

God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family

JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

708 15th Street North || Birmingham, AL 35203

Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Order of Worship

Sunday, May 08, 2022 - 10:00am

THE PRELUDE.....Music Ministry

THE 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.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP.....**Pastor Ronald D. Sterling**
Traditional

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.

THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION....."Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"
Sister Monica Irish, Soloist

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
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Thou hast promised to receive us Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus! Early let us turn to Thee.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus! Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus. Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus. Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE.....Alleluia"

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia
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Thank You Jesus, Thank You Jesus, Thank You Jesus, Thank You Jesus
Thank You Jesus, Thank You Jesus, Thank You Jesus, Thank You Jesus.

Lord we love You, Lord we love You,
Lord we love You. Lord we love You (Repeat)

Lord we praise You, Lord we praise You,
Lord we praise You. Lord we praise You (Repeat)

THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Rev. Charles Marie Davis
Acts 9:36-43 (NRSV)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE.....Rev. Xavier Beasley

*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.*

THE SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE

Hear what Christ our Saviour saith, thou shalt love the Lord thou God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the great and first 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.

THE 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.*

Happy Mother's Day

THE MOTHER'S DAY LITANY.....Sister Laura Armstrong

LEADER: Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for mothers. For all they mean or have meant to us.

People: We thank you for the love they have shown and the care they have given. For the many times they gave us hugs and held us close.

LEADER: Loving and nurturing God we thank you for the qualities of mothers. For their patience, kindness, concern and understanding, in so many ways reflecting who you are.

People: We thank you for the part they play in our lives, and for this special day of saying 'thank you' to them.

LEADER: Loving and nurturing God we thank you for the wonder of your mothering. As a mother protects her children, you watch over us day by day.

People: We thank you for your arms which always encircle and protect us, Your hands shield and deliver us from harm.

LEADER: Loving God, we pray for those for whom Mother’s day brings heartache rather than celebration. We pray for those who have never known their mother or whose mothers have died. May all of us have the comfort of knowing that your mothering love is constant, Your understanding is perfect and your compassion is never-ending.

Together: We thank you that you gave birth to all of us with delight and joy, Lord in your mercy mother us all with your love. Amen.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS.....Sister Icyphine Sanders

THE PASTOR’S WORDS & GREETINGS TO VISITORS

THE BLESSING OF THE OFFERTORY *(Tithes / Offerings / Gifts to be given after the benediction)*

SERMONIC SELECTION.....Music Ministry

THE MESSAGE.....REV DR. RONALD D. STERLING, PASTOR

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

An invitation to accept Jesus as Savior

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.

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THE BENEDICTION.....Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.