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PRE-CONFERENCE TO THE
GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**...TO EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY,
FOR BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST — EPHESIANS 4:12 NRSV**



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Sunday, February 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
3pm
Bellville Civic Centre

OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Keith Links, Fifteenth Episcopal District Christian Education Director, Worship Leader

Ingathering Praise and Worship

Worship Through Dance
Cape Annual Conference Liturgical Dancers

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
AMEN

Call to Worship

One: I am because we are!

Many: We are because I am!

One: How good and pleasant it is when kindred dwell together in unity.

Many: It is good! It is right! It is holy!

One: In our diversity and in our oneness, Let us praise our Triune God!

Many: We praised the Three in One: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! The One who declared, "I am who I am!"

**ALL: We worship together as one our One True, Loving, Liberating, and Living God.
AMEN**

Hymn of Praise

Ndikhokele, O Jehovah

AMECH #65

(O Msindisi)

(Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah)

Ndi-kho-ke-le, O Je-ho-va, Ndin-gum-ham- bi Nko-si yam.

Un-a-mand-la an-din-a-wo O-no-but-ha tha-ka ndim.

Refrain:

O-msin-di-si O msin-di-si Ngu-we-o-li kha-ka-lam.

Guide me, O Thou great Je-ho-vah, Pilgrim through this bar-ren land;

I am weak, but Thou art might-y, Hold me with Thy power-ful hand;

Bread of heav-en, Bread of heav-en, Feed me till I want no more.

Bread of heav-en, Bread of heav-en, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now thy crys-tal foun-tain, Whence the heal-ing wa-ters flow;

Let the fire and cloud-y pil-lar Lead me all my jour-ney through;

Strong De-liv-erer, Strong De-liv-erer, Be thou still my strength and shield.

Strong De-liv-erer, Strong De-liv-erer, Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, Bid my anx-ious fears sub-side;

Bear me through the swell-ing cur-rent, Land me safe on Ca-naan's side;

Songs of prais-es, Songs of prais-es I will ever give to Thee.

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Refrain:

O-msin-di-si O msin-di-si Ngu-we-o-li kha-ka-lam.

Invocation

Choral Response Fifteenth Episcopal District Mass Choir

Musical Selection Fifteenth Episcopal District Mass Choir

Scriptures

Old Testament

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

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.

Litany

One On this day, we pause to remember, reflect, reclaim, and recommit. We gather in your holy temple to worship you for your steadfast love and faithfulness to us, your children who bear witness under the banner of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Many We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole hearts.

One With thankful hearts, we remember the life, ministry, and vision of the founder of our church, your servant, Bishop Richard Allen, born a slave yet his freedom bought by his will, determination, giftedness, and hard work. His spirit set free years before through the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ and God's grace and mercy. *Whom the son sets free is free indeed.*

Many We remember and we give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole hearts.

One While we make no claim to be the one, true church, the best, or even the greatest, we give you thanks for this African Methodist Episcopal Church, a faithful part of the Church Universal founded by Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. We reflect on the rich legacy, which we have inherited from the leaders and countless dedicated members across the globe who you called to bear witness to your light and love. For the institutions, which they built, the lives, which they changed, the sacrifices, which they made, we are thankful. Reflecting on this heritage, which has been gifted to us, we worship you as the way making and miracle working God who is worthy of our praise and our service.

Many We reflect and give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole hearts.

One Where we have strayed, God, return us to the path of righteousness. When we falter, please hear our cries and increase our strength of soul. When we would hesitate, make excuse, or say no to your call, remind us that your call is not dependent on our worthiness but on our willingness. We reclaim the call to live lives worthy of the name, "A liberating and reconciling people."

Many We reclaim our name and give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole hearts.

One God, all you have created you called "good." Yet sin and evil seek to contaminate and destroy. Haughtiness, greed, and the false belief that the creatures can be the Creator have wreaked havoc in our communities, countries, in creation, and even in the church. We hear these words, "For though the Lord is high, God regards the lowly; but the haughty God perceives from far away." We also hear your call to us to holiness, both personal and social, that we might be partners with you in justice and peace, not because you need us; but, because you love us and have chosen us.

All We recommit our whole selves to your purpose, knowing your purpose will be fulfilled. Your steadfast love endures forever. Your name be praised, hallelujah and Amen.

by Rev. Garland F. Pierce

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

Musical Selection

Fifteenth Episcopal District Mass Choir

Offering of Benevolence

All Things Come of Thee, AMECH 644

All Things Come of Thee, O Lord;
And of Thine own, have we given Thee.
AMEN

Worship Through Dance

Boland Annual Conference Liturgical Dancers

Greetings

Rev. Garland F. Pierce
Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr.

Presentation of the Preacher

Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr.

