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Fourth Lord's Day of the Resurrection

LOCAL PREACHERS LORD'S DAY

Sunday, 26th April 2026

7:00 am

Worship Leader and Preacher:

Bro. Chris Matthews

Organist: Bro. Lenroy Skepple

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE PREPARATION

Musical Prelude

Introit

Choir

Call To Worship:

L: Lift your eyes, people of God, beyond what is seen.

C: Because He lives, we place our hope in what is eternal.

L: In a world of change and uncertainty, God calls us to trust Him.

C: Because He lives, our faith is stronger than our fear.

L: We do not walk by sight alone, but by faith in the living Christ.

C: Because He lives, we look beyond what is temporary.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord who reigns forever.

C: Because He lives, we look beyond and give Him praise!

Hymn VIP #238 "Come, we that love the Lord"

Prayers: Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving

Responsive Reading

Psalm 145: 1-13 (VIP 653)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, **to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn VIP #235 “Blessed Assurance”

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Collect: Almighty God, who in every age raise up your servants, the prophets, to exalt your name and declare your purpose among the nations: anoint and inspire by the Holy Spirit, those whom you have called to preach, that they may be both courageous and zealous in telling the Good news, and be wise in winning persons for your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Amos 7: 10-15

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-18

Selection Choir

The Gospel: Luke 24: 44-49

Hymn VIP #313 “Lord, speak to me, that I may speak”

The Message Bro. Chris Matthews

THE RESPONSE

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn VIP #118 “Because He lives”

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle’s Creed)

Welcome, Courtesies & Announcements Steward on Duty

Blessing of Tithes & Offering

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer

THE CLOSING

Hymn VIP #330 “Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah”

The Benediction

Go now in peace, looking beyond what is seen. Because Christ lives, may your faith be stronger than your fear. May the Lord grant you eyes to see beyond the temporary struggles of life, and a heart fixed on what is eternal

and unshakable. May the risen Lord go before you, walk beside you, and uphold you always. Because He lives, go and live with confidence in what is yet to come.

And may the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and forevermore.

Amen.

Welcome! We bid all of you welcome to this Worship experience. We extend special welcome to all visitors and friends worshipping with us today in the Sanctuary. We invite all of you, our visitors and friends to join us again.

In our pulpit today is Bro. Chris Matthews. Please join us this evening at 6:00 pm for Online Worship. Zoom ID: *Meeting ID:* 899 1656 5452 *Passcode:* 996709

Local Preachers Sunday: Today is **Local Preachers' Lord's Day** and the Antigua Circuit expresses its deep sense of gratitude to the men and women who have served and continue to serve in this sphere of the Church's life and Mission. We pray that God will continue to raise up women and men from amongst us to continue this noble tradition. May God bless our Local Preachers now and always.

CONFIRMATION CLASS ON WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM

FREEMANSVILLE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, May 8, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Members:

- ✓ The Ministers in full work and Probationers appointed to the Circuit, and any Minister having Pastoral charge in the Congregation.
- ✓ The Congregational Stewards.
- ✓ The Chairperson and Secretary of each standing Committee.
- ✓ The Congregational representatives.

Mission 2026 was launched on 4th January 2026. This includes our mission project and monetary collection. We also launched the Family & Friends Missionary love gift in which every member of the Church is encouraged to raise \$500.00 of any currency that is higher than the EC dollar from family members and close friends who are not members of your Congregation. This gift will be presented in July 2026, the month of our missionary meetings. We must prayerfully ask God to indicate the persons that we should ask. This is not your personal contribution. A special envelope will be given to you for this offering, a letter authorizing you to collect money on behalf of the Methodist Church along with your usual missionary envelope for your personal contribution. We anticipate that all members of the church will participate in this venture.

The **Missionary target for Freemansville congregation is \$10,000.00.** That is all the Congregation is expected to give to the Circuit. The remainder of any funds raised will go toward the development of the Congregation and its mission.

Appointment of Circuit Stewards: Circuit Stewards will be appointed at the next meeting of the Circuit Council schedule for 9th May 2026 at the Baxter Memorial Chapel. Persons are asked to make their nomination in writing, signed by two members of the Circuit and submitted to the superintendent minister on or before May 2nd, 2026. The current holders of the office Sisters Petra Payne and Alison Leadette have served for four years and one year respectively and are eligible to be reappointed.

Please take note that the Antigua **Circuit Resources and Development Committee** that was scheduled for Wednesday, 29th April 2026 at 5:00pm at the Ebenezer Church Hall **has been rescheduled to Wednesday 6th May 2026.** The change is as a result of that day being the eve of the general election and some persons have expressed reservation being out or away from home on that evening.

Antigua Circuit Council will meet on Saturday, 9th May 2026 from 10:00 am to 3:30pm at the Baxter Methodist Chapel, English Harbour. All members are asked to take note and make a special effort to attend