



## **The Methodist Church in The Caribbean and The Americas (MCCA)**

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**Bethel Circuit**

**Mission Statement:** To Make Disciples Of All People, Through The Propagation Of The Gospel, Evangelism Programmes, Promotion Of Godliness And Moral Behaviour In Our Country And To Be A Source Of Charity ((Love) And Support To All We Meet.



**Providence Methodist Church**  
**6<sup>th</sup>, Lord's Day of the Resurrection**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, May 2026**  
**9:00 a.m.**



### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Today's Theme: Learning from the Faith of Our Ancestors – A Moral Compass**

2 Timothy 1: 3-5 3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

### **Ministering Servants**

**The Preacher for Today: Revd. Dr. Marcelle Brathwaite**

**Liturgist & Congregational Steward: Sis. Susanna Holder**

**Musicians: Bros. Kumar Whitehead & Anthony Mayers**

**Multimedia: Brothers Ryan Eastmond and Clarkson Prescott**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Musical Prelude/Choral Introit

#### Call to Worship

Liturgist: We come in the name of the Lord, our God to honour our mothers whether single, married, divorced, stepmothers, foster mothers and blessed women who care even though they are not biological mothers.

**Congregation: We give glory and praise to You our God for creating these women, who teach us love, wisdom, compassion and how to live good lives**

Liturgist: We come acknowledging the saving grace of our the Lord Jesus Christ who said: "Suffer the little Children to come to me."

**Congregation: For mothers, guardians seen in grandmothers, aunties, godmothers women and men who genuinely care for our children everywhere.**

Liturgist: Through the confidence of the Holy Spirit, we lift these women to you today and ask you to continue giving them the strength to love and care for your children everywhere.

**Congregation: We ask you to enable them to continue to be the examples of love and care so that their children can become Your children of faithfulness and love.**

Liturgist: Lord reign in the lives of struggling mothers, mourning mothers, children mourning their mothers. Mothers who are fulfilling their roles in your Spirit and Truth.

**Congregation: We rejoice in your lovingkindness that is better than life asking you to cover them with your amazing grace to receive the blessings of your love and kindness.**

Liturgist: Lord God reign in the hearts of all these women mentioned here and those gathered here and now to worship You.

**Together: As we wait on Your Word today, bless mothers everywhere and all of us gathered in praise and worship to you. Strengthen and renew us with the Faith to live according to your will. AMEN.**

#### The Prayer of Purity (Let us all pray)

ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **OPENING HYMN: VIP 374 - ENTER INTO JERUSALEM,**

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house  
With the healthy and the sick, with the worker and the weak  
Let us go to God's house  
Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house,  
Come and run with the wind, with the God who reigns in peace,  
Let us go to God's house.

### **CHORUS**

*We go celebrate, we go celebrate, We go celebrate, O Israel!  
Praise the name of the Lord on high, Praise his name in song,  
Praise the Lord with a heav'nly song, with a heav'nly song,  
with a heav'nly song, praise the Lord.*

### **Verse 2**

Enter into Jerusalem, mek we walk a-down there  
With the young and the old, with the little and the large,  
Mek we walk a-down there.  
Enter into Jerusalem, mek we walk a-down there,  
Swaying to the breeze, with the God who reigns in peace,  
Mek we walk a-down there.

### **Verse 3**

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house  
With your papa and your mama, with your uncle, and your aunt  
Let us go to God's house  
Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house,  
Run and catch the breeze, With the God who reigns in peace  
Let us go to God's house.

## **(The Commandments of Our Lord Jesus)**

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST said: The first commandment is: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One: and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

The second is this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

And a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these your laws in our hearts we beseech you.**

## **The Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

*Let us in silence confess our sins to God and pray for his forgiveness.*

After a period of silence, we continue:

**ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against each other, in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

CHRIST JESUS came into the world to save sinners. Hear then the good news. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

### **The Gloria**

GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH, and on earth peace, goodwill to all. We praise you; we bless you; we worship you; we glorify you; we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You who take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You who take away the sin of the world receive our prayer. You who sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit are Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **RENEWAL OF FELLOWSHIP**

**Welcome, Greetings, and Notices**

**Blessing of the Tithes and Offering**

*Time with Our Youth and Children*

*Presentations to Mothers and Others from Children*

### **CHILDREN'S HYMN: VIP 483 THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

*(The children leave for Church School with the Hymn)*

#### **Verse 1**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. 1/3

#### **Verse 2**

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. 2/3

#### **Verse 3**

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,  
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,  
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine , let it shine

