



TRINITY

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Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send Me!"

Sunday, May 30, 2021

**Trinity Sunday
Exchange of Pulpit**

9:30 a.m.

Welcome: Welcome to all as we worship and seek to know more of the God who has manifested himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We give special welcome to Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris, Director of Christian Education as she leads us for this Exchange of Pulpit. We pray that in the fullness of God's ministry we find life and peace today.

Pastor: Rev. Ezra Parris
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Rev. Movelle Kellman

WATCHWORD: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. *(Isaiah 6:3)*

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Introit

Invitation to Worship: Psalm 29:1 – 4

Leader: Give to the Lord, O you mighty, give to the Lord glory and strength.

Congregation: *Give to the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*

Leader: The voice of the Lord is on the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is above many waters.

Congregation: *The voice of the Lord is in power, the voice of the Lord is in majesty.*

Opening Hymn: 155 – “The Lord’s my Shepherd” (with chorus “He lives”)

Litany: Trinity Sunday (Liturgy Book, p. 153 / Projected)

Song – “In Christ Alone”

Welcome, Celebrations & Notices

Blessing of Tithes & Offerings

Adoration in Songs & Choruses

Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Lesson – Isaiah 6:1 – 8

Hymn 356 – “You have all my future in your hands”

Second Scripture Lesson – St. John 3:1-17

Hymn of Preparation: 126 – “God sent His Son”

Message – – Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris

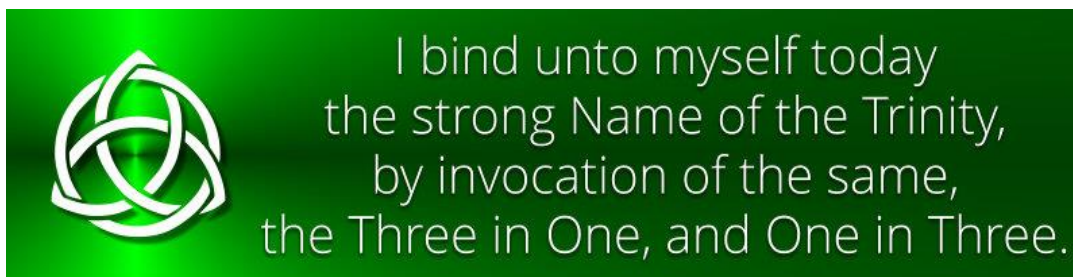
Prayer of Commitment

Closing Song of Reflection: 292 – “I the Lord of sea and sky”

Benediction



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Opening Hymn: 155 – (with chorus “He lives”)

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E’en for His own Name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God’s house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.



TRINITY SUNDAY

All standing.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

Tremble before him all the earth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn

All seated.

For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, 'I dwell in the high and holy place, and with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite.'

Let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful Lord and God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own heart. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us, sinners that we are. Spare those, Lord, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, and give strength, most merciful Lord, that from this time on we may live a godly and righteous life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God the Father, maker of heaven and earth,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Saviour of the world,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life,

Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,

Have mercy on us.

Here all join to say the Lord's Prayer, in one of the following versions:

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread*

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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*

*And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
us.*

*And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.*

*Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against*

*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.*

Lord God, King and Ruler of the world, you have made all things by your power,
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Lord God, you have shown us the glory of your kingdom through your redeeming love.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Lord God, ever working in the world, build your kingdom among us.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The Te Deum may be said or sung.

The readings with hymns and psalms.

All standing for a Confession of Faith.

All seated.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, we can never come to know you fully, but in the Son you have revealed yourself as Father, and by the Spirit you have borne witness that we are joint heirs with Christ. Help us to show our faith in you as Father by living as your children, our faith in you as Son by following in your footsteps, and our faith in you as Holy Spirit by our obedience to your light within our souls. **Amen.**

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, in whom we truly believe, we ask:

That you will strengthen and enlarge your Church in every land, and unite all those who call themselves Christians in faith and hope and love;

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That your Church may strive not for its own safety but for the world's salvation, seeking only your kingdom and your righteousness;

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That your Church may proclaim the Gospel throughout the whole earth, and make disciples of all nations;

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That you may give all bishops and ministers the spirit of wisdom, power and love, and call faithful labourers into the work of your ministry;

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That we may reverently receive your word, and rightly use your sacraments, and be strengthened in the body and soul by your heavenly gifts;

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That you will remove from us all hatred, prejudice and narrowness of thought, that we may receive and rejoice in all that you give to the world;

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That we may dedicate to your service our ability of mind and skill of hand, that in whatever is true and pure and lovely we may honour your name;

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That regardless of praise or contempt we may faithfully present ourselves as your followers;

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That you will guide us in all perplexities of belief and conduct, that we may worship you in spirit and truth;

Lord, hear us,

Lord graciously hear us.

Glory, thanks and praise to the holy eternal Father,

The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Glory, thanks and praise to the holy and eternal Son,

The Saviour and Redeemer of the world;

Glory, thanks and praise to the holy and eternal Spirit,

The Renewer, Sanctifier and Comforter of souls;

Glory, thanks and praise to the blessed and undivided Trinity,

One God for evermore.

All your works praise you, Lord God; and all your saints bless you. Glory and majesty, thanksgiving and praise to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.



