

St. Leonard's Anglican Church

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**THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF
MARY TO ELIZABETH**

Sunday, May 31st, 2026

**A Celebration of
The 30th Anniversary of
Ordination to The Priesthood
of**

The Rev'd. Canon Beverley Sealy-Knight

&

The Rev'd. Canon Dr. Sonia Hinds

4:00 P.M.

Sung Mass and Sermon

Preacher

The Rt. Rev. Michael Maxwell

Bishop of Barbados

Diocese of Barbados

Listing of Female Clergy Ordination by Year of Ordination

DIOCESE OF BARBADOS

The Rev'd Canon Beverley B. Sealy Knight	1994
The Rev'd Canon Dr. Sonia S.J. Hinds	1994
The Rev'd Erma I. Ambrose	1999
The Rev'd Jilian S. Crawford	2000
The Rev'd Angela D. Philips	2003
The Rev'd Kim F.F. Welch	2003
The Rev'd Sandra R. Hazell	2004
<i>The Rev'd Amrela C. Massiah</i>	2007
The Rev'd Merlene W. Lucas	2008
The Rev'd Suzanne L. Ellis	2009
<i>The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann K. Wedderburn</i>	2010
The Rev'd Myra M. La Plante	2013
The Rev'd Yolanda Clarke	2016
The Rev'd Audrey S. Griffith	2017
The Rev'd Suzette W. Archer	2019
The Rev'd, Rosalind V. Harper-Johnson	2020
The Rev'd Lisa Jessamy-Maynard, L. P.	2023
The Rev'd Michelle N. Y. Leacock	2023
The Rev'd Ra-Shan. A. White	2025
The Rev'd Stephanie D. Gooding,	2025
The Rev'd Edith E Small	2025
The Rev'd Sharon King	2025
<i>The Rev'd Sharon Power</i>	2025
The Rev'd Michelle Johnson (On Leave)	2025
The Rev'd Greta D. Yearwood	2026

****denotes Deceased***

OPENING SENTENCE: “*The Blessed Virgin Mary*”

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Saviour. *Psalms 116:15, 16*

PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom now and forever. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

COLLECT: The Visitation

Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson:

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Lector:

Harriette Blackett

READER: A reading from the Word of God written in the book of Zephaniah, the third chapter, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

READER: This is the Word of the Lord

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 113

1. Hallelujah! Give praise you servants of the LORD, * praise the name of the LORD.
2. Let the name of the LORD be blessed. * from this time forth for evermore.

3. From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the name of the LORD be praised.
4. The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.
5. Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
6. He takes up the weak out of the dust, * and lifts up the poor out of the ashes;
7. He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.
8. He makes the woman of a childless house, * to be a joyful mother of children.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now; and shall be for ever.
Amen.*

THE EPISTLE:

Colossians 3:12-17

Lector:

Marguerite Cole

READER: A reading from the Word of God, written in the second Letter of Paul to the Colossians the third chapter, beginning at the twelfth verse.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you,

so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

READER: This is the Word of the Lord

ALL: **Thanks be to God**

GRADUAL HYMN 750

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-49

GOSPELLER: Narrated by Rev. Michelle Leacock;
Rev'd. Greta Yearwood and Rev'd.
Edith King

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you

ALL: **And also with you**

GOSPELLER: A reading from the Holy Gospel according
to Luke, the first chapter, beginning at the
thirty-ninth verse.

ALL: **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Interactive Gospel Reading for the Feast of the Visitation

Based on Luke 1:39–56

Roles:

Narrator

Mary

Elizabeth

Congregation

Narrator

In those days, Mary arose and went with haste into the hill
country, to a town in Judah.

She travelled carrying both mystery and promise.

She travelled with questions, with courage, and with faith.

Congregation

Lord, teach us to walk by faith.

Narrator

Mary entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.
And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the child
leaped in her womb.

Congregation

Where Christ is welcomed, joy awakens.

