

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

8.30 A.M. –

**PRESBYTER- REV. DR. GEORGE MULRAIN  
PREACHER & LITURGIST- BRO. HOWARD ARMSTRONG**

Theme: **Set your face towards Jerusalem**

Welcome & Call to Worship

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem, and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. May these branches be for us reminders of his victory. Grant that we will ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life

VIP 374 – Enter into Jerusalem

Prayers

Lord, We acknowledge you this morning as God the Father Almighty, Creator of all that is, the beginning and end of everything, and the originator of all that is good. We acknowledge your son Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world who courageously fulfilled your purpose of enabling the offer of salvation for all by his suffering and death, and subsequently his resurrection and victory for our sakes. Through his sacrificial love, we have the opportunity of eternal life, of timeless communion with him and all believers in his Kingdom in Heaven. We are forever grateful and offer our praise and our thanksgiving through the same Jesus Christ our Lord

We also confront the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in commemorative celebration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Lord we confess our many and varied shortcomings – our lack of steadfastness and courage in pursuing and expressing our faith, our inclination to do the things we should not do, and not do the things we should. We are grateful that it is your nature always to be merciful and forgiving. We are assured that you have pardoned our confessions and we will strive to live worthily of your high calling in Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

VIP 39 – All Glory, Laud and Honor

Notices

Collect:

Lord, you redeemed the world through Jesus Christ and today we remember how he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Grant us grace to follow in the way of the cross, so that, being thereby joined in his death and resurrection, we may enter into eternal life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Ministry of the Word

- Responsive Psalm Psalm 118: 1-2 & 19-29

L. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

C. Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

L. Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

C. This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

L. I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

C. The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

L. This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

C. This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.<sup>[c]</sup>

L. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

C. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.<sup>[d]</sup>  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

L. The Lord is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.<sup>[e]</sup>

C. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Gloria

- Gospel Reading Mathew 21: 1-11  
Mathew 26:20-39

Song: The Holy City

## Message

### Prayers of Intercession

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood,  
Save and redeem your Church Universal.  
Empower its ministry of word, sacrament, fellowship and service,  
We pray for our Methodist conference, district, circuit and congregation -  
The Bishops, Ministers, Stewards and Preachers,  
The Musicians, Administrators, Teachers and Helpers  
The Men, Women, Families - the younger and the older.  
Through our faith toward you, and love for one another,  
draw all people to yourself.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood,  
save and redeem the peoples in every land and nation.  
Direct political, civic, community and business leaders  
And those who they lead  
By the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
May all come to know the salvation available  
Through the passion, death, resurrection and victory of Christ  
establish your peace in every place;  
and draw all people to yourself.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood,  
save and redeem all children,  
Protect especially those enduring poverty, abuse or violence.  
Through their innocent praise of your goodness,  
draw all people to yourself.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood,  
save and redeem those who stand  
in harm's way on our behalf –  
we think especially at this time of health workers, first responders,  
police officers, soldiers, fire personnel, other essential services  
By their labours, establish places of calm, safety and healing;  
Speak to us even in the midst of this global COVID -19 pandemic  
Reinforce that in this and indeed in all events and occurrences,  
you remain the sovereign Lord. In so doing,  
draw all people to yourself  
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood,  
Save and redeem all who walk through the  
dark valleys of illness, suffering, sorrow, and death.  
Use the witness of their faithful hope and perseverance  
and their blessed ultimate healing,  
to draw all people to yourself.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer. Amen.

Lord Jesus, by your cross and precious Blood,  
May we always be mindful of the events of Palm Sunday  
And your subsequent passion, suffering, death and resurrection  
for our sakes. draw all people to yourself.  
Lord in your mercy.  
Hear our prayer. Amen

Holy Communion  
VIP 132 - At the name of Jesus

Benediction

### PLEASE NOTE:

The church office will be open this week, **Mon.- Thurs. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Persons who wish to give their tithes and offerings in support of the work of the church may place them in a sealed, labelled envelope and drop off during those hours.

There will be no in-person meetings or gatherings in response to COVID-19 guidelines.

As a result of our restricted abilities to meet in person, several persons have been asking how they may continue to contribute tithes and offerings for the ongoing work of the church. One helpful suggestion is to go the route of *online giving*. For those who wish to use this method, the banking details for Providence Church are as follows:

**Name of Bank- National Commercial Bank (NCB)**

**Branch- Matilda's Corner**

**Name of Account- Providence Methodist Church**

**Account type- Chequing**

**Account number- 371007857**

Contact the church office or digital outreach team for more information

In light of the public health efforts to control the spread of COVID-19, all **midweek Lenten meditation (Wed 12:15 – 12:45 p.m.)** and **Sunday Morning Services (8:30am)** have been moved to our online platforms. For your health and safety, please stay home and worship with us digitally. The url links listed are to the Providence Methodist website, YouTube page and Facebook page, where links of the live stream of services (past and present) can be found, and can be accessed from cell phone, tablet or laptop.

**YouTube-** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgbBoJctiuEcDLdOZ5fqw5Q>  
**Website-** <https://www.providencemethodistja.com/live-stream-of-services>  
**Facebook-** <https://www.facebook.com/ProvidenceMethodistJamaica/>  
[https://www.facebook.com/pg/ProvidenceMethodistJamaica/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/ProvidenceMethodistJamaica/videos/?ref=page_internal)

The order of service can also be found online on our website so that you can follow along live with us, or read through again after at your leisure. You can also send us prayer requests online on our website or via WhatsApp (to **876-563-2068**).

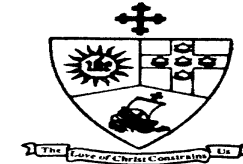
If you would also like to receive WhatsApp (or other electronic) updates on church happenings and the latest Ministry of Health and Wellness advisories (or know of someone else who would like this) contact the digital outreach team with your desired contact information. If you have an elderly relative, friend or class group member who you believe may enjoy watching the Sunday services, please help them to set up the stream, or contact us on the team and we will be happy to help.

For other church updates and schedules, please check our website at <https://www.providencemethodistja.com/>, our twitter page at **@PMCJamaica**, and our Instagram page Providence Methodist **@pmc\_jamaica**.

The Sunday School content for worship at home has also been posted to our website on the page with the orders of worship. Please prayerfully go through with your children after the service and during the coming week. Theme – **Power of prayer**.

- Providence Methodist Digital Outreach Team

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***DISTRICT THEME:***

*"Spreading Scriptural Holiness to Reform the Nation...Beginning with me"*

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Bishop Christine Gooden-Benguiche  
**CIRCUIT SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER**  
Rev'd Dr. George Mulrain

***NOTICES***  
**DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
Sunday, April 5, 2020

8:30 a.m.  
Preacher & Liturgist - Bro. Howard Armstrong