

KING'S GATE UNITED CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH IN
JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

(Congregational, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian)

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MORNING PRAISE & WORSHIP



Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

Jeremiah 33:14-15 KJV

Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, December 1, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Enter to Worship... Depart to Serve!

MINISTER:

Rev'd Garwell Bacchus

WORSHIP LEADER:

Elder Paula Cobourne

ATTENDING ELDER:

Elder Anissea Bremmer

COMMUNION ELDER:

Elder Jeanette Howell

MUSICIANS:

Darron Fraser - Keyboard

Barrington Soares Jr. - Drum

Stephen Reid - Bass Guitar

YouTube

King's Gate United Church

Order Of Worship

APPROACH TO GOD

*(Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you.
After the service, speak to others.)*

PREPARATION TIME

- “Here I Am To Worship....”

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD

WELCOME: Elder Paula Cobourne

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

L/ The Lord is a refuge to His people, a stronghold to the people of Israel.

C/ For Thou, O Lord, art my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

L/ Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

A/ Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

ADVENT SONG: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus...” Tune: “Come Thou Fount”

1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to a set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
2. Born Thy people to deliver;
Born a Child, and yet a King;
Born to reign in us for ever;
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

(Please be Seated)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING (Spoken)

LORD'S PRAYER (TRADITIONAL)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L/ The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbour His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 25:1 & 4-10

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

ADVENT CELEBRATION

L/ Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the *Sunday of Hope!* The season of Advent which literally means “**coming**” or “**arrival**,” is a time when with hope and anticipation we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

We light this Candle of Hope remembering that God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God.

L/ Let us pray:

O God of Hope, Emmanuel, God with Us -- we pray You to send Your light into our hearts. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's appearing. Live in us and help us to live in You. Help us be to this fractured world, Your instruments of healing. By the power of the Holy Spirit, touch us. Transform us so that our worship and our witness may point to the Hope that resides in You. Amen.

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16

New Testament: Luke 21:25-36

CELEBRATION WITH CHORUSES & SONGS OF PRAISE

- O What A Glory That Will Be
- Heaven's Jubilee—O What Singing, O What Shouting
- Caught Up To Meet Him
- He's Coming Back Again

WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

WORSHIP WITH OFFERING FOR CHARITY

“Give as the Lord has prospered you”

Chorus: "All Hail King Jesus..."

Chorus: “Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow...”

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERINGS

HYMN: "Ancient Words...."

1. Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

*Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.*

2. Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Chorus

We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

MESSAGE IN WORD: "Behold He Comes—Jesus Is The Righteous Branch"

Rev. Garwell Bacchus

RESPONSE SONG: You Have Longed For Sweet Peace.....”

1. You have longed for sweet peace, and for faith to increase,
And have earnestly, fervently prayed;
But you cannot have rest, or be perfectly blest,
Until all on the altar is laid.

Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid?

Your heart, does the Spirit control?

You can only be blest and have peace and sweet rest,

As you yield Him your body and soul.

2. Would you walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
And have peace and contentment always;
You must do His sweet will to be free from all ill;
On the altar your all you must lay.
3. Oh, we never can know what the Lord will bestow
Of the blessings for which we have prayed,
Till our body and soul He doth fully control,
And our all on the altar is laid.
4. Who can tell all the love He will send from above!
Oh, how happy our heart will be made!
Oh, what fellowship sweet we shall share at His feet,
When our all on the altar is laid!

INTERCESSORY PRAYER : Rev. Dr. Dave Hazle

FAMILY INFORMATION SHARING: Elder Paula Cobourne

CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sisters: Mellisa Walters & Nadia Rose

Brother: Barrington Soares

Celebratory Prayer — Rev. Garwell Bacchas

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

M/ Brothers and sisters, we read in the Gospels of the meals Jesus shared with His disciples, we recall His feast of the Last Supper with His disciples.

C/ **We recall His eating at the lakeside after He had risen from the dead. We recall how the Apostles broke bread together.**

M/ Today we break bread as servants of the Christ. So come all to His table.

HYMN: “Fill My Cup Lord.....” (Sung during the distribution of elements)

1. Like the woman at the well I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy;
And then I heard my Saviour speaking:
"Draw from my well that never shall run dry".

*Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more--
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!*

2. There are millions in this world who are craving
The pleasures earthly things afford;
But none can match the wondrous treasure

That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

3. So, my brother, if the things this world gave you
Leave hungers that won't pass away,
My blessed Lord will come and save you,
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray:

LITURGY FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION

M/ The Lord be with you
C/ And with you also
M/ Lift up your hearts
C/ We lift them up to the Lord
M/ Let us give thanks to our Lord
C/ It is right to give thanks to the Lord

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION OF SELF

M/ Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:
A/ Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
M/ Let us pray
M/ Almighty God and our heavenly Father, we recognise that it is a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to You. We join the angels and the company in singing to You.

All sing: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

M/ We give You thanks for the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ: for His life and ministry on earth; for His suffering and death on the cross; for His glorious resurrection from the dead; for His ascension into heaven; for the promise of His coming again.
A/ We therefore present ourselves to be living sacrifices unto You; holy and pleasing in Your sight. Send down Your Holy Spirit to sanctify us, and present us once again faultless before Your throne of grace with exceedingly great joy. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS AND THE RE-ENACTMENT

Chorus: “Soon And Very Soon.....”

Elder A. Bremmer/ Almighty God, King of the universe - You who bring forth bread from the earth, send down Your Holy Spirit to sanctify this bread, which we set before You that it may be for us the body of Christ. Amen.