Elizabeth

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb!
And why has this happened to me,
that the mother of my Lord comes to me?
For as soon as I heard your greeting,
the child in my womb leaped for joy!
Blessed is she who believed
that there would be a fulfilment
of what was spoken to her by the Lord!

Congregation

Blessed are those who trust the promises of God.

Narrator

Two women stood together —
one young, one older;
one carrying new beginnings,
one carrying long-awaited hope.

And in their meeting, heaven touched earth.

Congregation

God is present in holy encounters.

Narrator

Then Mary lifted her voice in praise.

Mary

My soul magnifies the Lord,

Congregation

And our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour!

Mary

For He has looked with favour
on His lowly servant.

Congregation

The Lord remembers the humble.

Mary

The Mighty One has done great things for me,

Congregation

Holy is His name!

Mary

His mercy is for those who fear Him
from generation to generation.

Congregation

His mercy endures forever.

Mary

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

Congregation

And lifted up the lowly.

Mary

He has filled the hungry with good things,

Congregation

And the empty heart He sends away no more.

Mary

He has helped His servant Israel,
remembering His mercy and promise.

Congregation

God is faithful to every generation.

Narrator

Mary remained with Elizabeth for about three months.

They prayed together.

They waited together.

They trusted together.

And through their shared faith,

God prepared the world for hope incarnate.

Congregation

Lord, make us bearers of Your hope.

Narrator

The Feast of the Visitation reminds us
that Christ is carried into the world
through willing hearts, open homes,
and faithful people who show up for one another.

Congregation

May we carry Christ to the world in love and joy.

All

Thanks be to God.

GOSPELLER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

ALL: **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

SELECTION: PAULA HINDS: *The Goodness of God:*

THE SERMON:

The Rt. Rev. Michael Maxwell, Bishop of Barbados

The Nicene Creed: Hymn 561

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
Earth and heaven sprang to being,
All created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit,
in one church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.

Liturgical Dance: The St. Leonard's Liturgical Dancers
I am walking in authority
Choreographed by Tyanna Douglin

THE INTERCESSION: FORM A

Intercessors: Ms. Marcia Graham and Ms. Denise Lawrence

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Let us pray to God our Heavenly Father and Mother in thanksgiving for the past, and in hope as we look to the future.

God our Father and Mother, We thank You for calling Your Church into being to point the peoples of the earth to Your love; Today we thank You for the witness of women of faith, particularly Blessed Mary, mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and her cousin Elizabeth, mother of John who baptized Christ.

V: God who is our Father and our Mother

R: Hear our prayer

INTERCESSOR

We thank You for all the means of grace you give to humankind, particularly the Sacraments of the Church, including the Sacrament of Holy Orders. We pray for all women and men who are called to the Priesthood for the

building up of Your Church, that living always in the presence of Christ through prayer and meditation, life and action they may serve You as You deserve; give without counting the cost; toil without seeking rest; labour without looking for reward; care for Christ's flock with sacrificial love after the manner of Christ.

V: God who is our Father and our Mother
R: Hear our prayer

INTERCESSOR:

We thank You that the Church has provided strong leadership through the ordained and lay ministries. We pray that Christian priests and ministers may work with politicians and other community leaders and lead with integrity, being fearless as they speak of truth to power, remaining free from entanglement with political parties so that their speaking in the cause of the vulnerable and weak, and their insistence that God's justice must prevail at all times may be heard and believed.

V: God who is our Father and our Mother
R: Hear our prayer

INTERCESSOR:

We thank You for the witness of Christians in every corner of our land, and for the faithful ministry of priests and people in our parishes. For our sisters and brothers in the different Christian denominations; for the many ministries and organizations in the Church where volunteers are beacons of Christ' love in their various communities. We pray that together we can come to experience more of your love for us as we labour in Your vineyard.

