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Opening prayer: "It’s your worship God that invites your presence in this place.. We adore you God, we magnify your name… “We give everything to you oh God… We worship you God!!!” – “You are so excellent God!!! "Prayer Changes Things"

Opening song: "I never shall forget what he done for me" - sang (Juanita) :-)

Glory, glory Hallelujah - Since I laid my burdens down....

Oh, oh, Oh, oh... Praise chokes the enemy...

Announcement: By: Pastor Lemmon's - Family month, Happy Birthday to all the March Birthday's... www.empowermenttemple.org to print out the Lenten season schedule... "SHIFT" my situation Lord... Serving and aiding our communities... Calling for 1 million people to vote for Easter Sunday... Please register... - You can sign up to vote.. If you are interested in joining the community choir, choir rehearsal will be on tomorrow (Monday) - Young girls in African Nation fund raiser will take place... Town Hall meeting: State of the Black Church, in Washington D.C. - You can tune in this Tuesday on March6, 2012 for the Spring Marathon - You can tune in and hear no other than Dr. Jamal H. Bryant, our Leader...#powerful

Offering Time: "It is a blessing to give" You can give on line at: http://www.empowermenttemple.org - "God is a game changer" - "Lord I'm not going to give just because I'm suppose to give, but I'm giving out of my love, and my sincere worship.. Lord from what I give, can you help me get a whole lot better... " I want to get a whole lot of fruit and lettuce when I go to the grocery store... Lord I'm sacrificing.. If I ask anything in your name, you said you would give it to me... Prove it... Give your 10% - raise it up and say, "God I thank you" Your latter shall be greater than you past..."

Offering Song Selection: "The Lord is blessing me right now!"

Song Selection: "The blood that gives me strength from day to day…

"It will never lose it’s power”

Communion: Communion is now being served... Take and eat the body of Christ that was broken for you - and in that same light.. the blood that was shed.. "What can wipe away our sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus... Take and drink in memory of him..

Prayer: The Lords prayer...

We thank the Lord for our Pastor: Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant... He is on the road today getting ready to march with the Rev. Al Sharpton on today...

Song Selection: We have come to worship the Lord... For his mercy endureth forever..

Guest Speaker: Bishop Richard L. Fraiser -

He acknowledges his wife - In four days from today, he will celebrate 37 years with his wife.. .She still has his nose wide open... lol

It;s not that I love her, loving her suits me.. When she walks into the room, a light comes on in my head... She said she let him lay some hands on her... (smh)... God said it was good... Pastor says: 'He was not lying either" They made a great point to show their love for each other which was such a blessing to see husband and wife still in love...

He honors Dr. Jamal Bryant in his absence on today... - he bless everyone on today.. Now he is laying hands on his wife and walking her back to seat.. He was giving off a little love Morse code...

The worship "cooked his grits" (lol)... Number #1 - He was excited about the church" #1- Celebrated the covenant - #2 we celebrated the blood of Jesus - The precious blood of Christ.. - What makes the blood of Christ precious? He had pure blood with no sin, and the only blood qualified to stand before the throne... The name of Jesus is part of a category called nouns... Parts of speech.. It is defined as a person, place and things.. Proper noun is a particular name of a person, place or thing... God, is a person, place and thing and an event - He is coming back for us!!

Scripture Reading: Isiah chapter (NIV)

Isaiah 52

 1 Awake, awake, Zion,

 clothe yourself with strength!

Put on your garments of splendor,

 Jerusalem, the holy city.

The uncircumcised and defiled

 will not enter you again.

2 Shake off your dust;

 rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.

Free yourself from the chains on your neck,

 Daughter Zion, now a captive.

 3 For this is what the LORD says:

 “You were sold for nothing,

 and without money you will be redeemed.”

 4 For this is what the Sovereign LORD says:

 “At first my people went down to Egypt to live;

 lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

 5 “And now what do I have here?” declares the LORD.

 “For my people have been taken away for nothing,

 and those who rule them mock,[a]”

 declares the LORD.

“And all day long

 my name is constantly blasphemed.

6 Therefore my people will know my name;

 therefore in that day they will know

that it is I who foretold it.