M/ On the night in which He gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave to His disciples and said take, eat, this is my body broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.

Chorus: “Search Me O God.....”

Elder J. Howell/ Almighty God, King of the universe - You who bring forth wine from the vine, send down Your Holy Spirit to sanctify this wine, which we set before You that it may be for us the blood of Christ. Amen.

M/ In the same manner also, He took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to the disciples and said drink from this, all of you this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat of this bread and drink this cup you are proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes.

THE NARRATIVE CONTINUES

Chorus: “Create In Me A Clean Heart.....”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess to You now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them. We confess our sins as a church. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us. Father, forgive us. Send the Holy Spirit to us, that He may give us power to live as by Your mercy, You have called us to live, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

M/ Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,

C/ **Have mercy upon us.**

M/ Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,

C/ **Have mercy upon us.**

M/ Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world,

C/ **Grant us Your peace.**

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE WINE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

M/ The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C/ **And also with you.**

SONG: “The Blood Prevails.....”

The blood prevails

The blood of the risen Lamb,

Power to save, just as in olden days,

The blood prevails,

No matter what others say,

Thank God the blood prevails.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

M/ Let us pray:

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here who have received these gifts of bread and wine. Make them to be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world, the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

C/ **By Your Spirit, make us one with Christ, and one with each other, and one in the Ministry to all the world.**

A/ Amen

GOING FORTH & ADVENT THEME SONG: “Behold He Comes....”

1. These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of your servant, Moses,
Righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord"!

*Behold, He comes,
Riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun,
At the trumpet call.
Lift your voice,
It's the year of Jubilee,
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

2. These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of your servant, David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world,
And we are the labourers in your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord.

Chorus

There's no God like Jehovah (Rep. x14)

Chorus

Lift your voice,
It's the year of Jubilee,
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Garwell Bacchus

DOXOLOGY

“Now Unto Him Who Is Able...”

FAMILY NEWS

OUR WELCOME

We are pleased to have you, our friends who are visiting and worshipping with us today. It is our hope that you will come again and join in our fellowship as together we worship God. We welcome you most cordially.

If you are desirous of becoming a full fledged member of the fellowship of our church family, please indicate such an interest to any of the ushers or to the minister. Have a blessed week.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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| Sundays | 9:00 a.m. | Divine Worship |
| Tuesdays | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Prayer & Fasting |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Bible Study |
| 3rd Saturdays | 8:30 a.m. | Prayer & Fasting |

NOTICES

ON-GOING & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our Bible Study continues on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The presenter for this meeting will be Rev. Garwell Bacchas. The house of Esther will lead in the month of December. The Online Bible Study Link: Zoom platform Meeting ID: 852 3707 4906 Passcode: biblestudy. All members are encouraged to attend as well as to bring out their family and friends.
- Condolence to Sis. Delmaire Morgan and Phelicia Morgan on the passing of their cousin Derrick. The Funeral Service will be on Saturday, January 11, 2025.
- It is with deep regret we announce the passing of our beloved Sis. Thema Feanny. The Funeral Service will be on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at King's Gate.
- Book Cards for **“Eat Greedily”** is now available for sale at a cost of **\$1500** contact **Sis. Claudette Bacchas**
- **Steel Pan** training Saturdays at 12noon—2:00pm
- **The Skills Training Centre** is now recruiting for **Housekeeping Level 2, Food Preparation Levels 2 & 3**. Please contact Mrs. Venice Walters at 946-3989 for further information.
- **The Skills Training Centre** is now offering **Basic & Advanced Computer**

Class on Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00pm – 6:00p.m. Cost \$16,000.00.
Please contact Mrs. Venice Walters at 946-3989 for further information.

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Half Way Tree Branch

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SICK & SHUT-INS

- ⇒ *Call to buoy-up spirits*
Visit – to strengthen with your presence
Pray For – to commend to God's care:
- ⇒ Sis. Joyce Angus
- ⇒ Sis. Alice Downer
- ⇒ Sis. Daphne Drummond
- ⇒ Sis. Edith Gutzmore
- ⇒ Sis. Lillian Johnson
- ⇒ Sis. Vera Lynch
- ⇒ Sis. Maisielyn Noble
- ⇒ Rev. Dr. Richmond Nelson

Kintyre -

- ⇒ Sis. Veronica Brown
- ⇒ Sis. Norma McCarty, Beatrice Walters, Patricia Barnes

These are our members who because of failing health, have not worshipped with us for a considerable time. Let us be unfailing in our support.

KING'S GATE UNITED IN PRAYER

Monday, December 2, 2024

Let's pray in earnest concerning:

- The Church and its witness in the world
- The cessation of crime in Jamaica and the world

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Let's pray in earnest concerning:

- Youth of our nation
- The government and policy makers for Godly wisdom

Did you remember to pray last Monday and Wednesday at 9 p.m.? Call to remind someone. Wherever we may be, we are urged to pause for prayer on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 p.m. Your prayer requests are solicited.

THE WORD

⇒ Let us take pleasure and find fulfilment in reading the Bible daily. Our suggested readings may be found useful.

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| Sunday | - | Psalm 30 |
| Monday | - | Luke 21:5-24 |
| Tuesday | - | Luke 21:25-38 |
| Wednesday | - | Daniel 10:1-11 |
| Thursday | - | Malachi 1:1-14 |
| Friday | - | Malachi 2:1-17 |
| Saturday | - | Malachi 3:1-18 |

Nugget For Today:

Who has touched your life and what qualities did they have?
How can you set an example of faithfulness today?

SERMON NOTES

