Order of Service



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CELEBERATION OF LIFE

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VENUE: ST. PAUL METHODIST CATHEDRAL
COMMUNITY 1, TEMA - GHANA

DATE: FRIDAY AUGUST 29, 2025
TIME: 7AM

OFFICIATING MINISTERS

1.	Rt. Rev. Samuel Ofori-Akyea	-	Bishop
2.	Very Rev. Ebenezer Popeson Adjei	-	Supt. Minister
3.	Very Rev. Eric Djan		
4.	Rev. Raymond Afutu Nartey		
5.	Rev. Marslad Osabutey		

SUPERNUMERARY

Very Rev. Solomon Ekwam-Mensah

IN ATTENDANCE

1.	Bro. Robert Andrew Taylor	-	Lay Chairman
2.	Sis. Evelyn Ama Lokko	-	Steward
3.	Bro. Solomon Nana Kwaku Kyei	-	Steward
4.	Bro. Fiifi Kyemenu-Caiquo	-	Steward
5.	Paul Methodist Cathedral Choir		
6.	St. Paul Methodist Singing Band		
7.	Wesleyan Praise		

MUSIC

1.	Bro. Samuel Kwofie	-	Choirmaster/Organist
2.	Bro. Kingsley Offei	-	Asst. Choirmaster
3.	Bro. Frank Paapa Baidoo	-	Asst. Organist
4.	Bro. Joseph A. Baidoo	-	Singing Band Master
5.	Bro. Augustus K. Andoh	-	Singing Band Master



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PART 1: PRE-FUNERAL SERVICE

1. Procession
2. Opening Hymn - MHB 428 (I'll Praise my Maker)
3. Hymns/Tributes
4. Filing Past Hymns - MHB 80, 528, 602, 353, 371
5. Covering of Casket Songs - Choir/Singing Band

PART 2: FUNERAL SERVICE

1. Sentences
2. Hymn - MHB 99 (How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds)
3. Prayers
4. Hymn - MHB 422 (Blessed Assurance)
5. Biography
6. Tributes
7. Scripture Readings
8. Hymn - MHB 634 (Will Your Anchor Hold)
9. Sermon
10. Apostle's Creed
11. Offertory
12. Hymn - MHB 830 (Hark! The Sound of Holy Voices)
13. Commemoration and Commendation
14. Concluding Prayers and the Lord's Prayer
15. Announcements
16. Vote of Thanks
17. Closing Hymn - MHB 831 (Give me the Wings of Faith to Rise)
18. Benediction
19. Recession



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PART 3: AT THE GRAVESIDE

1. Hymn - MHB 651 (Hark! Hark, My Soul)
2. Committal
3. Prayers
4. Vote of Thanks
5. Hymn - MHB 976 (Now the Labourer's Task is O'er)
6. Benediction

Hymn Selections are included in final section of this booklet

Hymns

Selections



Hymns Selections

MHB 428

1. I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
While life, and thought, and being last,
Or immortality endures.

2. How happy they whose hopes rely
On Israel's God who made the sky,
And earth and seas with all their train;
Whose truth for ever stands secure,
Who saves the oppressed and feeds the poor,
And none shall find God's promise vain.

3. The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
The Lord supports the fainting mind
And send the laboring conscience peace.
God helps the stranger in distress,
The widowed and the parentless,
And grants the prisoner sweet release.

4. I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
While life and thought and being last, Or immortality endures.

MHB 80

1. THEE will I praise with all my heart,
And tell mankind how good Thou art,
How marvellous Thy works of grace;
Thy name I will in songs record,
And joy and glory in my Lord,
Extolled above all thanks and praise.

2. The Lord will save His people here;
In times of need their help is near
To all by sin and hell oppressed;
And they that know Thy name will trust
In Thee, who, to Thy promise just,
Hast never left a soul distressed.

3. The Lord is by His judgements known;
He helps His poor afflicted one,
His sorrows all He bears in mind;
The mourner shall not always weep,
Who sows in tears in joy shall reap,
With grief who seeks with joy shall find.

4. A helpless soul that looks to Thee
Is sure at last Thy face to see,
And all Thy goodness to partake;
The sinner who for Thee doth grieve, And longs, and labours to believe,
Thou never, never wilt forsake.

MHB 528

1. In heav'nly love abiding,
No change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid,
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?

2. Wherever He may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh;
His sight is never dim.
He knows the way He taketh,
and I will walk with Him.

3. Green pastures are before me
which yet I have not seen.
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,
Where darkest clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure;
my path to life is free.
My Savior is my treasure,
and He will walk with me.

MHB 602

1. Father, I know that all my life
is portioned out for me;
The changes that are sure to come I do not fear to see:
I ask thee for a present mind,
intent on pleasing thee.

2. I would not have the restless will that hurries to and fro,
Seeking for some great thing to do or secret thing to know;
I would be treated as a child,
and guided where to go.

