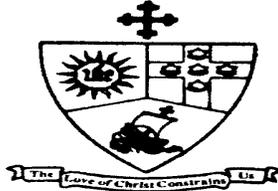


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DIVINE WORSHIP

2ND LORD'S DAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, June 14, 2020
8:30 a.m.

PREACHER
Sis. Sherlette Rookwood Brown



ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation stands)

Psalm 116: 1 – 2; 12-14; & 19

Leader: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Cong: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

Cong: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the LORD,

Leader: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

**All: In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem,
Praise the LORD!**

Hymn # 254 'Love divine, all love's excelling'

1 LOVE divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,

Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of Great Wisdom, we praise You this morning. We bless Your Name together. You alone are good, and Your steadfast love is for all times. Your faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Yours is the Name above all other names, You are the king above all other kings. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honour, power and strength be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

[But even as we praise God, we acknowledge that we have fallen short of His glory. So in the silence of our hearts, let us confess our individual sins to God]

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that it is often difficult for us to be your people. Sometimes we are lazy: we lie back and let things slide, we neglect what we should care for. We confess that sometimes we are in bad shape: we give in to harmful urges, we lash out and hurt our loved ones because we are not all right. We confess that sometimes we are weak; we go for what is meaningless and flashy, we become corrupt because it is easy. We confess that sometimes we are greedy; we buy things we do not need, we grab for more of what we already have. We confess that sometimes we are self-righteous: we call others insensitive or uncaring, we deny that we are guilty of exactly

the same faults. And we confess that sometimes we forget You: we stumble around in darkness, we do not seek to have fellowship with you. Forgive us dear Father, for our sins and our shortcomings. May your peace and loving presence occupy our hearts right now, throughout this day that you have made, and always. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, the Good News is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again. Believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thank you Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace: We thank you for the gift of life: for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life, for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.

We thank You for setting us in communities: for families who nurture our becoming, for friends who love us by choice, for companions at work, who share our burdens and daily tasks, for strangers who welcome us into their midst, for people from other lands - who call us to grow in understanding, for children who lighten our moments with delight, for the unborn - who offer us hope for the future.

We thank You for this day: for life and one more day to love, for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace, for neighbours and one more person to love and by whom be loved, for your grace and one more experience of your presence, for your promise: to be with us, to be our God, and to give salvation. For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**Chorus: Thanks! Thanks! I give You thanks
 For all you have done
 I am so blessed, my soul is at rest
 O Lord, I give You thanks**

WELCOME

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Genesis 18: 1 - 15

Epistle: Romans 5: 1 - 8

The Gospel St. Matthew. 9:35 – 10:23

Hymn #22a 'Great is thy faithfulness'

1 GREAT is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand has provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love:

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

THE MESSAGE

Hymn #322 'Saviour Thy dying love'

1 SAVIOUR, thy dying love
Thou gavest me,
Nor should I aught withhold,
My Lord, from thee;
In love my soul would bow,
My heart fulfil its vow,
Some offering bring thee now,
Something for thee.

2 At the blest mercy-seat
Pleading for me,
My feeble faith looks up,
Jesus, to thee:
Help me the cross to bear,

Thy wondrous love declare,
Some song to raise, or prayer—
Something for thee.

3 Give me a faithful heart,
Likeness to thee,
That each departing day
Henceforth may see
Some work of love begun,
Some deed of kindness done,
Some wanderer sought and won—
Something for thee.

4 All that I am and have,
Thy gifts so free,
In joy, in grief, through life,
O Lord, for thee.
And when thy face I see,
My ransomed soul shall be,
Through all eternity,
Something for thee.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERING FOR THE FOOD BARREL

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray to the Lord on behalf of His Church, the nation, the world and all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Mighty God, we pray for the Church; that through the holiness of the lives of Christians, all people may come to know your infinite love. *Lord hear our prayer.*

Lord, mercifully hear us.

We pray for our government and all the leaders of the world, that they may uphold what is right for peaceful union between all countries. We pray for all the law-makers; that they may enact laws that are just and which respect the gift of human life, especially the rights and dignity of the most vulnerable among us. *Lord hear our prayer.*

Lord, mercifully hear us.

We pray for the many places in our world that are fractured and divided by race, language or culture. Here in Jamaica, we are divided by partisan politics, economics and the locations of our neighbourhoods. May all your people, everywhere, recognize each other as brothers and sisters.

Lord hear our prayer:

Lord, mercifully hear us.

Lord you have promised to be with us when we are in trouble, to save us from our enemies, and to stretch out your mighty hand to protect us. Mighty God, we claim that promise now as we face the scourge of COVID-19. Replace our fear with faith, and help us to live in the truth that we are more than conquerors through you. *Lord hear our prayer:*

Lord, mercifully hear us.

We bring before you those who are ill or in need at this time, and we name them in our hearts... We pray that your blessing be upon them and those who love and care for them. We pray that they may find encouragement and peace; that their sorrows and concerns be transformed into comfort, and their loneliness into fellowship with you. *Lord hear our prayer:*

Lord, mercifully hear us.

Merciful God, remove the veil of tears and sorrow from those who live in grief as a result of losing loved ones. Lift their eyes to the joy of heaven, where those that they loved may enter Your Holy and Eternal Courts. *Lord hear our prayer:*

Lord, mercifully hear us.

God our father as we go out into the world today we remember that your son was tempted by the forces of evil but chose faithfulness rather than popularity, service instead of fame, sacrifice instead of power.. These temptations still come to us Lord and we are far weaker. We pray for the strength to shun them as He did, so that we may be of use to God and to man. This we pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Closing Hymn #180

'Rescue the perishing'

1 RESCUE the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.

*Rescue the perishing, care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save,*

2 Though they are slighting him, still he is waiting,
Waiting the penitent child to receive.
Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently:
He will forgive if they only believe.

3 Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving hand, wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.

4 Rescue the perishing—duty demands it;
Strength for your labour the Lord will provide,
Back to the narrow way patiently win them;
Tell the poor wanderer a Saviour has died.

THE BENEDICTION

BIRTHDAYS –14TH – Sis. Alison Bailey-Wedderburn, Bro. Anthony Johnson, Bro. Brandon Hylton; **15th** – Bro. Luke Armstrong; **17th** – Sis. Sharn Tyndale; **18th** – Sis. Minna McLeod; **19th** – Sis. Joy Bodden; **20th** – Sis. Jessica Bourne, Sis. Clover DeSouza, Sis. Phylis Gibbs, Sis. Kimberly-Smith-Goldson

CONDOLENCE TO: Sis. Lena Anderson and Family on the death of her daughter, Sis. Mary Alison McLean. The Thanksgiving Service will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.