 Yes, it is I.”

 7 How beautiful on the mountains

 are the feet of those who bring good news,

who proclaim peace,

 who bring good tidings,

 who proclaim salvation,

who say to Zion,

 “Your God reigns!”

8 Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;

 together they shout for joy.

When the LORD returns to Zion,

 they will see it with their own eyes.

9 Burst into songs of joy together,

 you ruins of Jerusalem,

for the LORD has comforted his people,

 he has redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The LORD will lay bare his holy arm

 in the sight of all the nations,

and all the ends of the earth will see

 the salvation of our God.

 11 Depart, depart, go out from there!

 Touch no unclean thing!

Come out from it and be pure,

 you who carry the articles of the LORD’s house.

12 But you will not leave in haste

 or go in flight;

for the LORD will go before you,

 the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

The Suffering and Glory of the Servant

 13 See, my servant will act wisely[b];

 he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

14 Just as there were many who were appalled at him[c]—

 his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being

 and his form marred beyond human likeness—

15 so he will sprinkle many nations,[d]

 and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

For what they were not told, they will see,

 and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Isaiah 66

New International Version (NIV)

Isaiah 66

Judgment and Hope

 1 This is what the LORD says:

 “Heaven is my throne,

 and the earth is my footstool.

Where is the house you will build for me?

 Where will my resting place be?

2 Has not my hand made all these things,

 and so they came into being?”

 declares the LORD.

 “These are the ones I look on with favor:

 those who are humble and contrite in spirit,

 and who tremble at my word.

3 But whoever sacrifices a bull

 is like one who kills a person,

and whoever offers a lamb

 is like one who breaks a dog’s neck;

whoever makes a grain offering

 is like one who presents pig’s blood,

and whoever burns memorial incense

 is like one who worships an idol.

They have chosen their own ways,

 and they delight in their abominations;

4 so I also will choose harsh treatment for them

 and will bring on them what they dread.

For when I called, no one answered,

 when I spoke, no one listened.

They did evil in my sight

 and chose what displeases me.”

 5 Hear the word of the LORD,

 you who tremble at his word:

“Your own people who hate you,

 and exclude you because of my name, have said,

‘Let the LORD be glorified,

 that we may see your joy!’

 Yet they will be put to shame.

6 Hear that uproar from the city,

 hear that noise from the temple!

It is the sound of the LORD

 repaying his enemies all they deserve.

 7 “Before she goes into labor,

 she gives birth;

before the pains come upon her,

 she delivers a son.

8 Who has ever heard of such things?

 Who has ever seen things like this?

Can a country be born in a day

 or a nation be brought forth in a moment?

Yet no sooner is Zion in labor

 than she gives birth to her children.

9 Do I bring to the moment of birth

 and not give delivery?” says the LORD.

“Do I close up the womb

 when I bring to delivery?” says your God.

10 “Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her,

 all you who love her;

rejoice greatly with her,

 all you who mourn over her.

11 For you will nurse and be satisfied

 at her comforting breasts;

you will drink deeply

 and delight in her overflowing abundance.”

 12 For this is what the LORD says:

 “I will extend peace to her like a river,

 and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream;

you will nurse and be carried on her arm

 and dandled on her knees.

13 As a mother comforts her child,

 so will I comfort you;

 and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.”

 14 When you see this, your heart will rejoice

 and you will flourish like grass;

the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants,

 but his fury will be shown to his foes.

15 See, the LORD is coming with fire,

 and his chariots are like a whirlwind;

he will bring down his anger with fury,

 and his rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For with fire and with his sword

 the LORD will execute judgment on all people,

 and many will be those slain by the LORD.

 17 “Those who consecrate and purify themselves to go into the gardens, following one who is among those who eat the flesh of pigs, rats and other unclean things—they will meet their end together with the one they follow,” declares the LORD.

 18 “And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come[a] and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory.

 19 “I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans[b] and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. 20 And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the LORD. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. 21 And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the LORD.

 22 “As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. 23 From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. 24 “And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

2 Timothy 1:12

New International Version (NIV)

12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

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