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## ACTION OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SCOTLAND



SERVICE TO MARK THE BICENTENARY OF THE PASSING OF  
THE ABOLITION OF THE SLAVE TRADE ACT IN 1807

DAVID LIVINGSTONE CENTRE  
BLANTYRE  
SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007

*As the congregation gathers the music is provided by the  
Hamilton Salvation Army Band and the Glasgow Gospel Choir*

*Reading: Mukami McCrum : From the narrative of Mary  
Prince.*

*Choir : Go down Moses*

*Welcome to the Congregation:  
Mark Adderley and Rev James W. Jones*

*Opening Prayer : Pamala McDougall*

*Reading: Gift Amu-Logotse : Based on Genesis 37*

*ALL STAND TO SING:*

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**

**The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

*First address : Rev. Marjorie Lewis*

*Rt. Rev. Sheilagh Kesting will introduce the Statement of the Churches to mark the Bicentenary.*

*Reading the Statement: Most Rev. Idris Jones, and Rt. Rev. Joseph Devine.*

We remember with gratitude all those, slave and free, who worked to bring about the ending of chattel slavery, for which the first major step was the abolition of the British Slave Trade in 1807.

We acknowledge that many Christians were slow to speak out against the evils of the Slave Trade and that many were actively involved in it and profited from it. We express our sincere regret for this.

The legacies of the Slave Trade are still active in the world and we commit ourselves to working for reconciliation and for an end to both the economic imbalance between the powerful, rich nations and the poorer ones and to racism.

We call on governments to be particularly supportive of the nations in Africa and in the Caribbean which bore the brunt of the effects of the Slave Trade.

We recognise that out of this economic imbalance comes an exploitation of poverty which has led to forms of de-humanising treatment of people such as trafficking in people and forced or bonded labour.

We commend the Christian men and women who are already working to combat these evils and call on the people of the Churches to find practical ways to support their efforts.

*The Statement will then be signed by the Church Leaders.*

*All present are invited to sign the Statement.*

*If you wish to sign, an usher will direct you to a table. Please return to your place when you have signed.*

*During the signing the choir sings "Steal away", followed by the band playing the music of the hymn 'They shall come from the east' written by Salvation Army General John Gowans, who was born in Blantyre.*

They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,  
And sit down in the kingdom of God;  
Both the rich and the poor, the despised, the distressed  
They'll sit down in the kingdom of God.  
And none will ask what they have been  
Provided that their robes are clean;  
They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,  
And sit down in the kingdom of God;

They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,  
And sit down in the kingdom of God;  
To be met by their Father and welcomed and blessed,  
And sit down in the kingdom of God.  
The black, the white, the dark, the fair,  
Your colour will not matter there  
They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,  
And sit down in the kingdom of God;

They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,  
And sit down in the kingdom of God;  
Out of great tribulation to triumph and rest  
They'll sit down in the kingdom of God  
From every tribe and every race,  
All men as brothers shall embrace;  
They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,  
And sit down in the kingdom of God;

*AFTER THE SIGNING ALL STAND TO SING:*

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome  
We shall overcome some day  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We shall overcome some day**

**We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in  
hand  
We'll walk hand in hand some day  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We'll walk hand in hand some day**

**We are not afraid, we are not afraid  
We are not afraid today  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We are not afraid today**

**The truth shall make us free, the truth shall  
make us free  
The truth shall make us free some day  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
The truth shall make us free some day**

**We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace  
We shall live in peace some day  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We shall live in peace some day  
We shall live in peace some day.**

*Reading :Rev. John Ll. Humphreys :From Revelation 21*

*Reading: Dr Abu Terzungwe:  
Extracted from a speech of Dr Martin Luther King*

*Second address : Rev. Arlington Trotman*

*ALL STAND TO SING*

**Not my brother, not my sister,  
but it's me oh Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer  
Not my brother, not my sister,  
but it's me oh Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer**

*Refrain*

*It's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer  
It's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer*

**Not the preacher, not the sinner,  
but it's me oh Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer  
Not the preacher, not the sinner,  
but it's me oh Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer**

**Not my mother, not my father,  
but it's me oh Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer  
Not my mother, not my father,  
but it's me oh Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer**

*Prayers: Major Alan Dixon and Rev. Bill Slack*

*All are then invited to join in saying the Lord's Prayer.*

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*As a symbol of sharing in the peace Christ gives us, all are invited to greet those around them with the words "Peace be with you"*

*THE CELEBRATION COMES TO A CLOSE AS ALL SING*

**Oh happy day, that fixed my choice  
on thee, my Saviour and my God!  
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,  
and tell its raptures all abroad.**

*Refrain*

*Happy day! Happy day! when Jesus washed my  
sins away!*

*He taught me how to watch and pray,  
and live rejoicing every day;*

*Happy day! Happy day! when Jesus washed my  
sins away!*

**‘Tis done, the great transaction’s done!  
I am the Lord’s, and he is mine.  
He drew me, and I followed on,  
charmed to confess the voice divine.**

**Now rest, my long-divided heart,  
fixed on this blissful centre, rest;  
nor ever from thy Lord depart,  
with him of every good possessed.**



## **Choir**

**Oh happy day (oh happy day)  
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)  
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)  
Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)  
Washed my sins away (oh happy day)  
Oh happy day (oh happy day) x 3**

*The service is followed by two presentations by community groups, Pollokshaws Boys Brigade and The Village Dance School, and by items from the choir. All are invited to remain for these.*

Representatives of the Churches and Participants in the service:

Rt. Rev. Sheilagh Kesting	Church of Scotland, Moderator of the General Assembly
Rt. Rev. Joseph Devine	Roman Catholic Church, Bishop of Motherwell
Most Rev. Idris Jones	Scottish Episcopal Church, Primus and Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway
Rev. James W. Jones	Chair of the Methodist Church in Scotland
Rev. John Ll. Humphreys	United Reformed Church, Moderator of the National Synod of Scotland
Major Alan Dixon	Salvation Army, Assistant to the Scotland Secretary
Pamala McDougall	Religious Society of Friends, Clerk to the General Meeting for Scotland
Rev. Bill Slack	General Director, Baptist Union of Scotland
Rev. Fred Drummond	National Director, Evangelical Alliance
Dr. Abu Terzungwe	United Pastors' Forum, Glasgow
Mukami McCrum,	Chief Executive, Central Scotland Racial Equality Council
Mark Adderley	Chief Executive of the National Trust for Scotland

Rev. Marjorie Lewis	Minister of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands
Rev. Arlington Trotman	formerly Secretary of the Churches' Commission on Racial Justice
Mr. Gift Amu-Logotse	Friends of Wunemu Community Farm, Ghana

### Sources of Readings

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Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's Speech was delivered on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1963. The full text can be found at

[http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/publications/speeches/address\\_at\\_march\\_on\\_washington.pdf](http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/publications/speeches/address_at_march_on_washington.pdf)