## **PRAISE IN WORSHIP BEFORE THE MESSAGE**

*I Give You My Heart Song by Hillsong Worship*

This is my desire To honour You  
Lord with all my heart I worship You

All I have within me I give You praise  
All that I adore Is in You

Lord, I give You my heart I give You my soul  
I live for You alone And every breath I take  
Every moment I'm awake Lord, have Your way in me

### ***Here I Am to Worship Song by Hillsong Worship***

Light of the world, You stepped down into  
darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

And here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake, became poor

And here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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## **THE WORD OF GOD**

***The Collect:*** Great God of wonders, rich in grace and wisdom, fill us with grateful praise for the manifold gifts you have bestowed upon us. May we see your love and beauty through those whom you have placed in guardian ship over us. Touch and renew them and us in every way as you unfold your truth to us this day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: PROVERBS 2:1-7 THE VALUE OF WISDOM**

***(Harriet Puckerin-Carter)***

1 My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you,  
2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding, 3 if you indeed cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, 4 if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures—5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding; 7 he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly, 8 guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones. 9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path, 10 for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; 11 prudence will watch over you, and understanding will guard you. 12 It will save you from the way of evil, from those who speak perversely, 13 who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, 14 who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil, 15 those whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks Be to God**

## **THE PSALM VIP 652: PSALM 139:7-18 *(Sis. Claire Best)***

7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me," 12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. 13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. 17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! 18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end[c]—I am still with you.

***Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit***

People: As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen

## **THE EPISTLE READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1: 1-15 (Sis. Faye Marsh)**

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanksgiving and Encouragement

3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—

when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 Recalling your tears, I

long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure,

lives in you. 6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you

through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join

with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and

this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,[a] 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ,[b] who abolished death and

brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 For this gospel I was

appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,[c] 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do.

But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him.[d] 13 Hold to the

standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in

Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord**

**People: Thanks Be to God**

## **THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 15: 21-28 THE CANAANITE WOMAN'S FAITH**

**(Sis. Avonda Scott)**

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a

Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me,

Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her

at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps

shouting after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of

Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 He answered, "It

is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet

even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters'[f] table." 28 Then Jesus

answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her

daughter was healed from that moment

**Leader: "This is the Gospel of Christ**

**People: Praise be to Christ Our Lord**

## **HYMN BEFORE THE MESSAGE: MHB 397 LORD OF LIFE AND KING OF GLORY**

### ***Tune VIP 331: Lead Us Heavenly Father Lead Us***

1. Lord of life and King of glory,  
Who didst deign a child to be,  
Cradled on a mother's bosom,  
Throned upon a mother's knee:  
For the children Thou hast given  
We must answer unto Thee.

2 Grant us then pure hearts and patient,  
That in all we do or say  
Little souls our deeds may copy,  
And be never led astray;  
Little feet our steps may follow  
In a safe and narrow way.

3 When our growing sons and daughters  
Look on life with eager eyes,  
Grant us then a deeper insight  
And new pow'rs of sacrifice:  
Hope to trust them, faith to guide them,  
Love that nothing good denies.

4 May we keep our holy calling  
Stainless in its fair renown,  
That, when all the work is over  
And we lay the burdens down,  
Then the children Thou hast given  
Still may be our joy and crown.

## **LET US PRAY IN SILENCE**

### **Today's Theme: Learning from the Faith of Our Elders – A Moral Compass**

2 Timothy 1: 3-5 3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

### ***Introduction: The Old people use to say "Time Longer Than Twine"***

- The Old People: last week I had several conversations surrounding the wisdom of our ancestors
- Paul in 2 Timothy 1: 3-5 reflects on the worth of our ancestors so we need to understand the correlation between the past and the present especially today – Timothy's Story

### ***Understanding the Philosophy of the elders: Their actions were based on:***

- Faith that trusted everything to God even their livelihood (God will provide) Lois, Eunice praying and praising the Canaanite woman pleading for her child

*Matthew 15:27 "Yes, it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." 28 Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.*

- The importance of focusing on the type of wisdom that preserves, protects and inspires of children to walk in God's way. Proverbs 1: 1-7

1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

**Prologue:** 2 For learning about wisdom and instruction, for understanding words of insight, 3 for gaining instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity; 4 to teach shrewdness to the simple, knowledge and prudence to the young—5 let the wise, too, hear and gain in learning and the discerning acquire skill, 6 to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles.

