

Sing this aloud, proclaim it to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has set his people free.

Hymn

The Day of Resurrection!

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover God.
From death to life eternal, from sin to be set free,
our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.
- 2 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is there-in;
in grateful exultation their notes let all things blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we are given new birth into a living hope and through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Praise, honor, glory, and power to the One seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!

Jesus was handed over to death for our sins,
And was raised to life for our justification.

Then what can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or hardship? Can persecution, hunger, nakedness, peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ, who loved us.

For we are convince that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor powers, not heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus or Lord.

Hymn

Christians, Dismiss Your Fear

Christians, dismiss your fear; let hope and joy succeed;
the joyful news with gladness hear, "The Lord is ris'n indeed!"
The promise is fulfilled in Christ our only Head;
justice with mercy's reconciled, He lives who once was dead.

(Sitting)

We have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live it is for the Lord that we live; and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die.

So whether we live or we die, we belong to the Lord, for Christ died, rose from death, and lives again in order to be Lord of the Living and of the dead.

We do not want you to be in any doubt about those who have died, or to grieve over them as others do who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

What we are saying, brother and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

Nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

What is sown as perishable,

Is raised imperishable;

What is sown in dishonor,

Is raised in glory;

What is sown is weakness,

Is raised in power;

What is sown a physical body,

Is raised a spiritual body;

Then the saying that is written will be full-filled: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Standing)

Hymn

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He, who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are of the earth.

For we have died, and our lives are hidden with Christ in God.

God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

Make us complete in everything good so that we may do your will, working among us all that is pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen

Hymn

Sing Hallelujah, Praise The Lord

1. Sing Halleluia, Praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice;
Exalt our God with one accord, and in His Name rejoice.
Ne'er cease to sing, O ransomed host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Until in realms of endless light your praises shall unite.

2. There we to all eternity shall join the angelic lays
and sing in perfect harmony, to God our Savior's praise;
He has redeemed us by His blood, and made us kings and priests to God;
For us, for us, the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord! Amen!

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Roseita Burton

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 121	Carol F. Thomas
Gospel: John 14: 1-11	Raymond S. Thomas

Musical Selection *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Stephen Powell

Tributes (3 minutes each)

President, Eastern District Executive Board and Provincial Elders Conference Representative	Rev. Dave Bennett
President Unity Board and P.E.C. Jamaica Province	Rev. Dr. Paul Gardner
Representing of the Bishops	The Rt. Rev. Douglas Kleintop
Chairman of C.A.R.D.	Mr. Winston Peart

Musical Selection Grace Steel Ensemble

Tributes (2 minutes each)

The Bishop as a Mentor of Pastors	Pastor Charles Harewood
The Bishop's impact on Youth	Mr. Wayne Laviscount
The Bishop as New Church Developer	Rev. Valrey Watson
The Bishop as Pastor and Friend	Ms. Paula Presutti

Poetic Tribute Sister Vernice Able

*Hymn #533 Now Thank we all our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who, from our mother's arms, has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this gracious God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blessed, who reign in highest heaven-
the one eternal God, who heav'n and earth adore;
for thus it was is now, and shall be evermore.

Eulogy Dr. Janice M. Thomas

Musical Selection *Stand By Me* Battle Hill Moravian Church

Sermon	“Always under God’s Care”	Rev. Mark Breland
Musical Selection	‘With a Voice of Singing’	Metropolitan Chancel Choir
Reflection		Mrs. Fay M. Thomas
Psalm 23		Alsyia King Danielle Thomas Jonathan Thomas
Prayer		Rev. Duane E. Ullrich
Recessional Hymn # 550		To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the Glory great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us Son,
who yielded his life an atonement of sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory-great things he has done.*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God:
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the son:
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

Benediction The Rt. Rev. Stanley Clark

Organ Postlude

Procession to the Interment Service

The Moravian Cemetery

At the Graveside

Liturgist Rev. Dr. Michael Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, hear us.

Lord God, Father, hear us as we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, ***hallowed 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, And the power, and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.***

Lord God, Son, the Savior of the world,
Be gracious unto us.

By your human birth,
By your prayers and tears,
By the grief and anguish of your soul,
By your cross and suffering,
By your atoning death,
By your rest in the grace,
By your triumphant resurrection,
By your divine presence,
By your coming again to your church on earth, or our being called home to you,
Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.

Lord God, Holy Spirit,
Abide with us forever. Amen.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and those who live and believe in me will never die.
Therefore, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yes, says the Spirit, they will rest from their labor. Where, death, is your victory? Where grace, is your sting? It is sin which gives death its power, and it is the Law which gives sin its strength. All thanks to God, who delivered us from the fear of death, the power of sin, and the condemnation of the Law. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We now commit this body to the ground, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection of all believers to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ. He shall change our weak, mortal bodies and make them like his own glorious body, using that power by which he is able to bring all things under his rule.

Keep us in your everlasting fellowship with the heavenly Church Triumphant, and let us rest together in your presence from our labors.

Here us, gracious Lord and God.

Glory be to him who is the Resurrection and the Life. Even though we die, he gives us life now and forever.

Glory be to Christ, in the church which waits for him on earth, and in the church which is around him in heaven, forever and ever.

Amen.

