

Gathering Praise
Musical Prelude

Collage of pictures scenes on screen, all depicting injustice in many forms, use the cross/dove to break the chain.
Quamina House logo comes up with the words of Christ in red . . . “Who the Son sets free is free indeed!”

Arrival of Heads of State & other guests on the platform
Colour Party

National Anthem (Guyana)¹

Dear land of Guyana, of rivers and plains,
Made rich by the sunshine and lush by the rains,
Set gemlike and fair between mountains and sea,
Your children salute you, dear land of the free.

Green land of Guyana, our heroes of yore,
Both bondsmen and free, laid their bones on your shore;
This soil so they hallowed, and from them are we,
All sons of one mother, Guyana the free.

Great land of Guyana, diverse though our strains,
We are born of their sacrifice, heirs of their pains,
And ours is the glory their eyes did not see,
One land of six peoples, united and free.

¹ Words L.L. Archibald (pseudo), music R.C. G. Potter 1966

Dear land of Guyana, to you will we give
Our homage, our service, each day that we live;
God guard you, great Mother, and make us to be
More worthy our heritage - land of the free.

Entrance of the Word

Choir

Let the Power Fall On Me
Let the power fall on me, My Lord
Let the power fall on me,
O, let the power, from heaven, fall on me;
Let the power fall on me!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Who the Lord has set free
Is free indeed!
Free to laugh, free to love,
Free to live, free to give
Free to meet, free to greet
Free to foster unity!

All O give us power to live as one, yes Lord
We want power to live as one
So as we pray and intercede for some
May the spirit make us one!

Liturgist We have come
from the uttermost parts of the earth
to bear witness
to the uttermost parts of the earth;

**All bearing witness in our words,
and our deeds – for we are doers
and hearers; fathers
and workers;**

Liturgist gathered in this time and season
Gathered here for one reason
To share the good news of God's salvation

**All Give us the power here and now O Christ!
Please for the power here and now;
Send us the power of grace of peace and love,
Send us the power of peace and love!**

**All Yes, we will share the good news –
With South and North, West and East,
with the leastest, with the greatest,
with the rich and with the poor,
with the lowly, and with the mighty
with the bound . . . that all can be free
for freedom in Christ gives us full free!**

*Give us the power to set all free, O Lord
Give us the power of unity
Give us the power to broker Your peace dear
Lord.
Give us Your power and set us free!!!*

*So let Your power fall on we, O Lord
Let Your power fall on we,
O, let Your power from heaven, fall on we*

Lord, let Your power fall on we!

Prayers & Praise By the People of God

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Opening Hymn In Christ, there is no East²

In Christ there is no East nor West
In him no South nor North
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find,
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding all mankind.

Join hands then, siblings of the faith
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves our Saviour as a child
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West
In Him meet South and North,
All Christ-like souls are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Responsive Reading (Isaiah 61)

² In Christ, There Is No East nor West words – John Oxenham (pseudo);
tune St. Peters

Prayer of Confession

Choir/Cantor **Our Father who art in heaven**
Hallowed be thy Name
Thy kingdom come on earth
Thy will be done on earth . . .

for each one whom we punish;
for each one whom we brutalize,
for each one we kill,

All We do so unto You.

Intercessor We have gathered in our brokenness,
in our pain, in our shame,
shackled by the sins of our past,
bound by the sins of our present,
surrounded by the collective guilt
 . . . of our friends,
 our foes
 our ancestors,
 of ourselves.

Forgive us our foolish ways O Lord

Choir **And when wi sin condemn our souls**
Wi mus pray

Intercessor We have gathered in this space
With our many rituals bespeaking our religion
and even our religiosity,
Sometimes getting caught up
in the form of godliness,
Having no time to live out
the fullness of your power.

Intercessor Lord, You have called us to be our siblings'
keepers
And this we promised upon our honour
Yet far too often we have acted like the 'Frozen
Chosen'
And like Abel, we kill our siblings in cold blood
Fulfilling the prophesies of old; 'there shall be
wars and rumours of war'
Caring not that no matter the race, class or creed
– in You O Christ we are one

Choir **And when wi sin condemn our souls**
Wi mus pray

All Forgive us our busy-ness O Lord,
and may we like Jesus,
seek to be found about your business,

All One race -
 One class -
 One creed –
 One people!
Recognizing not that for each one we neglect;

Men
Women
Men
Women
In our waking and our sleeping,
in our goings and our comings,
at this Joint Gathering of your Church,
and in our own spaces of witnessing.