***7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.***

- Understanding that the cause is saving the world – the connection between Jesus and the Canaanite Woman, the Samaritan Woman at the Well
- Commitment to praise and worship to God (starting from infancy)
- Parents are the ones to Choose for their children until they children can choose for themselves and even then, they must still guide and encourage

As we reflect on all that is happening in our communities have, we decided to give our all to ensuring that our children are saved Ephesians 6 the rules: Obedience from children, guidance from adults and arming ourselves with God’s wisdom – truth, righteousness, peace, faith and accepting and walking the path of salvation. These guidelines gives us out moral compass so that we have all that is necessary

I encourage us to take the challenge so that others can have the opportunity to be saved. Let us “Catch the fire and Give our All in love of God and each other.”

### **The Nicene Creed**

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father, the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us human beings, and for our salvation, he came down from heaven.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was born a human being. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life who proceeds from the Father and who, with the Father and the Son, is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you,  
**And also, with you.**

REMEMBER, O LORD, your whole Church throughout the world and continually enrich it with the gifts of the Holy Spirit...

***That in faith and unity we may constantly be renewed by the Holy Spirit for witness and service.***

LOOK WITH COMPASSION upon the peoples of the world and give wisdom and grace to their leaders (especially...)

***That they may promote justice, freedom, and peace for all.***

REMEMBER also, in your mercy, our own country of (...) and all who are in positions of authority and influence (and in particular...)

***That they may serve with wisdom, honesty, and compassion.***

**CONGREGATIONAL STEWARD:** REMEMBER, O LORD, in your mercy (A) President/Bishop of our Conference, (B) President/Bishop of our District, our Ministers, Preachers, Visitors, Teachers, Leaders, Counsellors and Officers and all others who bear responsibilities among us.

***That they may continually be renewed in faith and have in them the mind that was in Christ Jesus.***

REMEMBER, O LORD, the children and young people of this congregation and especially those who, at this time, may be receiving instructions in preparation for confirmation.

***That by your grace, they may grow in wisdom and in the knowledge and love of God.***

GIVE WISDOM AND GRACE to all teachers and students in our institutions of learning.

***That among them true knowledge may increase and our future as a people may be safeguarded.***

REMEMBER, O LORD, in your mercy all those of our society who are unemployed, all who are overworked, those whose work is not appreciated, those who do not like the work they do or who work under undue strain and temptation.

***That they may receive the gift of faith to cope with the present and the patience of hope to strive for a better future.***

SEND YOUR BLESSING, O LORD, upon our families and fill our homes with love and peace.

***That we may have in this present life a foretaste of the life to come.***

REMEMBER ALSO, IN YOUR MERCY, those of our fellowship who are in trouble, anxiety, sickness, grief or any kind of need (and in particular . . .). Relieve the oppressed, support the neglected and recall to yourself those who have erred and strayed from your way.

***And so increase in us the spirit of compassion and care that we may be ministers in your name for their recovery and relief.***

O GOD, in whom we are one family in earth and heaven, we now call to mind those who have died (especially . . . . .), giving thanks also for those who have revealed to us your grace in Christ Jesus.

**Help us to follow the example of your saints in light and bring us with them into the fullness of your eternal joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (HOLY COMMUNION) Care Fund will be Received**

If you are offering your gift upon the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has a grievance against you, leave your gift before the altar and go your way, first be reconciled with your brother or sister and then come and offer your gift.

#### **† The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also, with you**

***Let us pass the peace:***

### **HYMN BEFORE COMMUNION: VIP 429 A SIGN OF LOVE!**

#### **Verse 1**

Let us enter into covenant with Christ,  
celebrating the eucharist of love.

Take a little bread and wine, lift up the  
chalice of the King.

#### **Chorus**

***Alleluia! It's a sign of love! Alleluia! It's  
a sign of peace!***

***Alleluia! It's the myst'ry of faith!***

***Alleluia!***

#### **Verse 2**

Take the body and the Blood of Christ, in  
divine revelation of his love.

be transformed, O my people, from your  
sins and eat and drink and live!

#### **Verse 3**

He is lifted to the throne on high and will  
come again to rule all the world.

The Saints who sleep in Christ shall rise.  
Rejoice, O Zion, and be glad!

#### **Verse 4**

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes  
away the sins of the world.

'He who comes to me I shall not turn  
away'.

