



*Paratus Ad Serviendum*  
*"Ready to Serve"*



The Order of Service  
of  
Thanksgiving and Rededication  
To Mark  
The Twenty-Seventh Anniversary  
of  
The Antigua & Barbuda Defence Force  
(September 1, 1981-September 1, 2008  
On  
Sunday 24th August, 2008  
At  
The St. George's Anglican Church  
At 8:30 am

Theme:

"One Force, A Force of One"

Officiating Minister: Rev. Fr. John Rohim



Order of Service

He is coming like the glory  
 Of the morning on the wave,  
 He is Wisdom to the mighty,  
 He is Succour to the brave,  
 So the world shall be His footstool,  
 And the soul of Time His slave,  
 Our God is marching on.  
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
*Our God is marching on.*

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## Processional Hymn: A Mighty Fortress

A mighty Fortress is our God,  
A Bulwark never failing  
Our helper He amid the flood  
Of Mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great,  
And, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth His name,  
From age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us;  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His Truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs  
No thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Thro' Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

Crush the serpent with His heel,  
Since God is marching on."  
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
*Since God is marching on.*

He has sounded forth the trumpet  
That shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men  
Before His judgment-seat:  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him!  
Be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.  
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
*Our God is marching on.*

In the beauty of the lilies  
Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom  
That transfigures you and me:  
As He died to make men holy,  
Let us die to make men free,  
While God is marching on.  
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
*While God is marching on.*

## Recessional Hymn: The Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory  
Of the coming of the Lord:  
He is trampling out the vintage  
Where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning  
Of His terrible swift sword:  
His truth is marching on.

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*

*His truth is marching on.*

I have seen Him in the watch-fires  
Of a hundred circling camps,  
They have builded Him an altar  
In the evening dews and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence  
By the dim and flaring lamps:  
His day is marching on.

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*

*His day is marching on.*

I have read a fiery gospel writ  
In burnished rows of steel:  
"As ye deal with my condemners,  
So with you my grace shall deal;  
Let the Hero, born of woman,

## The Introit: Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

Celebrant: I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: And Blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever,  
Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in  
your name and in fellowship with one another.  
Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of  
praise and thanksgiving to proclaim and respond to  
your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and  
your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins,  
may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a  
living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual  
food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY:

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts be open, all desires  
known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse  
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your  
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and  
worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

#### THE KYRIE:

Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy.  
  
Christ, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy.  
  
Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy.

#### THE NATIONAL ANTHEMN:

Fair Antigua and Barbuda  
We thy sons and daughters stand,  
Strong and firm in peace or danger  
To safe guard our native land.  
We commit ourselves to building  
A true nation brave and free.  
Ever striving ever seeking  
Dwell in love and unity.

Raise the standard! Raise it boldly!  
Answer now to duty's call  
To the service of thy country,  
Sparing nothing, giving all;  
Gird your loins and join the battle  
'Gainst fear, hate and poverty,  
Each endeavouring, all achieving,  
Live in peace where man is free.

God of nations, let Thy blessings  
Fall upon this land of ours;  
Rain and sunshine ever sending,  
Fill her fields with crops and flowers;  
We her children do implore Thee,  
Give us strength, faith, loyalty,  
Never failing, all enduring  
To defend her liberty.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

All: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; And for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work, you have given us to do, To love and serve you as faithful witnesses to Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever Amen.

THE BLESSING: THE REV FR. JOHN ROHIM

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do His will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

All: Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One: you alone are the Lord; you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray

Celebrant: Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty God, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the members of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the

perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 51: 1-6 1ABR

A Reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Isaiah, chapter 51 verses 1 to 6.

<sup>1</sup> "Hearken to me, you who pursue deliverance, you who seek the LORD; look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were digged. <sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for when he was but one I called him, and I blessed him and made him many. <sup>3</sup> For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup> "Listen to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go forth from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup> My deliverance draws near speedily, my salvation has gone forth, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

This is the Word of The Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.

*All things bright and beautiful, .....*

The purple headed mountains,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky.

*All things bright and beautiful, .....*

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.

*All things bright and beautiful, .....*

The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows where we play,  
The rushes by the water,  
To gather every day.

