

INTRODUCTION:

Leader - The Providence Methodist Circuit is pleased to have you share in this Service of Worship. Today, the 19th April is the third Sunday in the month, when we emphasize worship for Home and Family. We encourage persons of all ages - children, young people, young adults, older adults, senior citizens, retirees, the elderly – as members of God's family, to spend this time of worship with us from start to finish.

It being the Second Lord's Day of the Resurrection, please join in the responsive Easter Call to Worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader - The Lord is risen.

People - **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Leader - Our opening hymn is revered as one of the more modern Easter hymns, written by British Methodist minister, the Rev'd Fred Pratt Green who during his lifetime (1903-2000) is credited with having written at least 475 hymns and songs.

It is Hymn 128 in our Caribbean hymnal, Voices in Praise.

HYMN 128 VIP

1 THIS joyful Eastertide,
What need is there for grieving?
Cast all your cares aside
And. be not unbelieving:

*Come, share our Easter joy
That death could not
imprison,
Nor any power destroy,
Our Christ, who is arisen!*

2 No work for him is vain,
No faith in him mistaken,
For Easter makes it plain
His kingdom is not shaken:

3 Then put your trust in Christ,
In waking and in sleeping.
His grace on earth sufficed;
He'll never quit his keeping:

F. Pratt Green (1903- 2000)

OPENING PRAYER

Leader – Gracious God, Creator of us all, thank You for the message of the Resurrection of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Through it, we are reminded that nothing - no powers, no evil schemes, no virus, no sickness, not even death - nothing

can separate us from Your love. Grant that during this worship experience, we may be inspired to become even more active participants in Your mission of declaring Christ to the world. In His name, we pray.

People - **Amen**

NOTICES

WELCOME:

Leader – I take this opportunity to welcome all who have joined to worship God through our use of modern technology. We continue to be reminded that even if we are not physically assembled in a church building, we are still the Church, the Body of Christ.

I reserve a special welcome for our preacher today. He is a young Minister-in-Training at the United Theological College of the West Indies, brother Jerand Phills, originally from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in the South Caribbean Methodist District. Minister Phills will be sharing a message with the

children as well as preaching the sermon.

CHILDREN'S TIME – MIT Jerand Phills

PRAISE TIME

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND LORD'S DAY OF THE RESURRECTION - Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen!

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING,

Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32

Reader - *Sis. Gertrude Thomas, local preacher, Constitution Hill congregation*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1: 3 – 9

Reader - *Sis. Cesna McCain, local preacher, Providence Congregation*

THE GOSPEL READING

John 20: 19 – 31

Reader - *Sis. Lilieth Deacon, local preacher in the Providence Circuit*

HYMN 118a VIP

1 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.*

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

3 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 reigns.

SERMON – *Bro. Jerand Phills,
Minister-In-Training at the UTCWI*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*led by Sis. Audrey Rodney-Robinson,
local preacher in the Providence
Circuit*

AFTER THE WORDS "LORD HEAR US", YOUR
RESPONSE WILL BE "**LORD GRACIOUSLY
HEAR US**"

LORD HEAR US:

LOVING FATHER, WE BRING BEFORE YOU THE
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, THE
CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND ALL
SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES WHO
ARE CONCERNED WITH THE SHAPING OF
GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY , IMPLEMENTATION
AND EVALUATION OF HEALTH PROGRAMS IN
THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD AND ASK FOR
YOUR CONTINUED GUIDANCE FOR THE
WORK THAT THEY DO. WE PRAY FOR THEIR
STEADFASTNESS IN DUTY,
NOTWITHSTANDING THE MANY CHALLENGES
BEING EXPERIENCED AT THIS TIME.