#### **Verse 5**

Come you faithful, to the paradise of God,  
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Eat manna from the tree of life; you are  
washed in the Blood of Christ!

#### **Chorus**

***Alleluia! It's a sign of love! Alleluia! It's a  
sign of peace!***

***Alleluia! It's the myst'ry of faith! Alleluia!  
Amen!***

## **The Action of the Bread and Wine**

The Lord be with you.

**And, with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right and fitting so to do.**

It is a good and pleasant thing, joyful and salutary, always, and everywhere, to give you thanks and praise, Lord God, Ever-living, Ever-Blessed, Almighty, All-loving. Through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord, You, created all things and made us in your image. And when we had fallen into sin, You, gave him to be our Saviour. He shared our human nature and lived a fully human life. He suffered rejection and condemnation and died on the cross. You raised him up from the dead, and you exalted him to the glory of your right hand, where he reigns forever as priest and king and makes intercession for us. In witness of his glory and honour, you poured out the Holy Spirit, building up, many people into one Body, making us living members of your holy Church, and enabling us to stand before you to sing your praises and celebrate your mighty acts.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we join in the hymn of everlasting praise.

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the Universe, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread into his holy hands and looking up to heaven, Gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take this and eat it. This is My Body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is My Blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Therefore, Father, in obedience to his command, we do this in remembrance of him, praying that you will accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we who receive your gifts of bread and wine may share in the Body and Blood of Christ and become united with him. And, as we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice, we pray that you will bring us with your whole creation to your heavenly kingdom. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**To whom with you, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory from all who dwell on earth and in heaven throughout the ages of ages. Amen.**

THE BREAD WHICH WE BREAK IS A SHARING IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.  
**Amen.**

THE CUP OF BLESSING WHICH WE BLESS IS A SHARING IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.  
**Amen. Though we are many we are one Body because we share the one loaf and partake of the same drink.**

**Prayer of Humble Access:**

LORD, we come to your table, trusting in your mercy and not in any goodness of our own. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table, but it is your nature always to have mercy, and on that we depend. So, feed us with the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, that we may for ever live in him and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO RECEIVE THE BREAD AND WINE

You who truly and sincerely repent of your sins, are in love and charity with your neighbours and have resolved to lead a new life following the commandments of God and by the power of the Spirit, walking in his holy ways, draw near with faith, receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ WHICH WAS GIVEN FOR YOU AND HIS BLOOD WHICH WAS SHED FOR YOU, AND FEED ON HIM IN YOUR HEARTS BY faith with thanksgiving.

LORD'S SUPPER CLOSING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray:

We thank you Lord, that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all mankind. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

**The Minister shall then pray:**

**CLOSING HYMN VIP # 55 – PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM, JESUS OUR BLESSED REDEEMER!**

Verse 1  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love  
proclaim!  
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in  
glory;

Strength and honour give to His holy  
Name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His  
children,  
In His arms He carries them all day long.

### **Chorus**

***Praise Him! Praise Him!***

***Tell of His excellent greatness;***

***Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!***

### **Verse 2**

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.

He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,

Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.

Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,

Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong.

### **Chorus**

### **Verse 3**

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!

Jesus, Saviour, reigneth forever and ever;

Crown Him! Crown Him!

Prophet, and Priest, and King!

Christ is coming! over the world

victorious,

Power and glory unto the Lord belong.

### **Chorus**

## **BENEDICTION**

**LET US BLESS EACH OTHER:**

### **WELCOME**

**We welcome you to the Providence Methodist Church and hope you will find our worship inspiring, as we sing, pray and worship God. We acknowledge the presence of the Preacher for today, Rev. Dr. Marcelle Brathwaite**

### **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

**May 11, 2026 – Bros. Clyde Griffith and Colstone Lovell**

**May 14, 2026 – Rev. Dr. Marcelle Brathwaite**

**May 15, 2026 – Sis. Marlene Lovell**

### **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

### **PRAYERS**

Prayers are requested for our nation and people, those mourning the loss of loved ones, as well as the sick and homebound: Sisters: Sylvia Daniel, Verona Trotman, Cynthia Layne Patricia Felix, Yvonne Weekes. We give God thanks and praise for their lives, work and witness in our church and community.

