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Service of Word and Sacrament



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**IN OBSERVANCE OF
The Fifty-first Quadrennial Session
of the
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Orlando, Florida**

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Cape Town, South Africa**

**Thursday, The Eighth Day of July
Two Thousand Twenty-One
3:30 – 5:00 pm EDT 9:30 – 11:00 pm SAST**

The Order of Service

Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr.
Worship Leader

The Moments of Praise

The MCAM Ensemble

The Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
AME Hymnal No. 647

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, the Heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Call to Worship

Bishop Reginald Jackson

Leader: Christ has gathered the people of Allen to commune at this table.

People: **We share this sacrament as people of the Diaspora with common histories and beliefs, cultural diversities, political differences, and economic disparities.**

Leader: Remember and celebrate the One who provided the ultimate sacrifice.

People: **We rejoice and give thanks that Jesus is the substitute sacrifice for our redemption and made provisions for complete sufficiency of our salvation.**

Leader: Come, come with your hopes. Come your anxieties and fears, Come with your visions and prayers for this is the place where all may come.

People: **We come to be united with Christ and each other so that once again we will proclaim the blood still works and with the blood we will impact the world.**

(Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield)

The Opening Hymn

Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker

The Blood That Jesus Shed for Me
AME Hymnal No. 137

The blood that Jesus shed for me, Way back on Calvary,
The blood that gives me strength From day to day
It will never lose its power.

*It reaches to the highest mountain; It flows to the lowest valley,
The blood that gives me strength, From day to day,
It will never lose its power.*

It soothes my doubts and calms my fears, And it dries all my tears,
The blood that gives me strength From day to day
It will never lose its power.

The Invocation

Bishop Clement W. Fugh

The Anthem

Inflamadas (Rossini)

The Connectional Mass Choir

The Scripture Lesson

1 John 1:5-7 (NIV)

Bishop Frank M. Reid III

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

The Preface to the Decalogue

Bishop John F. White

From all that Dwell

AME Hymnal No. 69

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

Bishop John F. White

(Bishop Henry Turner's Version)

Leader: You shalt have no gods but Me.

People: Before no idol bow thy knee.

Leader: Take not the name of God in vain.

People: Nor dare the Sabbath-day profane.

Leader: Give both thy parents honor due.

People: Take heed that thou no murder do.

Leader: Abstain from words and deeds unclean.

People: Nor steal tho' thou art poor and mean.

Leader: Nor make a willful lie, nor love it.

People: What is thy neighbor's dare does not covet.

Leader: With all thy soul, love God above,

People: And as thyself thy neighbor love.

The Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

AME Hymnal No. 626

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 Presentation of the Preacher

Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie

The Sermonic Hymn

Seventh Episcopal District/MCAM

O Thou, In Whose Presence

AME Hymnal No. 83

O Thou, in Whose presence my soul takes delight,
On Whom in affliction I call,
My comfort by day, and my song in the night,
My hope, my salvation, my all!

Where dost thou, dear Shepherd, Resort with thy sheep
To feed them in pastures of love?
Say, why in the valley of death should I weep,
Or alone in this wilderness rove?

Oh why should I wander, an alien from Thee,
Or cry in the desert for bread?
Thy foes will rejoice when my sorrows they see,
And smile at the tears I have shed.

He looks! and ten thousands of angels rejoice,
And myriads wait for His word;
He speaks! and eternity, filled with His voice;
Re-echoes the praise of the Lord.

Dear Shepherd, I hear, and will follow Thy call,
I know the sweet sound of Thy voice.
Restore and defend me, for Thou art my all
And in Thee I will ever rejoice.

The Sermon

Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.

The Offertory

Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield

All Things Come of Thee

AME Hymnal No. 644

All things come of Thee, O Lord;
and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Contemporary)

The Solicitation

Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr.

Christ our Lord invites all to this table. who earnestly repent of their sins, seek to live in love and peace with one another, intending to lead a new life following the commandments and example of a Holy God. We invite the same and ask you join us in General Confession.

The General Confession**Bishop Julius H McAllister, Sr.**

Almighty God, Creator of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, 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 God for 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 Summary of the Collects, Humiliation and Adoration**Bishop Michael L. Mitchell**

Almighty God, who of Your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto You. Have mercy upon us; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You. Since we do not presume to come to Your table trusting in our own righteousness but in Your manifold and great mercies, let us with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and saying, *"Holy, holy, holy, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord, most high."* Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Prayer of Consecration**Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr.**

Almighty God, who of Your tender mercy did give us Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, and did institute and in the holy Gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of Jesus' precious death until Christ's coming again; hear us, O merciful God we most humbly beseech You, and grant that we, receiving these Your creatures of remembrance of Christ's death and passion, may be partakers of Christ's most blessed body and blood. Who in the same night that Jesus was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, take eat, this My body which is broken for you, This, do in remembrance of Me. Likewise, after supper Jesus took the cup and after given thanks Christ gave it to them saying, Drink all of it, for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for the remission of sins; do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

The Sharing of the Elements**The Lord's Prayer*****The Lord's Prayer (Caribbean)***

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, (Hallowed be Thy name)

On earth as it is in heaven, (Hallowed be Thy name)
Give us this day our daily bread, (Hallowed be Thy name)

Forgive us our trespasses, (Hallowed be Thy name)
As we forgive those who trespass against us, (Hallowed be Thy name)

Lead us not into temptation, (Hallowed be Thy name)
But deliver us from all that is evil, (Hallowed be Thy name)

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, (Hallowed be Thy name)
Forever and forever and ever, (Hallowed be Thy name)

Amen, amen, it shall be so, (Hallowed be Thy name)
Amen, amen, it shall be so, (Hallowed be Thy name)

The Celebration

Bishop Stafford J. N. Wicker

What A Mighty God We Serve

What a mighty God we serve.
What a mighty God we serve.
Angels bow before Him.
Heaven and earth adore Him.
What a mighty God we serve.

The Announcements

Bishop Ronnie Brailsford

The Closing Remarks

The Benediction

Bishop Theodore L. Kirkland

The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Recessional

Bishop Harry L. Seawright

Lord Make Me More Holy

Lord, make me more holy; Lord, make me more holy;
Lord, make me more holy, until we meet again:
holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

Lord, make me more loving; Lord, make me more loving;
Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.

Lord, make me more patient; Lord, make me more patient;
Lord, make me more patient, until we meet again:
patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.

Lord, make me more faithful; Lord, make me more faithful;
Lord, make me more faithful, until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.