Song – “In Christ Alone”

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

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

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

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

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Blessing of Tithes & Offerings



Adoration in Songs & Choruses



Ministry of the Word

First Scripture Lesson – Isaiah 6:1 – 8

- 1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.**
- 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.**
- 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.**
- 4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.**
- 5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.**
- 6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:**
- 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.**
- 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.**



Hymn 356 –

**You have all my future in Your hands, in Your hands
I bid you take over all my life, Lord.
My dreams, aspirations, all my best Jesus Lord.
My hopes, my fears, in Your Hands**

*In your hands, Lord, I place today, tomorrow.
In your hands, Lord I surrender all.*

*In your hands, I commit my joys, my sorrows;
In your hands, Lord, I surrender all.*

**Keep walking beside me every night, every day
And giving me courage for the fray, Lord.
I need You to guide me every step of the way,
Forsake me not, Lord I pray.**

**You place many duties in my hands, in my hands;
And shaping my future is my task, Lord
On You I depend, Lord, for the power; this I ask;
That all make sense in Your hands.**

**So Lord I am trusting everything to Your hands,
And then I keep praying for our land, Lord.
To labour with others for the best, Jesus Lord,
Our all I place in Your hands.**



Second Scripture Lesson – St. John 3:1 – 17

- 1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:**
- 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.**
- 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**
- 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?**
- 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**
- 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**
- 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.**
- 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.**
- 9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?**
- 10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?**

- 11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.
- 12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?
- 13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.
- 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
- 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.



Hymn of Preparation: 126 –

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory, and I'll know He lives.



Message – – Rev. Julie Joefield-Parris



Prayer of Commitment



Closing Hymn of Reflection: 292 –

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them,
Whom shall I send?**



The Benediction



Organ Postlude



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Today: *Shonda Forde & Macario Maynard*

Advanced: *Sharon Greaves (June 1st), Wendell Brathwaite & Kareem Forde (5th)*



Congratulations to Bro. Richard & Sis. Marcia Coombs who will celebrate their 16th Wedding Anniversary on June 4, 2021.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- † **TODAY:** TRINITY SUNDAY
- † **THIS WEEK** † Worship – 9:30 a.m. – Exchange of Pulpit
Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- † **WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom
- † **NEXT SUNDAY:** MORAVIAN MUSIC SUNDAY
† Worship & Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. We say thank to those who gave last Sunday in support our sisters and brothers in St. Vincent and the Grenadines who have been affected by the eruption of the La Soufriere Volcano. We have collected \$1,728.15 so far.
2. Moravian Music Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, June 6, 2021. The thematic focus this year is “Trust in God.”
3. Having held our Annual Church Council on May 16th, the Installation of Officers will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2021.
4. The Provincial Board of the European Continental Province (ECP) has drawn the Watchword for each Province and Unity Undertaking for 2021. The watchword drawn for the Eastern West Indies Province (EWIP) is “*He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth*” (Psalm 105:7). The watchword is assigned for April 3, 2021.

5. We are thankful for the financial support we have been receiving thus far, particularly in the light of the economic impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are mindful that some of you may be facing reduced or lost income due to this crisis.
 - ✝ We are challenged however, in maintaining our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.
 - ✝ Those who attend worship in the sanctuary are reminded that offerings are deposited in the baskets on entry.
 - ✝ Those who are not back out to church as yet are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.
 - ✝ Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.
6. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on LIFE 97.5 FM, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.



PRAYER NEEDS:



1. **Our Shut-ins:** *Daphne Bispham, Aileen Bowen, Royle Deane, Sydney Gibson, Grace Lashley, Muriel Moore, Carol St. John.*
2. **The Bereaved:** *We extend condolences and pray for: the family of Bro Archibald Brathwaite on his passing – a service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Thursday, June 3, 2021 commencing at 3:00 p.m.; Sis Lorraine Holder and family on the passing of her son, Adrian Holder – a service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here at Sharon on Friday, June 4, 2021 commencing at 3:00 p.m. Bro. Rudolph Best and family on the passing of his sister, who was laid to rest at Coral Ridge on Friday.*



3. The people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Barbados and other nearby islands as we deal with the effects of the eruption of the La Soufriere volcano in St. Vincent.



AVAILABLE:

- ✝ **Offering Envelopes for 2021** – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- ✝ **Sharon Burgundy Shirts:** Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15

- ✝ 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.



Protocol for Worship Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic – 2021

In keeping with the directive given by the Prime Minister of Barbados:

1. Sanitisation stations shall be set up at the entrances and exits which shall be manned by ushers.
2. All attending shall sanitise their hands upon entering the church.
3. The names of all who attend service shall be recorded.
4. The temperature of each worshipper and minister shall be taken before entering the church, using a contactless thermometer;
 - ✝ persons whose temperature exceed 37.5° C shall not be allowed to enter the church;
 - ✝ persons who are coughing repeatedly, sneezing or exhibit any flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter the church.
5. Face masks shall be worn throughout the service by all persons present in the church. Worship Leaders may remove their masks temporarily to fulfil their roles, provided that there is at least six feet between leaders, and between leaders and congregants.
6. There shall be no physical contact between attendees.
7. There shall be a physical distance of at least three feet between all attending except between members of the same household who may sit together; in which case, there shall be a distance of at least three feet between one group and adjacent groups or individuals.
8. Attendees shall be asked to deposit their offerings in fixed containers.
9. No hymnals, Bibles, leaflets or other materials shall be distributed to worshippers;
 - ✝ Bibles, hymnals etc. should only be shared by family members;
 - ✝ The Lectern Bible shall also be removed and lesson readers shall be asked to use their own Bible.
10. Confirmation, Dedication, laying on of hands or anointing have been suspended for the time being.
11. Windows and doors shall be kept open to allow for ventilation.
12. Attendees shall be asked to maintain the recommended social distance when leaving the building.
13. There shall be no congregating of worshippers inside or outside of the church, before or after service.