*All things bright and beautiful, .....*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

*All things bright and beautiful, .....*

MEDITATION: ANTIGUA & BARBUDA DEFENCE FORCE

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will send the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
'Til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?.....*

**BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN: All things bright and beautiful**

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.*

## Psalm 23: The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

*He Lives, He Lives, He Lives,  
I know that My Redeemer lives,  
He Lives, He Lives, He Lives within my heart.*

My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.

*He Lives, He Lives, He Lives, .....*

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill:  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

*He Lives, He Lives, He Lives, .....*

My table thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint  
And my cup overflows.

*He Lives, He Lives, He Lives, .....*

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

*He Lives, He Lives, He Lives, .....*

The Epistle: Romans 11: 33-36 ABDF Coast Guard

A Reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Romans, chapter 11 verses 33 to 36.

<sup>33</sup> O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" <sup>35</sup> "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" <sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

This is the Word of The Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

Musical Rendition - Antigua & Barbuda Defence Force

Gradual Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
in Whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;

Then shall all bondage cease,  
All fetters fall;  
And I shall find my peace, My All in All.

Thou art the Bread of life,  
O Lord, to me,  
Thy holy Word the truth  
That saveth me;  
Give me to eat and live  
With Thee above;  
Teach me to love Thy truth, For Thou art love.

O send Thy Spirit, Lord,  
Now unto me,  
That He may touch my eyes,  
And make me see;  
Show me the truth concealed  
Within Thy Word,  
And in Thy Book revealed I see the Lord.

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,**  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**Hear, O Lord the sound of my voice**  
Hear O Lord and have mercy.  
My soul is longing for the Glory of you,  
O Hear O Lord and answer me.

Every night before I sleep,  
I pray my soul to take,  
or else I pray that loneliness  
is gone when I awake.

Hear, O Lord the sound of my voice .....

Why do I no longer feel,  
like I've a place to stay,  
O take me where someone will care  
so fear will go away.

Hear, O Lord the sound of my voice .....

In you O Lord I place my cares  
and all my troubles too.  
Oh grant dear Lord that someday soon  
I'll live in peace with you.

Hear, O Lord the sound of my voice .....

**Break Thou the Bread of Life,**

Dear Lord, to me,  
As Thou didst break the loaves  
Beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page  
I seek Thee, Lord;  
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,  
To me, to me  
As thou didst bless the bread  
By Galilee;

And keep us in His grace,  
and guide us when perplexed;  
And free us from all ills,  
in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given;  
The Son and Him Who reigns  
with Them in highest Heaven;  
The one eternal God,  
whom earth and Heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20 Rev. Catherine Edwards

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesare'a Philip'pi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Eli'jah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Response: Praise to Christ our Lord

Hymn before the Sermon:

**Master speak! Thy servant heareth,**  
Waiting for your gracious word,  
Longing for Thy voice that cheereth;  
Master, let it now be heard.  
I am listening, Lord, for Thee;  
What hast Thou to say to me?  
  
Master, speak! And make me ready,  
When Thy voice is truly heard,  
With obedience glad and steady  
Still to follow every word.  
I am listening, Lord, for Thee;  
Master speak, O speak to me!

THE SERMON: THE REV FR. JOHN ROHIM

THE NICENE CREED:

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen or unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfilment of the Scriptures: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the

Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All: Grant gracious Lord, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and He in us. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

**As the deer pants for the water,**  
so my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.  
*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my hearts desire  
And I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold and silver,  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy Giver  
And the apple of my eye.  
*You alone are my strength, .....*

You're my friend and You are my brother,  
Even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything.  
*You alone are my strength, .....*

All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: As our Saviour has taught us, so we say:

All: Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallow'd be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil, For Thine is the kingdom And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

#### THE ANGUS DEI

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Grant us peace.

#### THE INVITATION:

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His

Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### Intercessions:

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

Leader: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

Response: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

Response: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

Response: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For us Your servants, celebrating together as one family, may we rejoice in you always.

Response: We thank you Lord

Leader: For each member of our Parish family that we may be diligent in serving, and thankful for blessings received,

Response: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

Response: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

Response: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For the members of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force, for twenty-seven years of service to our Nation. May God continue to bless and guide us in our efforts to serve and protect this Nation.

Response: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

Response: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty and justice,

Response: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

Response: We thank you Lord.

Celebrant: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: And so, Heavenly Father, rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation; His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice made once and for all upon the Cross; His Mighty resurrection from the dead; His Glorious Ascension into heaven; and looking for His Coming in glory; We offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood, of your Son, our great High Priest, may be renewed by your Holy Spirit, and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him. Let faith and love increase in us. Unite us with all Bishops, and all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments, and with the whole people of God, living and departed, whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness, that we may be found ready to join the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles, and all your saints, when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again: Forever giving you thanks and praise through Him from whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, in songs of everlasting praise.

Celebrant: All Holy and glorious Father, our Creator God, we give you thanks because in your loving wisdom you brought all things into being, and are truly worthy of praise from every creature you have made.

Again and again we have turned away from you; yet in every age your steadfast love has called us to return to live in union with you: for it is your eternal purpose to put new life into all things and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ who took our human nature upon Him you have redeemed the world from the bondage of sin: and by the power of your Holy Spirit you have gathered a people to yourself, to make known in every place His perfect offering which He made to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; And grant that these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take this, and eat it: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after supper He took the cup of wine: and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Leader: Above all, we give thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

Response: To Him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Leader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we asked in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfil our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

#### ACT OF PENITENCE:

Celebrant: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Celebrant: Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL: Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

## THE ABSOLUTION:

Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Christ our Lord.

## THE GREETING OF PEACE:

Celebrant: We are the body of Christ, by the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of one Spirit.

All: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

## CHORUS FOR THE PEACE

Won't you greet somebody in Jesus Name  
Won't you tell them that you love them in Jesus Name  
Tell them we can work together in Jesus Name  
Everybody Smile, Jesus Loves You  
Everybody Smile, Jesus Loves You

## WELCOME AND NOTICES

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

All: All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you. Blessed be God for ever. Amen

## THE EUCHARIST PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might;  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,  
And you will be singing as the days go by.  
    Count your blessings,  
        name them one by one;  
Count your blessings,  
    See what God hath done;  
Count your blessings,  
    Name them one by one  
Count your many blessings,  
    See what God hath done.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;  
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy  
Your reward in heaven nor your Home on high.  
    Count your blessings, .....

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,  
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.  
    Count your blessings, .....

#### PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

Celebrant: Through your goodness, Lord, we have this bread  
and wine to offer, the fruit of the earth and the work  
of human hands. They will become our spiritual  
food.

Musical Rendition - Antigua & Barbuda Defence Force

#### CHILDREN'S HYMN

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us

Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine*

*Fill this land with the Father's glory*

*Blaze, Spirit, blaze*

*Set our hearts on fire*

*Flow, river, flow*

*Flood the nations with grace and mercy*

*Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence

From the shadows into your radiance

By the blood I may enter your brightness

Search me, try me, consume all my darkness

Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine .....*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness

So our faces display your likeness

Ever changing from glory to glory

Mirrored here may our lives tell your story

Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine .....*

OFFERTORY HYMNS:

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,**

Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.

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And now let the weak say "I am strong."  
Let the poor say "I am rich."  
Because of what the Lord has done for us  
Give thanks.  
And now let the weak say "I am strong."  
Let the poor say "I am rich."  
Because of what the Lord has done for us  
Give thanks.

And now let the weak say .....

**There's a call comes ringing**

o'er the restless wave,  
"Send the light! Send the light!"  
There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save,  
Send the light! Send the light  
    Send the light the blessed gospel light;  
    Let it shine from shore to shore  
    Send the light the blessed gospel light  
    Let it shine forevermore.

We have heard the Macedonian call today  
"Send the light! Send the light!"  
And a golden offering at the cross we lay,  
"Send the light! Send the light!"  
Send the light! Send the light  
    Send the light the blessed gospel light; .....

Let us pray that grace may ev'rywhere abound;  
"Send the light! Send the light!"  
And a Christ-like spirit ev'rywhere be found  
"Send the light! Send the light!"  
Send the light! Send the light  
    Send the light the blessed gospel light; .....

Let us not grow weary in the work of love,  
"Send the light! Send the light!"  
Let us gather jewels for a crown above,  
"Send the light! Send the light!"  
Send the light! Send the light  
    Send the light the blessed gospel light; .....

**When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,**

When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.  
    Count your blessings,  
        name them one by one;  
    Count your blessings,  
        See what God hath done;  
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