All In our innermost recesses of our hearts

and the uttermost parts of our habitations. Forgive us when we sin,

Intercessor and raise us up as Your Standard. For truly,

Choir **The Kingdom it is thine,
Forever and for aye
And when wi sin condemn wi soul
We jus pray.³**

All Senzenina⁴
Senzenina, senzenina?
Sono sethu? Ubumnyama.
Wenzenina uMandela?
Benzenina abansundu?

Assurance of Pardon

Lord's Prayer Father Ho Lung's Version⁵
Our Father Who art in heaven
Holy, holy, holy be Thy Name
Our Father who art in heaven
Holy be Thy Name

Thy kingdom come on earth
Thy will be done on earth
Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread
Give us this day our daily bread
Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
Forgive us our trespasses

Our Father Who art in heaven
Holy, holy, holy be Thy Name
Our Father who art in heaven
Holy be Thy Name

Do not lead us into temptation
Do not lead us into temptation
[But] Deliver us from all evil
Deliver us from all evil

And forgive us our trespasses
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
Forgive us our trespasses

Our Father Who art in heaven
Holy, holy, holy be Thy Name
Our Father who art in heaven
Holy be Thy Name

A-a-a-a-men, Amen, Amen.
A-a-a-a-men, Amen, Amen!

³ Lord's Prayer (Jamaican folk version) Adapted

⁴ Zulu traditional song – what have we done?

⁵ Father Richard Ho Lung

Welcome & Courtesies

Time of Praise

Greetings CANAAC
CANACOM
WARC/CWM
(Guyanese Dignitaries)

Dance/Steel Pan Item [during which an Offering is taken – for CMMS]

The Ministry of the Word

[Introduction of Preacher]

Hymn of Preparation

Bless Thy word unto our hearts
And glorify Thy Name
Bless Thy word unto our hearts
And glorify Thy Name
Glorify Thy Name, glorify Thy Name
Bless Thy words unto our hearts
And glorify Thy Name.

Lessons 1. *(to be provided by preacher)*

Chorus Give us oil in our lamps
Keep us burning
Give us oil in our lamps we pray
Give us oil in our lamps to keep us burning
Keep us burning till the break of day

Lessons 2. *(to be provided by preacher)*

Special Item Guyana Churches/Combined Choir
Sermon Rev. Cliff Kirkpatrick

Hymn of Response The Servant Song⁶ /Music
[Movements] Guyana Churches

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are brothers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you;
Speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

(Repeat Verse #1)

⁶ THE SERVANT SONG by: Richard Gillard

Prayer of Intercession

Apostles' Creed

Passing of the Peace Peace & Love
 Peace and love, peace and love
 Peace and love I bring to you
 Peace and love.

Benediction

Liturgist Go in peace, and serve the Lord;
All We will seek peace and pursue it.
Liturgist In the name of the Trinity of love,
 One God, in perfect community.
 Amen

Recessional Hymn I am the Way⁷
 I am the Way, the King of the Victory
 I am the Truth, the Lord of the Harmony
 I am the Light, the Light of the world to be

CHO

Hosanna! I hold your hand my friend,
Hosanna! I give you strength my friend,
Hosanna! You walk the sea my friend;
We're going to sail to victory!

Sailing (sailing), sailing (sailing)
Sailing cross the river, sailing!
Sailing (Jesus), sailing (sailing)
Sailing cross the river sailing!
Freedom (brother), freedom (sister)
Freedom in the life of Jesus –

Hosanna . . .

We're going to sail to victory!
I am the Vine, you shall abide in Me,
I am the River, you shall be cleansed in Me,
I am the Rock, you shall have life in Me;
CHO

I am your brother, living in flesh with thee,
I am your Saviour, dying on Calvary,
I am your God, rising in victory

⁷ Words & Music Fr. Richard Ho Lung S.J.