Hymn

Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight. Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain.*
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain.*

May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of the Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Stanley F. Thomas

Stanley F. Thomas was born on May 24, 1930 to John Leslie and Maud “Celeste” Holness Thomas in Manchester, Jamaica, W.I. After completing secondary school, he pursued a brief career in business.

He received a call to ministry and began theological studies at Union Theological Seminary in Kingston, Jamaica where he received a Diploma in Theological Studies in 1958. He began serving the Moravian church in Beaufort, Nazareth, Springfield and Salem circuits in Jamaica, W.I. and was ordained a Deacon in 1960.

Bishop Thomas was united marriage to the former Fay M. James on October 12, 1961. They were blessed with three children, Janice M. Thomas, Carol F. Thomas and Raymond S. Thomas. His ministry was recognized by the church and symbolized in his consecration as a Presbyterian on November 22, 1964.

The Thomas’ migrated to the United States in 1967 where Bishop Thomas would begin graduate studies at Moravian Theological Seminary. He continued studies at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana where he received the Master of Divinity Degree in 1972 and the Doctor of Ministry Degree in 1974.

He was elected Bishop of the Moravian Unity and consecrated on November 14, 1982 at New Dorp Moravian Church, Staten Island, New York.

Bishop Thomas has served the following congregations:

Associate Pastor: John Hus Moravian Church, Brooklyn, New York	1967-1968
Pastor: Second Moravian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana	1968-1978
Pastor: Vanderbilt Avenue Moravian Church, Staten Island, New York	1978-1986
Founding Pastor: Fellowship Moravian Church, Brooklyn, New York	1986-1989
Pastor: First Moravian Church, New York, New York	1989-1994
Interim Pastor: Calvary Moravian Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania	1994-1995

After retirement, Bishop Thomas served additional interim pastorates at the following Moravian Churches – New Dawn (Toronto, CA); Battle Hill (NJ), Lebanon (PA), Grace (NY) and John Hus (NY).

Bishop Thomas also served as part-time mission developer for two congregations: New Dawn Moravian Church in Toronto, Canada and Faith of our Nation’s Capital Moravian Church in Washington, DC. He provided further service to the Moravian Church by serving three terms on the Eastern District Executive Board, Northern Province. He also served as co-chair of the Capital Funding Committee, charged with fundraising for the development of a retreat facility at the Hope Renewal Center in New Jersey.

In addition to his pastoral ministry, Bishop Thomas contributed significantly to numerous civic and religious organizations. During pastorates in Jamaica, he served as secretary of the Provincial Youth Committee and The Christian Education Committee of the Jamaica Council of Churches.

During his pastorate in Indianapolis, Bishop Thomas served as vice president of the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis; board member, inter-religious Commission on Human Equality; member of the Mayor's Task Force on Community Affairs; member of the Metropolitan Man Power Commission; chair of the committee on Citizens Participation under Senator Richard Lugar, when the Senator was Mayor of Indianapolis. In addition, he received numerous citations for service to the church and community while in Indiana. December 3, 1977 was declared "Dr. Stanley F. Thomas Day" by the former Indianapolis Mayor, William Hudnut, III.

During pastorates in the New York City area, he represented the Moravian Church at a number of Interfaith and ecumenical meetings, retreats, seminars and religious services. Moreover, Bishop Thomas served and held leadership positions in a number of organizations, including the Staten Island Division of the New York City, Council of Churches; Moravian Open Door, Inc.; and the Chancellor's Commission on Equal Opportunity, Board of Education, City of New York.

After 37 Years in the active ministry, Bishop Thomas retired on August 31 1995. However, he continued to perform his Episcopal responsibilities as a Bishop of the Unitas Fratrum (worldwide Moravian Church).

Bishop Thomas was the visionary that led to the creation of Christian Action for Renewal and Development (C.A.R.D.) in the New York City Metropolitan Area. This organization, founded to serve senior citizens and youth, was near and dear to the Bishop. And, he served as C.A.R.D.'s founding chairman. Today C.A.R.D is fulfilling its mission by sponsoring feeding programs for seniors, giving aid to people who are experiencing hardship, and awarding scholarships to students who are attending college. Most recently C.A.R.D. has equipped a community computer lab at Tremont Terrace Moravian Church. At the time of his transition to eternal life, Bishop Thomas served as Honorary Chairman of C.A.R.D.

Bishop Thomas is survived by his wife, Fay M. Thomas; children, Janice M. Thomas, Carol F. Thomas, and Raymond S. Thomas; and, three grandchildren, Alysia King, Danielle Thomas and Jonathan Thomas.

Pall Bearers

William Robinson
Sam Stennett
Melverton Newell

Vincent Jarvis
Raymond S. Thomas
Eric D. King

Expression of Thanks

The family of Bishop Thomas wishes to take this opportunity (as we might not be able to greet each of you personally) to express how much we appreciate your outpouring of sympathy. Your prayers, love and support have been a source of comfort and strength. Thank you. Please continue to lift us up in your prayers, and may God continue to bless you abundantly.

Gone is the face, we loved so dear;
Silenced is the voice we loved to hear.
Too far away for sight or speech;
But not too far for our thoughts to reach.

Happy and smiling and always content;
Loved and respected wherever he went.

Always willing, thoughtful and kind;
What a beautiful memory he left behind.

Anonymous