Te Deum
Siyakudumisa Thixo
We Praise Thee, O God

Sermon

Bishop John R. Bryant
106th Elected and Consecrated Bishop in the AME Church

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Bishop John R. Bryant

Offering

Finance Committee

Meeting Directives

Rev. Garland F. Pierce

Doxology

Benediction

Bishop John R. Bryant

Welcome reception offered by Bishop and Mother Daniels and the Fifteenth Episcopal District family.

NOON DAY SERVICE

Monday, February 18, 2019

*Rev. Dr. Daryl B. Ingram, Former Executive Director,
AMEC Department of Christian Education Worship Leader*

Gathering Music

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
AMEN

Call to Worship

One: Come, let us worship! The generation that precedes us inspired us to say, "Let us worship in Spirit and in Truth!" The generation before us experienced God's presence, God's power, God's peace and said, "God is worthy of all praise!"

Many: We, too, have a song to sing, a testimony to share, a heart to receive, and the will to serve. We will pass to the next generation what we have learned about God's presence, God's power, God's peace, and declare, "God is worthy of all praise!"

One: God is Creator, God is Maker, God is Ruler, God is Provider, God is Holy, God is Great, God is Good, God is Grace, God is Glorious, God is Wise, God is Truth, God is Just; in Christ God is Teacher, God is Healer, God is Friend, God is Counselor, God is Merciful; at Calvary God is Love, God is Redeemer, God is Savior, God is Lord; in the Spirit, God is Comforter, God is Power, God is Strength, God is Source, God is Lifter, God is Deliverer, God is Liberator, God is the Rewarder of those who diligently seek God.

Many: We are of the generation seeking God's Face, God's Favor, God's Grace, God's Spirit, God's Anointing, and God's Salvation. We too declare: "God is worthy of all praise!" Therefore, LET US WORSHIP!

A Call to Worship written by Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr.

Many: LORD, have mercy upon us, and write these laws upon our hearts.

Nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee!

E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;

Still all my song shall be, nearer my God to Thee;

Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

One: Hear what Christ, our Savior, says, "Love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy." And here is the second, "Love others as well as you love yourself. There is no other commandment that ranks with these."
(Message Bible, Mark 12:30-31)

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

Presentation of the Preacher

Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr.

Musical Selection

Sermon

Rev. Gail Meridin, Trinidad
16th Episcopal District Christian Education Director

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Gail Meridin

Meeting Directives

Rev. Garland F. Pierce, Executive Director
Department of Christian Education

Closing Song

Benediction/Blessing of the Meal

CLOSING/COMMISSIONING SERVICE AND LOVE FEAST Tuesday, February 19, 2019

*Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr., Chair,
Commission on Christian Education and Host, Worship Leader*

*Hymn

Prayer

Scripture

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Presentation of the Preacher

Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr.

*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon

Preacher, Rev. Bennett Koketso Phoko,
Presiding Elder of the Gordonia District, 15th Episcopal District

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Bennett Koketso Phoko

Love Feast

Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr.

*Closing Hymn

Commissioning Prayer, Benediction,
and Blessing of the Meal

Bishop David R. Daniels, Jr.

*The music for this service is from Monday night's *Methodists, A Singing People: A Multicultural Hymn Teach-In* sponsored by the Music and Christian Arts Ministry

WORSHIP NOTES

Te Deum *Siyakudumisa Thixo*

Te Deum, laudamas is an ancient Latin hymn from the Early Church. The title is from the first line of the hymn, "We praise Thee, O God." A responsive form in English is found in the AMEC Hymnal in *The Ritual section, #796*. A version set to music is AMECH #624.

Siyakudumisa Thixo is *Te Deum* in Xhosa. Over the years, it has gained the status of being the beloved anthem of Methodism in South Africa. This is a wonderful example of Methodists singing our faith!

Siyakudumisa Thixo

Siyakudumisa Thixo siya kuvuma ukuba unguYehova
Umhlaba wonke ubedesha wena. uYise ongunaphakade.
Zonke ingelosi zimemeza kuwe. kwanezulu nawo onke amandla akulo
Ikerubime nesarifine. zima na zimemeza kuwe Uyingcwele, uyingcwele, uyingcwele. Yeho va, Thixo wemikhosi
Izulu lizele, kwanomhlaba.bub ukhulu bobungcwalisa bakho.
Umhlabi wobungcwalisa wabapostile. uya kudumisa.
Ama kholwane amahle aabaprofeti. aya kudumisa.
Umkhosi odumileyo wabafele wena uyakudumisa.
I Remente engcwele kulo lonke ilizwe. iyakuvum a
UYise! obukhulu bungenambaliso, UNyana wakho emnye.odumileyo, oyinene, KwanoMoya oyiNgcwele. umOn wabisi.
Ungu Kumkani wobungcwalisa. Wenatchee Kristu! Wena unguNyana ongunaphakade. w oYihlo, Uthe wena wakunyula umsebenzi wokusindisa abantu. akwaside la isizalo sentombi.