3. I ask thee for the daily strength, to none that ask denied,
A mind to blend with outward life, while keeping at thy side,
Content to fill a little space, if thou be glorified

4. In service which thy will appoints there are no bonds for me;
My secret heart is taught the truth that makes thy children free;
A life of self-renouncing love is one of liberty.

MHB 353

1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!

2. Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come!

3. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fighting and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come!

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come!

5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come!

6. Just as I am--Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down–
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come!

7. Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come!

MHB 371

1. And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain:
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

2. 'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
[Refrain]

3. He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
[Refrain]

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.
[Refrain]

5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
[Refrain]

MHB 99

1. How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build,
My shield, and hiding-place,
My never-failing treasury, fill'd
With boundless stores of grace.

4. Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6. Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy Name
Refresh my soul in death.

MHB 422

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:
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 blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
[Refrain]

MHB 634

1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Refrain:
We have an anchor that keeps the soul Stedfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.

2. Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear?
When the breakers roar and the reef is near;
While the surges rave, and the wild winds blow,
Shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?
[Refrain]

3. Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
When the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
While your anchor holds within the veil.
[Refrain]

4. Will your eyes behold through the morning light
The city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
When life's storms are past forevermore?
[Refrain]

MHB 830

1. Hark! the sound of holy voices,
Chanting at the crystal sea,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Lord, to thee:
Multitude, which none can number,
Like the stars in glory stand
Clothed in white apparel, holding
Palms of victory in their hand.

2. They have come from tribulation,
And have washed their robes in blood,
Washed them in the blood of Jesus;
Tried they were, and firm they stood;
Mocked, imprisoned, stoned, tormented,
Sawn asunder, slain with sword,
They have conquered death and Satan
By the might of Christ the Lord.

3. Marching with thy cross their banner,

They have triumphed, following
Thee, the Captain of salvation,
Thee, their Saviour and their King;
Gladly, Lord, with thee they suffered;
Gladly, Lord, with thee they died;
And by death to life immortal
They were born and glorified.

4. God of God, the One-begotten,
Light of light, Emmanuel,
In whose body joined together
All the saints forever dwell;
Pour upon us of thy fullness
That we may for evermore
God the Father, God the Son, and
God the Holy Ghost adore

MHB 831

1. Give me the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

2. Once they were mourners here below,
And poured out cries and tears;
They wrestled hard, as we do now,
With sins, and doubts, and fears.

3. I ask them whence their victory came;
They, with united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to His death.

4. They marked the footsteps that He trod
His zeal inspired their breast;
And, following their incarnate God,
Possess the promised rest.

5. Our glorious Leader claims our praise
For His own pattern given;
While the long cloud of witnesses
Show the same path to heaven.

MHB 651

1. HARK! hark, my soul!
Angelic songs are swelling
O'er earth's green fields and
ocean's wave-beat shore:
How sweet the truth those
blessèd strains are telling
Of that new life when sin
shall be no more!

2. Onward we go; for still we
hear them singing:
Come, weary souls, for Jesus
bids you come;
And through the dark, its
echoes sweetly ringing,
The music of the gospel leads
us home.

3. Far, far away, like bells at
evening pealing,
The voice of Jesus sounds o'er
land and sea,
And laden souls, by
thousands meekly stealing,
Kind Shepherd, turn their
weary steps to Thee.

4. Rest comes at length; though
life be long and dreary,
The day must dawn and
darksome night be past;
Faith's journey ends in
welcomes to the weary,
And heaven, the heart's true
home, will come at last.

5. Angels, sing on, your faithful
watches keeping;
Sing us sweet fragments of
the songs above,
Till morning's joy shall end
the night of weeping,
And life's long shadows break
in cloudless love.

MHB 976

1. Now the labourer's task is
o'er;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.

Refrain:
Father, in Thy gracious
keeping
Leave we now Thy servant
sleeping.

2. There the tears of earth are
dried;
There its hidden things are
clear;
There the work of life is tried
By a juster Judge than here.
[Refrain]

3. There the Angels bear on
high
Many a strayed and wounded
lamb,
Peacefully at last to lie

In the breast of Abraham.
[Refrain]

4. There the sinful souls that turn
To the Cross their dying eyes,
All the love of Christ shall learn
At His feet in Paradise.
[Refrain]
5. There no more the powers of hell
Can prevail to mar their peace;
Christ the Lord shall guard them well;
He who died for their release.
[Refrain]

6. "Earth to earth, and dust to dust";
Calmly now the words we say;
Leaving him to sleep in trust,
Till the Resurrection day.
[Refrain]



A Life Well Lived



Thank You

We, the Ocansey and Hyde families would like to express our deepest gratitude to all who stood with us during our time of loss. Your prayers, kind words, visits and support brought us comfort and strength throughout these difficult months. We are truly humbled by the love and care shown to us, and we will forever cherish your thoughtfulness.

May God richly bless you!

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