolyn Hinds
- Bro. David Blenman
- Sis. Kaylia Doughty

6.2. 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, 2025. The Barbados Conference will keep the prayer chain going as follows:

6.2.1. Calvary / Gracehill – Wednesday April 09, 12 Noon – 12.00 Midnight. [12hrs]

6.2.2. Bethlehem / Faith – Thursday April 10, 12:01 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. [10hrs]

6.2.3. Sharon / Dunscombe – Thursday April 10, 10:01 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. [12hrs]

6.2.4. Fulnec – Thursday April 10, 10:01 p.m. – Friday 11, 2:00 a.m. [4hrs]

6.2.5. Clifton Hill / Centenary – Friday April 11, 2.01 a.m. – 12.00 Noon. [10hrs]

6.2.6. Mount Tabor / Penuel – Friday April 11, 12.01 p.m. – 12:00 Midnight. [12hrs]

6.2.7. Special Prayer concerns are: Healing; The Growth of the Church; The Financial Position in of the Barbados Conference; The Leadership in our Congregation; The Provincial Board; Synod 2025; That God would raise up men & women for full time ministry; Peace in the World; The Worldwide Moravian Church.

6.2.8. 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.

- 6.3. Our Conference Annual Sports and Fellowship Day will be held on Saturday, April 5th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Briar Hall Playing Facilities, Christ Church.

6.3.1. Events will include: Races of all sorts – 100, 200, 400, 800, Relays, Walking Race, Potato Race, Going to Church; Tug-of-War, and more.

6.3.2. Come with family and friends and enjoy a day of fun and fellowship.

- 6.4. Synod:

6.4.1. The 34th Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province will be held in the Trinidad Conference in July 2025. The Synod will be both virtual and in-person. Synod will convene virtually on May 15, 2025 and June 12, 2025 to conduct housekeeping matters and to receive reports. The in-person sessions will be held from July 10 – 16, 2025 in Trinidad, with the 10th and 16th being travels days.

6.4.2. The Congregations of the Province are being asked to cover the fees and costs of their Pastor(s)/Clergy Delegate(s) as usual. The estimated cost per delegate from Barbados is BD\$3,000, covering a Synod Fee of US\$1,000 and travel cost from Barbados to Trinidad of approximately BD \$1,000.

6.4.3. As per the Book of Order (Paragraph 4.17), members of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province may submit proposals on any aspect of our church's life, for resolution at the 34th Provincial Synod. Proposals should be seconded by a member of the Moravian Church and submitted to the Conference Office by February 14th, for consideration by the Island Conference and further submission to the Provincial Office by April 15, 2025.

6.4.4. Please begin to make preparations and to pray for the Synod.

- 6.5. You can sign up for the upcoming courses offered by the Moravian Institute for this Semester 2. Classes will resume on Saturday, March 15, 2025. The courses offered this semester are:

6.5.1. Introduction to the New Testament 1

6.5.2. Introduction to Counselling 1

6.5.3. Mission and Discipleship

6.5.4. Acts of the Apostles

6.5.5. You can learn more and register by following this link: <https://bit.ly/TheMoravianInstitute2025>

7. From the Provincial Board:

7.1. Please be advised that the Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis, Acting Superintendent of the Moravian Church Antigua Conference and Pastor of the Cedar Hall and Cashew Hill congregations, will proceed on furlough from April 1 to June 30 and August 15 to September 15, 2025. During this period, the Rev. Nevin Lewis, Pastor of the Lebanon and Newfield congregations, will assume responsibility for the Superintendency. We kindly ask for your prayers and support for Rev. Smith-Lewis, Rev. Lewis, and the entire Antigua Conference as they navigate this time of transition.

7.2. The 5th Unity Women's Consultation will be held in North Carolina, USA from June 1 – 8, 2025. This event brings together women from throughout the Moravian world to discuss matters pertinent to the gospel and women. The Ministers of Christian Education chose Sis. Laurine Richards of the Antigua Conference to represent the Eastern West Indies Province at this consultation. Please pray for Sis. Richards as she prepares for the consultation.

8. Synod Advisory from the Provincial Board:

8.1. Bishop Conrad Spencer has been requested to ordain Pastor Marleen Browne to the diaconate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province. The service of ordination will take place on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Memorial Moravian Church in Trinidad. Please pray for Sis. Browne as she prepares to take her vows.

8.2. The Opening Service for the 34th Provincial Synod, will take place on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at the Regent Star Hotel in Piarco, Trinidad at 9:00 a.m. The service will be streamed live.

8.3. The Closing Service for the 34th Provincial Synod will take place on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Regent Star Hotel in Piarco, Trinidad. This service will be streamed live.

8.4. Please continue to pray for the 34th Provincial Synod that the purpose of God is established.

9. We have resumed the "Basket of Hope" ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made 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.

10. We are thankful for your financial support.

10.1. 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.

10.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.

10.3. 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.

11. 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.

11.1. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.

11.2. 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>).

11.3. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com

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



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne*

2. The Sick/Recovering:

✠ *Of our congregation: Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Zelia Kellman, Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Yvonne Martindale, Sis. Brenda Herbert, Sis. Edna Taylor.*

3. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- ✚ Offering Envelopes for 2025 – 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 2025 – 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
- ✚ 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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“SHIFT: Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, and Re-Igniting Our Passion”

The focus for 2025 will be: Re-igniting our passion; for souls, service, and sustainability.

“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





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