

“God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, the Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family.”

SAINT JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Order of the Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 13, 2022 - 10am

Prelude.....Music Ministry

Doxology....."Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Call To Worship.....Pastor Ronald D. Sterling
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Minister: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord' our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: **For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord, our God I will seek thy good.

People: **Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.**

Minister: Bless are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

People: For the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.

Hymn Of Celebration....."Yield Not To Temptation"

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;
Each vict'ry will help you some other to win;
Fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

Refrain:

Ask the Savior to help you,
Comfort, strengthen, and keep you;
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through.

Shun evil companions, bad language disdain,
God's name hold in rev'ence, nor take it in vain;
Be thoughtful and earnest, kindhearted and true;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

To him that o'ercometh, God giveth a crown,
Through faith we will conquer, though often cast down;
He who is our Savior, our strength will renew;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

Prayer.....Brother Raymond L. Oliver

Choral Response....."The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation"?

*The Lord is my light and my salvation
The Lord is my light and my salvation
The Lord is my light and my salvation
Whom shall I fear?*

*Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life
Whom shall I fear?*

Scripture.....Rev. Xavier Beasley
Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV)

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Introit to the Decalogue.....Rev. Sherri Radney

*From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.*

Summary of the Decalogue

Hear what Christ our Saviour saith, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

The Pastor's Words and Greetings to Visitors

The Blessing of the Offertory (*Tithes/Offerings/Gifts to be given after the benediction*)

Sermonic Selection.....Music Ministry

Sermon.....Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Affirmation of Faith

A statement of what we as Christians believe

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to

judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church universal the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Doxology.....Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Benediction.....Rev. Ronald D. Sterling