LORD HEAR US:

"LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US"

GRACIOUS GOD WE BRING BEFORE YOU
HEALTH WORKERS THROUGH OUT THE
WORLD, DOCTORS, NURSES, AIDES,

COMMUNITY CARE WORKERS, ANCILLIARY PERSONNEL, VOLUNTEERS AND ALL INSTITUTIONS FACILITATING CARE. THEIR WORKLOAD HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF WORK ARE AS DIFFICULT AS THEY ARE TRYING. WE PRAY THAT THEY WILL NOT GROW WEARY TO THE POINT OF WANTING TO GIVE UP; BUT TO REMAIN CALM, PATIENT AND STEADFAST AS THEY CONTINUE TO USE THEIR GIFTS AND SKILLS IN YOUR HEALING MINISTRY.

LORD HEAR US:

“LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US”

HEAVENLY GOD WE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH AS WE CONTINUE TO FELLOWSHIP REMOTELY. WE ASK FOR GUIDANCE OF OUR HEARTS SO THAT WE EMBRACE THE CONCERNS OF EACH OTHER. WE LIFT UP BEFORE YOU, THE CONNEXIONAL BISHOP, OUR DISTRICT BISHOP, ALL OUR PRESBYTERS, PREACHERS, TEACHERS, CLASS LEADERS, OFFICERS AND OUR MEMBERSHIP GENERALLY. WE PRAY TO REMAIN FAITHFUL IN SPREADING SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS.

WE PRAY FOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES THAT THEY WILL BE STRENGTHENED AND COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT IN WHO MAY EXPERIENCE ANXIETY AND FEAR, MAY WE REACH OUT TO THOSE WHOSE NEEDS ARE GREATER THAN OURS.

LORD HEAR US

“LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US”

GRACIOUS GOD WE BRING BEFORE YOU OUR COUNTRY AND ITS LEADERS AND PRAY THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN MAKING THE RIGHT DECISIONS AND THAT THOSE DECISIONS WILL NOT SEEM OVERWHELMING FOR THE CITIZENS, BUT THAT THEY WILL REFLECT JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.

WE PRAY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, LEADER OF THE OPP; GG; MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, THE JUDICIARY, SECURITY FORCES AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

LORD HEAR US

“LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US”

HEALING GOD; WE PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE ACROSS THE WORLD WHO ARE STRICKEN BY THIS VIRUS, FEELING HELPLESS AND FOR ALL FAMILIES WHOSE DAYS BEGIN WITH ANXIETY AND FEAR AND HOPELESSNESS. WE PRAY FOR YOUR HEALING TOUCH, FOR THE CALM OF OUR FEAR AND FOR US TO REMAIN STRONG IN FAITH.

WE MAKE ALL THESE OUR PRAYERS IN THE PRECIOUS NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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HYMN 123 VIP

1 I SERVE a risen Saviour, he’s in the world today;

I know that he is living, whatever men may say;

I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,

And just the time I need him he’s always near.

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives?

He lives within my heart.

2 In all the world around me I see his loving care,

And though my heart grows weary I never will despair;

I know that he is leading thru all the stormy blast,

The day of his appearing will come at last.

3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing

Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!

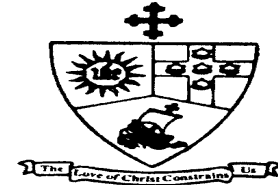
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,

None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Alfred H. Ackley (1887-1960)

THE BENEDICTION

**THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE
CARIBBEAN AND THE AMERICAS-
JAMAICA DISTRICT PROVIDENCE
CIRCUIT**



District Theme:

*"SPREADING SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS TO REFORM THE
NATION ----BEGINNING WITH ME"*

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Bishop Christine Gooden-Benguche

CIRCUIT SUPERINTENDENT

Rev'd Dr. George Mulrain

PROVIDENCE CIRCUIT

ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, 19TH APRIL, 2020

AT 8:30 A.M.

SECOND LORD'S DAY OF THE

RESURRECTION

OFFICIATING MINISTERS

Liturgist - Rev. Dr George Mulrain

Preacher - MIT Bro. Jerand Phills