



LENT

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

Sharon, St. Thomas. BB22136

¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind...¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

Genesis 9:14-16

Sunday, February 18, 2024

The First Sunday in Lent

BLACK HERITAGE SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: A warm welcome is extended to all as we worship, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home and abroad. We rejoice in worship over the salvation and power Jesus Christ brings to our lives. To all our visitors and friends, welcome!

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WATCHWORD: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. *(Psalm 25:8)*

Provincial Theme 2024:

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

ORDER OF SERVICE



Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship: (Psalm 29:1, 2):

Leader: Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD
glory and strength.

Congregation: *Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the
LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

Hymn 42 – “Give To Our God Immortal Praise”

Litany: Lent A p. 112 – CMP Liturgy Book or Projected

Worship In Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: “*If you save your life, you will lose it. But if you give your
life up, you will find it*” (Matt. 10:39).

Offertory Hymn: 339 – “When We Walk With The Lord”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 9:8 – 17

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:9 – 15

Choir Anthem – “Me Alone”

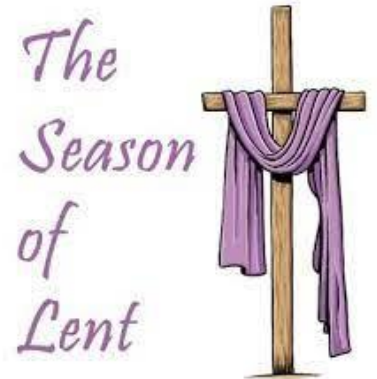
Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn 232 – “I Am The Way”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect
to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the
church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



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Opening Hymn: 24 –

Give to our God immortal praise;
Mercy and truth are all his ways:
Wonders of grace to God belong,
Repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown,
The King of kings with glory crown:
His mercies ever shall endure,
When lords and kings are known no more.

He built the earth, he spread the sky,
And fixed the starry lights on high:
Wonders of grace to God belong,
Repeat his mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light,
He bids the moon direct the night:
His mercies ever shall endure,
When sun and moon shall shine no more.

He sent his Son with power to save
From guilt, from darkness, and the grave:
Wonders of grace to God belong,
Repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet,
And leads us to his heavenly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure,
When this vain world shall be no more.



Litany – Lent A

All stand

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Give unto us your peace.

Lord God, our Father in heaven, you have manifested your great love toward us, for you sent your Son into the world to atone for our sins.

We give you thanks, for you have enabled us to share in the inheritance that belongs to your people who live in the light.

God has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son;

Who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Lord God, Son, the Saviour of the world, because God’s children are human beings – made of flesh and blood – the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil.

Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.

Minor Chant

(Or read responsively)

Thou wast despised and re | jected of | men; || a man of sorrows | and ac | quainted with | grief.

And we hid as it were our | faces | from thee; || thou was: despised, and | we es | teemed thee | not.

Surely thou hast | borne our | griefs; || and | — — | carried our | sorrows:

Yet we did es | teem thee | stricken, || smitten of | God and af | flicted.

But thou wast wounded for our transgressions, thou wast bruised for | our in | iquities: || the chastisement of our peace was upon thee; and | with thy | stripes | we are | healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to | his own | way; || and the Lord hath laid on thee the in | iquity | of us | all.

Lord God, Holy Spirit, you descended and dwelt upon the Son; you anointed him to bring Good News to the poor; to heal the broken-hearted; to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free and that the time of the LORD's favor has come.

In Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.

Tune: WELLS

(Choir) Now with angels round the throne,
Cherubim and seraphim,
And the church which still is one,
Let us swell the solemn hymn:
Glory to the great I Am,
Glory to the slaughtered Lamb!

(All) 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)

From the sin of unbelief,
From all defilement of the flesh and spirit,
From all self-righteousness,
From every neglect of our duty,
From ingratitude and selfishness,
From lukewarmness,
From all indifference to your meritorious life and death,

Deliver us, gracious Lord and God.

By your holy incarnation and birth;
Your early exile;
Your pure and blameless childhood;
Your willing obedience;
Your humility, meekness, and patience;
Your faithfulness in your earthly calling;
Your perfect life before God and humanity.

Help us, O Christ, to dedicate both soul and body to your service.

By your tears and agony, your crown of thorns and cross,

Lead us to repentance for our sins.

By your willing sacrifice of yourself even unto death:

Make known to us the mystery of your love.

All sit

Tune: STUTTGART

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

John Bowring (1792 – 1872)

All stand

By all your sacred wounds and precious blood,
By your innocent suffering and dying,
By your rest in the grave,
By your glorious resurrection and ascension,

Bless us and save us, O Christ, our Redeemer.

Tune: MARTYRDOM

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

William Cowper (1731 – 1800)

Grant, O Lord, that we may abide in you, and walk worthy of God. As a result, we can show others the goodness of God, for he called us out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

O Lord, abide in us that we may abide in you.

Fulfill in us your prayer that all who love you may be one, as you are in the Father, and the Father in you.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Tune: MEDIA VITA Pt. II

(Minister) Most Holy Lord and God, Holy, Almighty God,
(Choir) Holy and most merciful Saviour, Thou eternal God!
(All) Grant that we may never
Lose the comforts of thy death;
Have mercy, O Lord.

Moravian Liturgy 1808, anon.



Worship In Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory Sentence: *“If you save your life, you will lose it. But if you give your life up, you will find it” (Matt. 10:39).*

Offertory Hymn: 339 –

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we will walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.



Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Thanks, thanks, I Give You thanks

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



Welcome, Celebrations & Notices



Worship in Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word:

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 9:8 – 17

8. And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,
9. And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;
10. And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.
11. And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12. And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:
13. I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.
14. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:
15. And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.
16. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.
17. And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.



Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:9 – 15

9. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.
10. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:
11. And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
12. And immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness.
13. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.
14. Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,
15. And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.



Choir Anthem – “Me Alone”



Sermon – – *Rev. Ezra Parris*



Prayer of Commitment & Intercession



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



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Today: Cheryl Alleyne & William Ifill

Advanced: Zachary Hoyte, Ashley Marshall, Jaaziel Parris & Jamari Lewis (20th), Keandra Eversley, Simone Jean-Marie & Roseann Lewis (21st), Felicia Best & Ebony Knight (24th)



Congratulations to Bro. Ricardo & Sis. Lelia Gibbs, who will celebrate their 56th Wedding Anniversary on February 24, 2024.



MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

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



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- † Today: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
- † Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre
- † Harvest Festival at Dunscombe at 3:30 p.m. The Bus leaves at 3:00 p.m.

- † 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 3:00 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

- † Wednesday: Bible Study (The Minor Prophets) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom.
Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship & Infant Baptism at 9:30 a.m.
† Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore
Centre



Activities in the Month of February 2024:

- † Black Heritage Sunday – 18th. Come in your Afro wear. Celebrate our identity and heritage.
- † Youth Symposium Barbados & St Kitts – Saturday, 24th, 10:00 a.m. Online
- † Conference Fundraising Fish Fry – Saturday, 24th at Sharon, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available at \$35.
- † Harvest Festival at Clifton Hill – Sunday, 25th



Activities in the Month of March 2024:

- † Provincial Day of Prayer – Friday, 1st, Online.
- † World Day of Prayer – Friday, 1st
- † Church Leaders Retreat – Saturday, 2nd, 10:00 a.m., Rev. Neilson Waithe.
- † Moravian Unity Sunday – 3rd, 9:30. At this time of year, we remember the birth of the Unitas Fratrum, the Moravian Church, on March 1, 1457. We are requested to pray for the work and witness of our Church Unity as we seek to be faithful to the mission of God. A special Unity offering will be taken in all Moravian Churches worldwide on Unity Sunday
- † Harvest Festival at Gracehill – Sunday, 10th
- † Meeting of Island Conference – Saturday, 16th, 10:00 a.m., D.C. Centre.
- † Mount Tabor Harvest Fair – Saturday, 16th, 11:30 a.m.
- † Harvest Festival at Mount Tabor – Sunday, 17th
- † Theological Education Sunday – 24th



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Last Sunday, February 10, 2024, we held our 225th Anniversary Service. It was a blessing. Thanks to all who helped, attended, or supported in any way. We say special thanks to the 225th Anniversary Committee; Sis. Evelina King-Harper for creating the service booklet and Bro. Addington Brathwaite for printing it; Bro. Anthony Ifill and Bro. Louis Adams for freshening-up the garden walls, etc.; Other events being planned, include:

† Fun Day – April 1, 2024

† “The George Ramsay Memorial” Lecture – Thursday, May 16, 2024

† Anniversary Dinner & Gala – Date to be confirmed.

2. If you plan to claim on contributions to our church when filing your 2023 Income Tax Return, please make a request and submit your TAMIS Number, so that a statement can be forwarded to the Barbados Revenue Authority on your behalf. Please send an email to sharon.moravian.church@gmail.com or by writing your TAMIS Number just once on your offering envelope.

3. We are thankful for your financial support.

† We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and pay 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.

4. 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



The Past 225 Years



1. The first Moravian missionaries who came to Barbados on September 26, 1765, were JOHN WOOD and ANDREW RITTMANSBERGER.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore, Sis. Patterson Williams*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
† Of our congregation: *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Shanna King (USA)*
3. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

† Moravian Daily Text 2024:

- American Paperback Edition – \$25
- American Large Print Edition – \$32

† Offering Envelopes for 2024 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.

† Missionary Collection Boxes for 2024 – If you had a box last year, please collect it from the Vestry. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.

† Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15

† Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.

† Books:

▣ Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.

- ▣ **Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.**
- ▣ **Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.**
- ✚ **Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.**



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“Broadly speaking, renewing identity speaks of who we are as Christ-followers; renewing our purpose speaks to why the church exists; re-igniting our passion speaks to our willingness to share our faith with others. — Chairman of PEC





The Barbados and St. Kitts Conferences
Present a Youth Symposium

“Reconnection For Life”

Guest Speaker
Rev. Erwin Warner



Saturday, February 24, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Online via Zoom
Meeting ID: 829 6525 2932 | Passcode: 931810

Click to join Zoom Meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82965252932?pwd=djlkXBJYVFRUIRhfVFcvdnVBd1BOZz09>



“Burdened?”



“Reconnect”



“Freedom!”

MORAVIAN CHURCH BARBADOS CONFERENCE

PRESENTS

FISH FRY & *Karaoke*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

1.00 P.M. TO 6.00 P.M.



Sharon Moravian Church Grounds

Tickets \$35.00

Sharon Moravian Church

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Celebrating the Past
Pursuing the Vision of God's Kingdom

225TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS CALENDAR 2024

**225TH
ANNIVERSARY
SERVICE**



FEB 11 | 4:00PM

MAR 3 | 3:30PM



**MARCH OF
WITNESS
(UNITY SUNDAY)**

FUN DAY



APR 1 | 11:00AM

MAY 16 | 7:00PM



**'THE GEORGE
RAMSAY
MEMORIAL'
LECTURE**

**ANNIVERSARY
DINNER &
GALA**



TBA



Join us for

Harvest Fair

Sat
16 March
2024

from 11.30am

**Mount Tabor
Moravian Church**
St. John

Delicious Food & Refreshments