We Praise Thee, O God

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry.
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.
The holy church throughout all the earth doth acknowledge Thee.
The Father of an infinite majesty.
Thine adorable, true, and only Son.
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the Everlasting Son of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a virgin.

Uthe wakuba woyisile ubukhali bokufa
wavulela bonke abakholwayo ubukumkani bezulu.
Wena uhleli ngasekunene kuThixo,
ebungcwaliseni boYihlo.
Siyakholwa ukuba woza. ubengumGwebi wethu.
Siyakuthandaza ngoko siza izicaka zakho
ozithengileyo ngegazi lakho elinqabileyo.
Zenze ukuba zibalwe ndawonye nabangcwele bakho.
ebungcwal iseni obungunaphakade.
Nkosi sindisa abantu bakho.uthamsanq
elise ilifa lakho.
Baphathe, ubaphakamise.ku de kube ngunaphakade.
Thina imihla ngemihla sikwenza mkhulu wena.
Sihlala sibedesha igama lakho. kude kube
ngunaphakade
Sincede nKosi! Usilondoloze ngale mini singabi nasono.
NKosi zusiphathe ngetaru. zusiph athe ngetaru.
NKosi! Itaru lakho malihle phezu
kwethu. njengok uba ithemba lethu likuwe.
NKosi! Ndithembe wena. ma ndingaze ndidaniswe.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness
of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of
heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the
Glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou shalt come to be our
judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,
whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy
precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy saints
in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine
heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify Thee.
And we worship Thy name ever, world
without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day
without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy
upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our
trust is in Thee.
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never
be confounded.

Love Feast

Love Feasts are devotional services not sacraments, such as Holy Communion or Baptism, that are customarily observed to prepare spiritually its church for the Holy Communion. The Pastor, a class leader, or the Pastor's appointee may conduct Love Feasts.

The feasts should be held in less time than a week before the Communion Service.

The Order of Service, which we find in our current *Book of Worship*, is an adaptation from instructions found in Methodist Polity (1885) by Bishop Henry McNeil Turner, and popular usage in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the service, bread and water are distributed to the celebrants. Those present shall rise and pinch from the bread of fellow celebrants, shaking hands afterwards. Water is sipped in unison when individual cups are used. The bread is collected and is not eaten when it is broken and shared. In no instance shall bread be pinched and shared and then eaten.

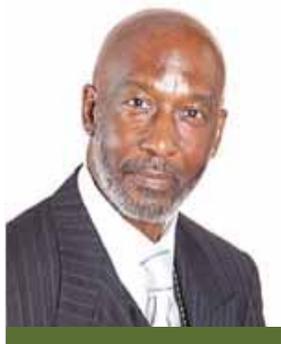
Adapted from AMEC Book of Worship, pg. 40

Questions for Reflection:

1. In many places, Love Feast is a Methodist practice that has fallen out of practice. What are some reasons this might be the case?
 2. The *Book of Worship* emphasizes that the bread during Love Feast is not eaten. Why might that be? In a context where many go hungry, how might we interpret this practice of not eating but only using the bread symbolically?
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PREACHERS

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ROMANS 10:14



Bishop John R. Bryant **Opening Worship Preacher**

A world-renowned preacher of the gospel, Bishop Bryant is now a retired bishop, having served as senior bishop. He was elected and consecrated the 106th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He has served as the Presiding Prelate of the Fourteenth, Tenth, Fifth, and Fourth Episcopal Districts. He is a former Chair of the Commission on Christian Education. Bishop Bryant has served as Vice President of the North American Section of the World Methodist Council Division of Evangelism. He is the recipient of many honors and awards: including the *Ebony Magazine's* Honor Roll of Outstanding African American Preachers and *Ebony's* list of the 100 Most Influential Black Americans.



Rev. Gail Meridin **Monday Noon Day Service Preacher**

Rev. Meridin serves as the 16th Episcopal District Christian Education Director and the pastor of Christ AME Church in Freeport, Trinidad. She is the owner/director of Pillars of Excellence Academy, a pre and primary school in Edinburgh 500, Chaguanas, Trinidad, which caters for children 2 ½ to 12 years old. Rev. Meridin also has served as the President of the Christian Council of Trinidad and Tobago.



Rev. Bernett Koketso Phoko **Love Feast and Closing Service Preacher**

Rev. Phoko serves as the Presiding Elder of the Gordonia District, 15th Episcopal District. He has had several pastorates. He currently pastors Bethel Memorial in the Kuruman District. His personal motto is in line with the Ubuntu theme of this summit. His is, "One is too small a number to achieve great things. You need me as much as I need you in the advancement of the Kingdom of God."



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