V: God who is our Father and our Mother
R: Hear our prayer

INTERCESSOR

We pray for those who continue to struggle with the ordained ministry of women that they may come to share St. Peter's discovery that You show no partiality and be so moved that we may all live in love and charity and in the unity which is Your will. We thank you for our sisters here tonight from the Moravian and Methodist Church and we also pray for the students and the work of Codrington College and all seminaries which help to foster the vocations of women and men.

V: God who is our Father and our Mother
R: Hear our prayer

INTERCESSOR:

As we pray for all who are suffering, we remember before You all those women, particularly our sisters in the Roman Catholic Church, whose call to the Priesthood continues to be un-recognised and unfulfilled. Grant that they may know the consolation of Your love and not lose hope or faith in Your good purposes for them and for the Roman Catholic Church.

V: God who is our Father and our Mother
R: Hear our prayer

INTERCESSOR:

We pray for those who have died, particularly those who suffered ridicule and hostility because they championed the cause of women's ordination but died before they could see

their hopes fulfilled. Grant that they may now rejoice with Christ in a greater light and on a farther shore.

V: God who is our Father and our Mother
R: Hear our prayer

INTERCESSOR

As we celebrate thirty years of priesthood for Beverley and Sonia, grant that they may look backward with thanksgiving; forward with hope; inward with honesty; and outward with love, determined to please You in all they do, say and think.

V: God who is our Father and our Mother
R: Hear our prayer

PRESIDENT:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PRESIDENT

Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT

The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL:

They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

PRESIDENT

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP: There is a Sweet Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

*Sweet Holy Spirit,
Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us,
filling us with your love.
And for these blessings
we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.*

There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Refrain

If you say He saved you from your sin,
Now you're weak, you're bound
and cannot enter in,
You can make it right if you will yield,
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

Refrain

HYMN 749

Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
And obedient to the summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast the child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning from the awful tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word;
From on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the greatest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home;
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

~ **GREETINGS, NOTICES AND PRESENTATIONS** ~

THE ANTHEM

by the Combined Choirs of St. Leonard's and St. James
A Mighty Fortress is our God

SELECTION: *Paula Hinds: His eye is on the sparrow*

Thank You Remarks: **Canon Bev. & Canon Sonia**

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY HYMNS: 550

I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem
I had my birth

Refrain:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He.*

I danced for the scribe
and the Pharisee
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for fishermen,
for James and John -
they came with me
and the Dance went on:

Refrain:

I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame:
the holy people
said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high,
and they left me there
on a cross to die:

Refrain

I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black -
It's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.
They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the Dance
and I still go on:

Refrain

They cut me down
and I leapt up high;
I am the Life
that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
if you'll live in Me -
I am the Lord
of the Dance, said He!

Refrain

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT

The Lord be with you.

ALL

And also with you.

PRESIDENT

Lift up your hearts.

ALL

We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALLI

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

And now we give you thanks because in choosing the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son you have exalted the humble and meek. Your angel hailed her as most highly favoured; with all generations we call her blessed and with her we rejoice and magnify your holy name.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might:
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.

EUCCHARISTIC RITE

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
For the goodness and love you have made known to us in
creation;

In calling Israel to be your people;
In your Word spoken through the prophets;
And, above all, in the Word made flesh,
Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent Him
To be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
To be the saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In Him, you have delivered us from evil,
And made us worthy to stand before you.
In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
Out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

For on the night that He was betrayed
He took bread,
And when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples
And said: "take this, and eat it:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after supper
He took the cup of wine:
And when he had given thanks,
He gave it to them and said;

“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the New Covenant,
Which is shed for you and for many
For the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

PRESIDENT

Therefore, Father, according to His command:

ALL:

We remember His death;
We proclaim His resurrection;
We await His coming in glory.

PRESIDENT

And we offer our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the sacrament
of the Body of Christ
and His Blood of the New Covenant.
Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice
that we, made acceptable in Him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where we dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,

the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, now and ever.

ALL: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDENT

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL

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.

Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share
in one bread.

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.

THE INVITATION

PRESIDENT

The gifts of God for the people of God

ALL

Our souls will feast and be satisfied

COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN 595

I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain:

*And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give is my flesh
for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you,
you shall not have life within you.

Refrain

I am the resurrection, I am the life;
they who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

Yes, Lord we believe
that you are the Christ,
The Son of God
who has come into the world.

Refrain

HYMN 604

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.

Refrain:

Alleluia! It's a sign of love!
Alleluia! It's a sign of peace!
Alleluia! It's the mystery of faith!
Alleluia! Amen!

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!

Refrain

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!

Refrain

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’.

Refrain

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

HYMN 553

You have all our future in your hands, in your hands.
We bid you take over all our life, Lord –
our dreams, aspirations, all our best, Jesus Christ.
Our all we place in your hands.

Refrain:

*In your hands, Lord, we place today, tomorrow;
in your hands, Lord, we surrender all.
To your hands we commit our joys, our sorrow;
in your hands, Lord, we surrender all.*

Keep walking beside us every night, every day,
and giving us courage for the fray, Lord.
We need you to guide us every step of the way;
Forsake us not, Lord, we pray.

Refrain

You place many duties in our hands, in our hands;
And shaping our world is our task, Lord.
On you we depend, Lord, for the power; this we ask
that all make sense in our hands.

Refrain

You call us to service in this land, in this land,
whose soul is just aching for your touch, Lord;
and we too are reaching for your hand, Jesus, Lord
Redeem us as we take our stand.

Refrain

So, Lord, we are trusting everything to your hands,
and then we keep praying for our land, Lord,
to labour with others for the best, Jesus, Lord.
Our all we place in your hands.

Refrain

HYMN 245

Jesus come today for a poor, poor man like me;
salvation come my way, my soul set free.
Jesus come for all, and we must hear his call;
open up your hearts today and let it be.

Refrain

*No matter if you tief or if you dread
or if you have a crown pon your head,
no matter if you have no heart at all,
Jesus bring love for one and all.*

Sing it, children:

*I for Jesus, you for Jesus, all for Jesus,
fall for Jesus, come to Jesus.
Jesus come for one, he come for all.*

Jesus come for I, see manger where he lie,
see cross where he must die for a wretch like me.
For God so love the world, man, woman, boy and girl,
he gave his Son for you, his Son for me.

Refrain

Jesus Christ today, the same as yesterday,
the one, the only way, the King for me.
Let it come to pass, mankind find love at last,
just as it was time past, so let it be.

Refrain

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ALL:

Gracious God, who gave joy to Elizabeth and Mary as they recognized the signs of redemption at work within them: help us, who have shared in the joy of this Eucharist, to know the Lord deep within us and his love shining out in our lives, that the world may rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

62: Walk in the light

Chorus:

*Walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus is, Jesus is the light of the world;*

*Oh we shall walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus is, Jesus is the light of the world;*

Verse 1:

No need to worry, no need to fret,
all of my needs, the man named Jesus has met.
His love protects me from hurt and from harm,
Jesus is, Jesus is the light of the world.

Verse 2:

If the gospel be hid, it's hid from the lost,
my Jesus is waiting to look past your faults.

Arise and shine, your light has come,
Jesus is, I know that He is the only light of this world.

DISMISSAL & BLESSING

PRIEST: **The Lord be with you**

ALL: **And also with you**

May God who sent Mary to visit Elizabeth to share with her the joy of the divine plan, give you grace to tell out the good news of Christ. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN 325

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world His worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of His word?

Go forth and tell! men still in darkness lie;
in wealth or want, in sin they live and die:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like Yours which cares for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! the doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts with men so long denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
Your ransomed powers for His sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ Your Lord supplies;
go till all nations His great name adore
and serve Him, Lord and King for evermore.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

DEACON: Go in peace and serve the Lord

ALL: In the name of Christ