

SUNDAY 9TH JANUARY 2022 HOLY COMMUNION 11am

Stay safe! Please maintain social distance at all times and wear a mask inside Church

1. I believe in Jesus:

I believe He is the Son of God,
I believe He died and rose again,
I believe He paid for us all.

(Men) And I believe He's here now,
(Women) I believe that He is here.
(All) Standing in our midst.
(Men) Here with the power to heal now,
(Women) With the power to heal,
(All) And the grace to forgive.

I believe in You, Lord;
I believe You are the Son of God,
I believe You died and rose again
I believe You paid for us all.

(Men) And I believe You're here now..
(Women) I believe that You're here.
(All) Standing in our midst.
(Men) Here with the power to heal now,
(Women) With the power to heal,
(All) And the grace to forgive.

2. O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilion'd in splendour and girded with praise

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder
clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
it breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to
the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Heavenly Father,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to make us ready to meet with you.
Send your Holy Spirit on us now, we pray,
that we may hear your word,
Share in your communion,
receive your grace,
and be renewed in your love. AMEN**

CONFESSION

**Have mercy upon us,
most merciful Father;**

**in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live
and serve you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

From the Prayer Book for the church in the West Indies

3. Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Most high, *(repeat)*

*The name of the Lord is a strong tower.
The righteous run into it and they are saved.
The name of the Lord is a strong tower.
The righteous run into it and they are saved.*

Glory to the name of the Lord,
Glory to the name of the Lord,
Glory to the name of the Lord.
Most high, *(repeat)*

Holy is the name of the Lord,
Holy is the name of the Lord,
Holy is the name of the Lord.
Most high, *(repeat)*

4. *Jesus, you're my firm foundation
I know I can stand secure;
Jesus, you're my firm foundation
I put my hope in your holy word,
I put my hope in your holy word.*

I have a living hope, *(I have a living hope),
I have a future, (I have a future);
God has a plan for me, (God has a plan for me),
Of this I'm sure, (of this I'm sure).*

Jesus, you're my firm foundation.....

Your word is faithful, *(your word is faithful),
Mighty in power, (mighty in power),
God will deliver me, (God will deliver me),
Of this I'm sure, (of this I'm sure).*

Jesus, you're my firm foundation.....

5. My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord,
there is none like You,
All of my days I want to praise.
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
For ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

6. I am a new creation,
No more in condemnation,
Here in the grace of God I stand
My heart is overflowing,
My love just keeps on growing,
Here in the grace of God I stand.

And I will praise you Lord,
Yes I will praise you Lord,
And I will sing of all that you have done.

A joy that knows no limit,
A lightness in my spirit,
Here in the grace of God I stand.

READING: Genesis 12:1-3

The Call of Abram

12 The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

Reader: Hear the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: **Glory to you O Lord**

The Magi Visit the Messiah

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you O Christ**

SERMON: Robert "Visitors from the East"

PRAYERS: led by Tolu

PEACE: Robert

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,

at supper with his friends

he took bread, and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for
you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving

Prayer after Communion

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. AMEN.**

7. To God be the glory! great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin.
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice.*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
And give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us, great
things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

8. All that I am, all that I have
I lay them down before You O Lord:
All my regrets, all my acclaim
The joy and the pain,
I'm making them Yours.

*Lord I offer my life to You,
Everything I've been through,
Use it for Your glory.
Lord I offer my days to You,
Lifting my praise to You
As a pleasing sacrifice,
Lord I offer You my life*

Things in the past, things yet unseen
Wishes and dreams that are yet to come true;
All of my hopes, all of my plans
My heart and my hands are lifted to You.

9. Living under the shadow of His wing,
We find security,
Standing in His presence we will bring,
Our worship, worship, worship to the King.

Bowed in adoration at His feet,
We dwell in harmony.
Voices joined together that repeat.
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.

Heart to heart embracing in His love
Reveals His purity,
Soaring in my spirit like a dove,
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

10. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, (x2)
feed me now and evermore. (x2)

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, (x2)
be thou still my strength and shield. (x2)

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises (x2)
I will ever give to thee. (x2)