### **NOTICES**

**The property Stewards are pleased to inform that the bathrooms in the Auditorium have been fully refurbished. Please be guided accordingly**

**Kindly note that the Five Loaves, Two Fish and Storehouse - Care Ministries have been combined under the name Storehouse Ministry. Members are encouraged to contribute to this ministry by placing the offering in container provided.**

**Today, Sunday, May 10, 2026 (Mother's Day) at Vauxhall Methodist Church at 1:00 p.m.** - Class 2 of the Vauxhall Methodist Church warmly invites you to their Annual Mother's Day Luncheon. let's gather for an afternoon of delicious food, wonderful fellowship, and heartfelt appreciation for all mother figures. Contribution: Adults: \$60.00 and Children under 12: \$30.00

**Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** – Sunlight Bible Study facilitated by Rev. Pearson Blackman. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Thursday May 14, 2026, 6:30 p.m. at the Dalkeith Chapel** - The Bethel Circuit Council Meeting will be held. The following persons are members of the Council: The Ministers, Deacon, The Circuit Stewards, The Congregational Stewards from each Congregation, The Representatives from the Circuit Pastoral Council, Elected Congregational Representatives to the Circuit Council, Superintendents of the Church Schools, The Chairperson and Secretary of the Circuit Organizations and Education, Circuit Mission & Evangelism, Circuit Resources & Development and the Secretary of the Council.

**Saturday, May 16 @ 4:00 p.m. Donald Henry Auditorium** - Get ready for a spectacular musical experience! The Methodist Island Women's League is thrilled to present the Barbados Police Service Band in concert! Bring a friend and enjoy performances by the island's finest musicians and special guest artistes. Secure your tickets today \$30.00 through any Women's League member.

**Sunday, May 17, 2026, 7<sup>th</sup> Lord's Day of the Resurrection** and Lord's Day in the Ascension Octave. **Join us in a service at 9:00 a.m.** when Bro. Jason Clarke will be the preacher. The readings are as follow: Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 [VIP 605], 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

**Decision Day is here! Sunday, May 17, 2026** at the Vauxhall Methodist Church from 4:00 p.m.- ***"God is Close - Choose Him Today*** is this year's theme. Calling All Children and youth you are encouraged to come and discover how close God truly is to your journey.

**Monday May 18, 2026 at 6.30 p.m.** - The Bethel Circuit Mission and Evangelism committee will be having a planning meeting. All committee members are asked to attend. The zoom link will be circulated shortly.

### **Activities for Methodist Heritage Month – May 2026**

- Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 7.00 p.m. at Bethel Methodist Church - The Sarah Ann Gill Memorial Lecture 2026. Ambassador David Comissioning will present under the

theme: "John Wesley's Thoughts Upon Slavery: A Prism Through Which to Assess The Methodist Church's Anti-slavery Record and the Claim For Reparations"

- Sunday May 24th, 2026. 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the St. Leonard's School Hall: The National Aldersgate Convention 2026 will bring together members of the 20 Methodist Churches in Barbados, for a time of worship, fellowship and renewal. The theme for 2026 is "***Shifting the Atmosphere for Greater Impact.***" Our guest speaker this year is Rev. Conrad Thomas of the Jamaica Baptist Union. Rev. Thomas is Known for his dynamic preaching, motivational speaking, and compassionate pastoral counseling. We eagerly anticipate his ministry among us..
- The Circuits are assigned the following colour schemes of **James Street Speightstown - Yellow**, **Bethel - Blue** and **Ebenezer - Green**

We are excited for this opportunity for the Methodist community in Barbados to gather in one place.

**Saturday, June 13, 2026 5:00 p. m. – 8:00 p.m** - Donald Henry Auditorium, St. Michael Bethel Methodist Church Marlene's United Environmental Group. Will be hosting "Sizzle for a Cause: Fish Fry Grab & Go"! \$30.00 per plate Tickets are available now from all Environmental Group members

**Members are kindly asked to remember in prayer our children and chaperones who are preparing for the upcoming South Caribbean District Children's Camp 2026, scheduled for July 15-22, 2026 in Grenada. as they prepare to represent the Circuit under the theme "Impacting my World for Jesus." Members are also invited to support this initiative by fully or partially sponsoring a child, or by way of donations to the upcoming cake sales by way of baked goods, ingredients or monetary contributions. You can indicate your interest to the Church School Superintendent or to Sis. Annette Cherry, Secretary, Youth Commission at 247-5824. Your prayers and support will go a long way in making this experience meaningful for our children.**

**Additional information is posted on the notice board or available on our website at [www.provmethchurchbb.com](http://www.provmethchurchbb.com).**



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