

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

Saint John
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor



The Service of Communion

The Order of Communion

Sunday, September 05, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn D. Pierce, Worship Leader

The Prelude.....Music Ministry

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

The Call to Worship.....Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn D. Pierce

Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD!

Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its going down The LORD's name *is* to be praised.
Praise the LORD!.

The Hymn of Celebration....."Down At the Cross"

Down at the cross where my Savior died, Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His Name!

Glory to His Name, Glory to His Name:
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His Name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin, Jesus so sweetly abides within,
There at the cross where He took me in; Glory to His Name!

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin, I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean; Glory to His Name!

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet, Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete; Glory to His Name!

The Invocation.....Rev. Charles Marie Davis

The Choral Response....."Praise Him"

*Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.
From the rising of the sun, Until the going down of the same;
He's worthy, Jesus is worthy, He's worthy to be praised.
Glory, Glory In all things give Him glory;
Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.*

The Scripture.....Rev. Laurel J. Thornton
Mark 7:24-37 (NRSV)

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

The Preface 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 Decalogue *(Contemporary)*

Minister: 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.*

The Announcements.....Rev. Charles Marie Davis

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

The Introduction of the Bishop.....Rev. Dwight E. Dillard
Presiding Elder of the Birmingham Florence Tuscaloosa District

The Sermonic Selection.....Sister. Yolonda Carter
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

The Preached Word.....Bishop Harry L. Seawright
Presiding Prelate of the Ninth Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Communion

The Chief Celebrant.....Bishop Harry L. Seawright

The Communion Hymn..... “There Is A Fountain

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 *(All Standing)*

The Lord's Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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The Benediction.....Bishop Harry L. Seawright

The Postlude.....Bro. Desmond Parker
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