

SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

(Built by Slaves – 1799)

Sharon, St. Thomas. BB22136



Sunday, March 24, 2024

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 as we join in worship today, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home and abroad. May Jesus rule in our hearts and in our lives as we worship.

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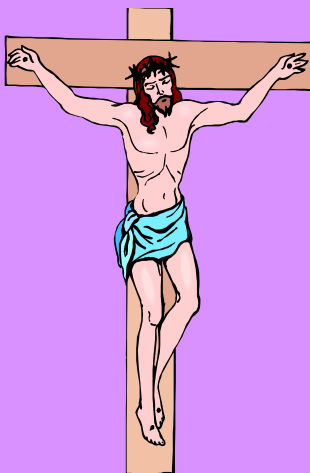
WATCHWORD: Jesus said, “You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven’”.
(Mark 14:62)

Provincial Theme 2024:

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



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ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit – Choir

Invitation to Worship (Psalm 118:1):

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

All: *For His mercy endures forever.*

Hymn 495 – “O Praise Ye The Lord”

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

WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: *“Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7).*

Offertory Hymn: 693 – “Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Worship in Songs & Choruses

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50:4 – 9a

Choir Anthem – “Hosanna To The King!”

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1 – 11

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

Sermon – – Rev. Ezra Parris

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Closing Hymn: 317 – “Who Is On The Lord’s Side?”

The Benediction

Organ Postlude



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Opening Hymn: 495 –

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him
In brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you
To sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured

All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!



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."

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: *“Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7).*

Offertory Hymn: 693 –

Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear;
Things I would ask him to tell me
If he were here;
Scenes by the wayside,
Tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus,
Tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children
Stood round his knee;
And I shall fancy his blessing
Resting on me;
Words full of kindness,
Deeds full of grace,
All in the lovelight
Of Jesus' face.

Tell me, in accents of wonder,
How rolled the sea,
Tossing the boat in the tempest
On Galilee;
And how the Master,
Ready and kind,
Chided the billows
And hushed the wind.

Into the city I'd follow
The children's band,
Waving a branch of the palm-tree
High in my hand;
One of his heralds,
Yes, I would sing
Loudest hosannas,
Jesus is King!

Show me that scene in the garden,
Of bitter pain;
And of the cross where my Saviour
For me was slain;
And, through the sadness,
Help me to see
How Jesus suffered
For love of me.

Gladly I'd hear of his rising
Out of the grave,
Living and strong and triumphant,
Mighty to save;
And how he sends us
All men to bring
Stories of Jesus,
Jesus, their 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.*



Welcome, 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: Mark 11:1 – 11

1. And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples,
2. And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him.
3. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither.
4. And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him.
5. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt?

6. And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go.
7. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him.
8. And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way.
9. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:
10. Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.
11. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.



Canticle 7 – The Hosanna Anthem

Canticle 7 – Hosanna Anthem (Matthew 21:9)

(The anthem is written for boys and girls to sing in alternate parts. It may, however, easily be sung according to any other responsive arrangement.)

- B.** Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!
G. | Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!
B. | Hosanna,
G. Hosanna, –
B. Hosanna, –
G. Hosanna, –
B. Blessed is he that | comes!
G. | Blessed is he | that comes!
B. | he that comes in the Name | of the Lord!
G. | he that comes in the Name of the Lord!
B. Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!
G. Hosanna, blessed is he that | comes!
B. Hosan– | na,
G. | Hosan– | na,
B. | Hosan– | na,
G. | Hosan– | na,
B. | Hosan– | na,

By thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side;
Saviour, we are thine!

Jesus, thou hast bought us,
Not with gold or gem,
But with thine own life-blood,
For thy diadem;
With thy blessing filling
Each who comes to thee,
Thou hast made us willing,
Thou hast made us free.
By thy grand redemption,
By thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side
Saviour, we are thine!

Fierce may be the conflict,
Strong may be the foe,
But the King's own army
None can overthrow;
Round his standard ranging,
Victory is secure;
For his truth unchanging
Makes the triumph sure.
Master, thou wilt keep us,
By thy grace divine,
Always on the Lord's side;
Saviour, always thine!



Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Advanced: Oneta Durant (25th), Peter Layne (26th), Maudrie Holder, Antoinette Pilgrim-Moaze & Mario Turton (27th), Daleshia Miller & Donna Moore (28th), Patricia Layne (29th), Gwendolyn Oke, Krifnaly Padmore & Yvette Taitt (30th)



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
- † Moramus Singers – *Palm Sunday Recital* – 5:00 p.m. at Bethlehem. The Bus leaves at 4:30 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).
- † Monday – Wednesday: Holy Week Reading Services (Sharon & Dunscombe) – 7:00 p.m. Online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.)
- † Thursday (Maundy Thursday): Holy Week Reading Service, including the Lord's Supper – 6:00 p.m.
- † Good Friday: Worship – 10:00 a.m.
- † Next Sunday: **DAY OF RESURRECTION**
 - † Sunrise Reading at 5:00 a.m.
 - † Divine Worship 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 March 2024:

- † Moramus Singers of Barbados – *A Palm Sunday Recital* – Sunday, 24th, 5:00 p.m. at the Bethlehem Moravian Church, Maxwell, Christ Church. A presentation of J. H. Maunder’s Hosanna, *Blessed Is He That Comes and Penitence, Pardon and Peace*. Admission is free. An offering will be received.
- † Theological Education Sunday – 24th



Activities in the Month of April 2024:

- † Food & Fun Day – Easter Monday, April 1st, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Sharon Grounds.
- † Sports and Fellowship Day – Saturday, 6th, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- † Harvest Festival at Penuel – Sunday, 7th, 3:30 p.m.
- † Unity Prayer Watch (Sharon & Dunscombe) – Thursday, April 11th, 12 Noon – 12:00 Midnight. You can sign-up by calling Rev. Parris, Rev. Ince, Rev. Kellman or the Church Office.
- † Harvest Festival at Faith (Six Roads) – Sunday, 14th, 8:00 a.m.
- † Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 27th, online via Zoom.
- † Conference Women’s Fellowship & Youth Heritage Tour – Saturday, 27th
- † Youth Convention – Sunday, 28th, 10:00 a.m. at Sharon Moravian Church.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. March is Month of Disabled, in Barbados and as a church we offer our encouragement and support to any who are faced with a disability of any nature. We extend the invitation to all to be mindful of and create space for people with disabilities, that they may find life. On our premises here at Sharon, you will note that a Disabled Parking Space has been demarcated in front of the D. C. Moore Centre. We ask that it be reserved for those with mobility challenges who drive.
2. We are celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. We held our Anniversary Service on February 10th. Other events being planned, include:
 - † Food & Fun Day – Easter Monday, April 1, 2024. Admission is free. Food and drinks will be on sale!
 - † “The George Ramsay Memorial” Lecture – Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The lecture will be presented by Dr. Pedro Welch.
 - † “Come Back Sunday” – Sunday June 30, 2024.
 - † Anniversary Dinner & Gala – October 12, 2024.

✝ We have launched a “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 dollars 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.



3. At its meeting held on March 12, 2024, the Board of Stewards appointed its Executive as follows: Chairman – Sis Margaret Best; Vice-Chairman – Sis Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle; Secretary – Sis Evelina King-Harper; Treasurer – Sis Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall; Assistant Secretary – Sis Brenda Mascoll; Assistant Treasurer – Sis Jennifer Clarke.
4. At its meeting held on February 29, 2024, the Board of Elders appointed Sis. Carmel Downes as Vice-Chairman, Sis Cora Cumberbatch as Secretary and Sis. Hazel Carter as Assistant Secretary. The assignment of Districts is a follows:

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1 st Avenue Jackson, Browne’s Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Sis. Ismay Straker

5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman’s Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Bevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

5. From the Superintendent:

✠ On Sunday, March 24, 2024, the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province will observe Theological Education Sunday. On this day annually, we remember in prayer our Warden/Tutor and all of our Moravian ministers in training at the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica. A special offering towards ministerial training is also received. Currently, there is one (1) minister in training from this Province: Sis. Chioma Henry. Let us remember them especially in our prayers.

6. 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.

7. 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

6. A close look at the pulpit will show you that it is the steeple upside down. The rounded corners are just like the rounded corners of the building itself. It is obvious that much thought went into the work of this historic sanctuary.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. Our Shut-ins: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Thora Moore*
2. The Sick/Recovering:
 - ✝ Of our congregation: *Sis. Ansonia Cox-Burgess, Sis. Shanna King (USA)*
3. The Bereaved: We express condolences and pray for the relatives and friends of Sis. Patterson Williams on her passing.
4. 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.



Provincial Theme 2024:

“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



UNITY PRAYER DAY OFFERING 2024.

Support for Ukrainian Refugees in Germany and the Czech Republic

GERMANY

The Russian war of aggression triggered a large movement of refugees within Ukraine, but also to safe neighbouring countries. More than 1.3 million

refugees – mostly women with their children – arrived in Germany alone as of February 2022.

Partly through personal contacts, partly because of the proximity of various congregations to the border, the Moravian Church in Germany had already recognized the responsibility to provide active help at an early stage. The first women and children arrived at the Moravian guest house KOMENSKÝ at the beginning of March 2022 during the days of the Synod meeting. Spontaneously, an information and discussion session was arranged at Synod. In the following weeks, several rooms in the KOMENSKÝ were made available for refugees. Some moved on later, for others, flats were sought in and around Herrnhut. There was a great readiness to help, within the congregation and also among many people in the surrounding area who donated necessary clothing or furniture.

Like Herrnhut, several other congregations helped immediately with the most necessary items. It soon became clear that housing, clothing, and food could only be the basics of support. From the beginning, personal relationships were also important. Parishioners who spoke Russian often volunteered to help with visits to offices and doctors or started German language courses. In Herrnhut, the “Café Odessa” was founded – a meeting place for newcomers and residents, which continues to open its doors once a week. In Cottbus, the “Haltestelle”, a missionary project of the Moravian Church, invited refugee children to the “Ukrainian School”. Here they could learn German in a playful way, but above all enjoy hours of levity after the often-traumatic experiences of the war. The Haltestelle is still an important anchor point for Ukrainian children and their parents.

Supporting children and young people also became a task for the Moravian schools. Ukrainian classes were established at both the Zinzendorf schools in Königsfeld and Herrnhut. The goal of integrating the children into the regular classes after intensive German language courses has been achieved in the meantime. The Königsfeld Zinzendorf School also provided cost-intensive accommodation for an unaccompanied Ukrainian girl in the boarding facilities.

In addition to helping refugees in the congregations and institutions, the Moravian Church also helped directly in Ukraine. Aid transports to the war-torn regions were supported. In cooperation with other Christian organizations, almost 10,000 copies of the Moravian Daily Watchwords in Ukrainian language have been distributed since the beginning of the war. The books were distributed by pastors and staff of local church congregations,

mostly together with aid packages. The soldiers at the front received the Watchwords together with the food packages.

We will continue to distribute the Moravian Watchwords to sow hope with the word of God in a country where war has devastated so many places and landscapes, in a society where joy of life and confidence are hard to find at the moment.

CZECH REPUBLIC

In February 2022, the war in Ukraine began. Due to the war situation, many residents were forced to flee Ukraine and look for a new home in various European countries. Over 500,000 Ukrainian refugees also received temporary protection in the Czech Republic. These are mainly women and children, possibly the elderly, as the men stayed in Ukraine to defend their country.

The Moravian Church Unity Province also got involved in helping Ukrainians without hesitation: by providing accommodation, donating clothes and household items, offering opportunities for work and spending free time, practical help and support. Thanks to the cooperation with the Moravian Church Choir, the community united around the New Generation Christian elementary school in Kyiv, approx. 120 people, moved to Nová Paka - the Nová Paka choir, in cooperation with the region and other organizations, and with the support of donors from UF, managed to secure for them accommodation and spaces for teaching. During this year, some returned or moved to other countries, in the following school year the students from this school will be educated directly in our primary school.

We are still continuing this assistance: in some of our congregations, Ukrainian families continue to stay, or women with children, several women are even employed in our congregations. In our Christian schools and kindergartens, we not only provide education for registered Ukrainian pupils and students (Nová Paka, Hejnice, Liberec), but we also help them and their families, if possible, with solving their needs and the traumas that war brings, our congregations offer the possibility of leisure activities - participation of children in clubs, summer camps, involvement in various activities within the community (mothers' clubs, senior clubs), etc. If possible, Ukrainians participate in our services, which are adapted for them, a Ukrainian Christian group meets weekly in the premises of the Nová Paka church.



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presents

**Hosanna, Blessed is He that comes
and
Penitence, Pardon and Peace**

by J.H.Maunders

A Palm Sunday Recital

at

Bethlehem Moravian Church
Maxwell
Christ Church



Sunday 24th March, 2024

Time

5:00PM

An offering will be taken

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**APRIL
1ST**



1-6 pm



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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



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