

29 October 2023

## Black History Month Celebration with Children's Groups

Richard Reddie will be leading, and Bishop Delroy Powell will be preaching on  
'No More Strangers' (Ephesians 2:14-22)

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION



#### BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL

*O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes.

You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger,  
Your Name is great  
And Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find.

And on that day  
When my strength is failing,  
The end draws near  
And my time has come,  
Still my soul  
Will sing Your praise unending;  
Ten thousand years  
And then forever more!

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#### THE GREATEST DAY IN HISTORY,

Death is beaten,  
You have rescued me.  
Sing it out: Jesus is alive.  
The empty cross, the empty grave,  
Life eternal, You have won the day.  
Shout it out; Jesus is alive. He's alive.

*And oh, happy day, happy day.  
You washed my sin away.  
Oh, happy day, happy day.  
I'll never be the same,  
Forever I am changed.*

When I stand in that place,  
Free at last, meeting face to face  
I am Yours, Jesus, You are mine.  
Endless joy, perfect peace  
Earthly pain finally will cease  
Celebrate, Jesus is alive, He's alive.  
Oh, what a glorious day,  
What a glorious way  
That You have saved me.  
And oh, what a glorious day.  
What a glorious name.

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#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Heavenly Father,  
we gather together this morning,  
in the precious name of your son,  
the Lord Jesus Christ,  
to praise you for your goodness  
and mercy, to receive your holy word,  
to bring to you our concerns  
for the world you created,**

and to ask for forgiveness for our sins.  
And so we pray that your Holy Spirit will  
empower us to live and work for your  
praise and glory.  
Amen.



## CONFESSION

The Bible says that 'all have sinned  
and fall short of the glory of God'. It also  
says that 'if we confess our sins, he is  
faithful and just and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness'.  
With that in mind, let us turn our hearts  
toward a Heavenly Father whose  
compassion is only matched by his love.

**Loving Lord,  
we come to you aware that we are  
sinners who are unworthy of that love.  
So often we find ourselves doing the  
wrong thing, and not what is right.  
Have mercy on us and forgive us.  
May the precious blood of Jesus cleanse  
us, and his love radiate through us for all  
to see, for your honour and glory.  
Amen.**



## ABSOLUTION

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins, and restore  
you in his image to the praise and glory  
of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## ACTION SONG



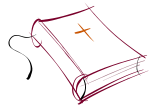
### OUR GOD IS A GREAT BIG GOD

*Our God is a great big God  
Our God is a great big God  
And He holds us in His hands*

He's higher than a skyscraper  
He's deeper than a submarine  
He's wider than the universe  
And beyond my wildest dreams  
He's known me and He's loved me  
Since before the world began  
How wonderful to be a part of  
God's amazing plan

## TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Ephesians 2:14-22  
This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.



## SERMON: by Bishop Delroy Powell



### THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND COMPASSIONATE

Slow to anger and rich in love  
(Repeat)

And the Lord is good to all  
He has compassion  
On all that He has made

As far as the east is from the west  
That's how far  
He has removed our transgressions from us  
(Repeat)

*Praise the Lord O my soul  
Praise the Lord  
(Repeat)*



## PRAYERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:  
**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.**

## NOTICES



## 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 rapture  
 When Jesus we see

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Yours Lord is the greatness,  
 the power, the glory,  
 the splendour and the majesty;  
 for everything in heaven  
 and on the earth is yours.  
 All things come from you  
 and of your own do we give you.  
 Amen.**

## BLESSING

May the peace of God,  
 which passes all understanding,  
 keep your hearts and minds in the  
 knowledge and love of God,  
 and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
 And the blessing of God Almighty,  
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
 be amongst you and remain with you  
 and with those you love and pray for,  
 this day and for evermore.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

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