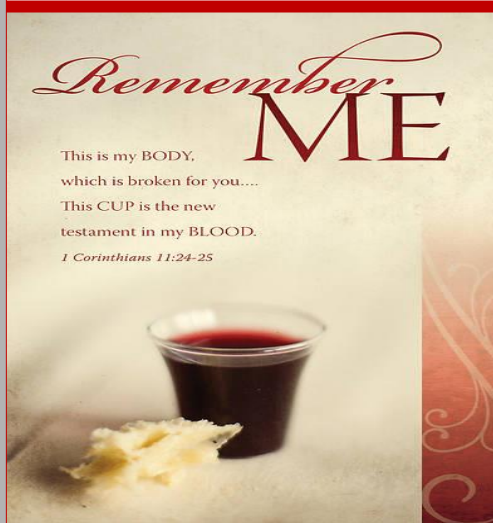


**God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, the Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family**



**SAINT JOHN**  
**AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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*The Worship and Service of Holy Communion*

Sunday, August 7, 2022 -10am

**The Prelude.....Music Ministry**

**The Doxology**

**The Hymn of Celebration....."To God Be The Glory"**

To God be the glory, great things He has 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.

Refrain:

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 has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

**The Invocation.....Sister Terry Beasley**

**Prayer Response....."Hallelu, Hallelujah"**

*Hallelu, Hallelujah  
O Lord we praise Your Name  
All the glory, all the praise  
O Lord we praise Your Name.*

**The Scripture.....Rev. Xavier Beasley  
Luke 12:32-40 (NRSV)**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves." But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

**Introit to the Decalogue** *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 Contemporary Decalogue**

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.  
You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not commit murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not be a false witness.  
You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**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, Amen.*

**The Pastor’s Words, Celebrations and Greetings to Visitors**

**The Blessing of the Offertory** (*Tithes / Offerings / Benevolent*)

**The Sermonic Hymn**.....**Music Ministry**

**The Message**.....**Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor**

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**The Communion**

**The Solicitation**

**The General Confession**

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake; forgive us all that is past and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**The First Collect**

**The Second Collect**

**The Prayer of Adoration**

**The Prayer of Humiliation**

**The Prayer of Consecration**

**The Elements**

**The Prayer** (*Lord’s Prayer or extemporaneous prayer*)

**The Affirmation of Faith**

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 on 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 sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Doxology**

**The Benediction**.....Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling