

# THE CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## Women's Missionary Council Executive Board CENTENIAL CELEBRATION

### Service of Holy Communion



**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

**7:00 PM**

**Meadow view Marriott Conference Resort and Convention Center**

**1901 MeadowView Parkway, Kingsport, Tennessee 37660**

**Dr. Princess A. Pegues, International Women's Missionary Council President**  
**Bishop Henry M. Williamson. Sr, Communion Preacher and Host Bishop**

**Bishop C. James King, Jr. Liturgist**

**Senior Bishop Lawrence L. Reddick, III, Chief Celebrant**

**Patron Bishop James B. Walker**

# The Service of Holy Communion

## THE PRELUDE

Reverend Lisa Clayton

## THE PROCESSIONAL *"All Hail The Power" (DIADEM)*

CME Hymnal No. 523

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall, let Angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all!
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, ye ransomed from the fall. Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him and crown Him Lord of all!
3. Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, on this terrestrial ball. To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all!
4. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall! we at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him and crown Him Lord of all!

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Bishop C. James King, Jr.

Minister: The grace, mercy, and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Others: And also with you!

All: Almighty God, You are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. All your works praise You in all places of Your dominion. And Your glory is revealed in Christ, our Savior. Therefore, we praise You, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE *"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"*

CME Hymnal No. 17

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of My God and King, the triumphs of His grace.
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
to spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.
3. Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4. He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free,  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.
5. Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ,  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
6. Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above-the church in earth and heav'n.

**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH****Bishop Paul A. G. Stewart, Sr.**

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 rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth at 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 holy catholic Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

**THE PRAYER****Bishop Thomas L. Brown, Sr.**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Thee: have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE****"He Is Lord"**

*He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord:  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

**SONG OF REJOICING****THE LANE COLLEGE CHOIR****THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON****Bishop Marvin F. Thomas, Sr.****THE GLORIA PATRI****THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON****Bishop Godwin T. Umoette****THE CONFESSION (All Standing)**

**All:** We confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will, We have broken Your law,  
We have rebelled against Your love. We have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray,  
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Bishop:** Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether;  
the past is finished and gone, everything has become  
fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

**Others:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**SONG OF REJOICING****THE LANE COLLEGE CHOIR****THE OFFERING****Bishop Kenneth W. Carter****THE ANNOUNCEMENTS****Dr. Princess A. Pegues  
Bishop Teresa E. Jefferson-Snorton****THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER****Bishop Bobby R. Best**

## SONG OF PREPARATION

THE LANE COLLEGE CHOIR

**REFRAIN:** *On Christ, the solid rock I stand. All other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

## COMMUNION SERMON

Bishop Henry M. Williamson, Sr.

## THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Bishop Sylvester Williams, Sr.

## THE HYMN

*"There Is A Fountain"*

CME Hymnal No. 84

1. There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners,  
plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains: Lose all their guilty stains,  
Lose all their guilty stains, and sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty  
stains.
2. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away: Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away; And there may I,  
though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.
3. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power, Till all the ransomed  
Church of God Be saved to sin no more: Be saved to sin no more, Be saved to sin no  
more; Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more.
- 4.
5. E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love  
has been my theme And shall be till I die: And shall be till I die, And shall be till I  
die; Redeeming love has been my theme And shall be till I die.
- 6.
7. When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue Lies silent in the grave, Then in a  
nobler sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save: I'll sing Thy power to save, I'll  
sing thy power to save; Then in a nobler sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to  
save.

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

SENIOR. BISHOP L. L. REDDICK, III, CHIEF CELEBANT

## THE PEACE

Bishop: The peace of Christ be with you.  
Others: And also with you.

## PRESENTING THE GIFTS (Uncovering of the elements)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.  
Others: We lift them to the Lord.  
Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
Others: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## THE PREFACE

Bishop: It is right and good to give You thanks, Almighty God, for You are the Source of  
light and life. You made us in Your image and called us to new life in Jesus



Christ. In all times and places Your people proclaim your glory in unending praise.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Celebrant:** We remember with joy the grace by which You created all things and made us in your own image. We rejoice that You called a people in covenant to be a light to the nations. Yet we rebelled against your will. In spite of the prophets and pastors sent forth to us, we continued to break your covenant. In the fullness of time, You sent Your only Son to save us. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of your favored one, Mary, sharing our life, He reconciled us to Your love. At the Jordan Your Spirit descended upon Him, anointing Him to preach the Good News of Your reign. He healed the sick and fed the hungry, manifesting the power of Your compassion. He sought out the lost and broke bread with sinners, witnessing the fullness of your grace. We beheld His glory.

On the night before He died for us, Jesus took bread. Giving thanks to You, He broke the bread and offered it to his disciples, saying: "Take this and eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Taking a cup, again He gave thanks to You, shared the cup with his disciples and said: "This is the cup of the New Covenant in My blood. Drink from this all of you. This is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

After the meal, our Lord was arrested, abandoned by His followers and beaten. He stood trial and was put to death on a cross. Having emptied himself in the form of a servant, and being obedient even to death, He was raised from the dead and exalted as Lord of heaven and earth.

Through Him You bestow the gift of your Spirit, uniting Your Church, empowering its mission, and leading us into the New Creation You have promised.

Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ!

**Others: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

**Celebrant:** Loving God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed through His blood, serving and reconciling all people to You.

Remember Your Church, scattered upon the face of the earth; gather it in unity and preserve it in truth.

Remember the saints who have gone before us. In communion with them and with all creation, we worship and glorify you always.

**Others: Through your Son, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in Your Holy Church, all glory and honor is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**  
(Celebrant and others commune)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER  
THE BREAKING OF BREAD**

Celebrant: The bread which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

**Others:** Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

Celebrant: The wine which we drink, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

**Others:** The cup which we bless is the communion in the blood of Christ.

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**  
(After all have communed, remaining elements are covered.)

**THE PRAYER**

Bishop: Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at Your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**THE CLOSING HYMN "There Is Power In The Blood"**

**CME Hymnal No. 137**

1. Would you be free from the burden of sin? There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Would you o'er evil a victory win? There's wonderful power in the blood.
2. Would you be free from your passion and pride? There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide. There's wonderful power in the blood.
3. Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow? There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flow. There's wonderful power in the blood.
4. Would you do service for Jesus your King? There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Would you live daily His praises to sing? There's wonderful power in the blood.

**CHORUS:** *There is power, power, wonder-working power in the blood (In the blood) of the lamb; there is power, power wonder-working power in the precious blood of the Lamb.*

**THE BENEDICTION (People Seated)**

**Bishop James B. Walker**

**THE RECESSION**