

Celebration of A Life Well Lived



Howard St. Aubyn Thompson

*(Pentecostal City Mission Solider & Public Relations Officer)*

*Sunrise: September 17, 1942*

*Sunset: September 6, 2015*

*Friday, September 18, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.*

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## Remembering the Life of Howard St. Aubyn Thompson

“I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.” This quotation is credited to Stephen Grellet- a French Quaker missionary in the early 1800’s. This quotation is befitting for this occasion in the celebration of the life of Howard Thompson.

He can be described as “a doing person” and a “helping person”. We were children in the church in the 1950’s- Sunday school students and attendants to Bishop Mary Coore’s Thursday evenings children’s meeting. We knew each other but were not close friends. He was one who got around. I can recall his early working days as being in the Postal Service. Later he was on a major construction project in Downtown Kingston. The rest is history. Regardless of the job he was always around the church’s compound. This made him more knowledgeable than me (Tyrone Clarke) about people. These were formative years. These were the days when the teachings of Bishop Mary Coore impacted lives.

The return to Jamaica from the USA of Bishop D.L. Walters and delegations to convocations introduced a change in the church’s ministry. This started in 1953. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, 1965 Bishop B. E. Jones organized the Men’s Group (fellowship) at the Headquarters Church. This brought the brothers together for weekly spiritual activities. Overtime an evangelism thrust came into being under the leadership of Deacon Enos Farquarson. Open air services began weekly on Sunday evenings at Poorman’s in Yallahs, St. Thomas in Jamaica. This was greatly supported. Brother Thompson was one of the early pioneers which ultimately led to the birth of the Southaven Pentecostal City Mission Church in Yallahs, St. Thomas in August 1969. The church is still functional with devoted members.

In 1977, Brother Thompson's direct dealing with Bishop D. L. Walters led her to appoint him the Public Relations Officer for the church. Quoting from the church’s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary brochure he stated that-“my first task was to seek on the behalf of Bishop Walters an audience with then Governor, General Sir Florizel Glaspole who later visited our church on two occasions. Many government officials received our overseer at their office on courtesy calls.”

Howard Thompson’s activities within the Headquarters Church were extensive. He took responsibility for the compilation and production of the convocation booklet over a period. Church matters of importance would be made available to the press and radio. He would often send letters to the editor of the Gleaner on church related historical issues. He was the contact person for arranging courtesy calls with state officials on behalf of the international overseer.

He never attempted to be a preacher yet he was closely associated with many pastors of other congregations. He was instrumental in the church gaining membership in the Association of Full Gospel Ministerial Fraternal.

Through his instrumentality a long playing record was produced in 1978 showcasing messages and songs by our ministers and choir. The label was-“City Mission Spreading the Gospel.” This was recorded and released in Jamaica.

Brother Thompson enjoyed seeing his church in the lime light. “The church should not be lagging behind, We are just as good as any other.” Government’s policies towards radio and television broadcasting changed in Jamaica in 1992. This resulted in the licensing of

more entities in the electronic media. One was granted for religious broadcasting to the National Religious Media Ltd., using call letters LOVE 101 FM. The station began broadcasting on February 14, 1993. The City Mission Church inaugural release of God's Deliverance Hour in a thirty minute slot was aired February 17, 1993 at 5:00 a.m. The man behind the scene was Howard Thompson who covered all the ground work including sponsors for the programme. The church owed him much for this type of publicity. The broadcasting still continues.

These are some of his major achievements. He had other areas of interest. These include helping to start the Children Church in association with the Sunday School. He was always mindful of our field workers and their welfare. Brother T. was always in touch with our migrant members. He always knew what was happening to people who are now living in the U.S.A and England. He was also responsible for the re-interment of the mortal remains of the late Bishop Mary Coore on the church's compound in August 1992. The Headquarters congregation was favoured with the visit of Richard Phillip on Sunday, January 28, 1996. He is the grandson of Raglan Philip, our co-founder. Brother Thompson had an input in his visit.

After being so involved in the activities of this church's body in 1998 he migrated to the USA. He however made periodic visits. This final tribute is presented to honour the memory of one who served our church body for many decades. He, like many entered the Ark as a child, brought there by his guardian a serving member of the Sick Visiting Committee- who he called Miss Bertha. Despite the challenges of life, Howard Thompson never forgot his beginnings. The errors observed in the church's leadership and in the many followers did not prevent him from giving his best to its cause. Joking at times he would say to this writer- "only you and me know certain things." We smiled and continue to serve regardless of any misgiving.

As a person, Brother Thompson could be seen in different lights. Under various situations, behaviour patterns would change. On a whole he was hard working. At times very impulsive to the point of being explosive if the cause annoyed him. Despite his irrational behaviour, Brother Thompson was one who would make public apologies for his behaviour. One must credit him for his deep loyalty to the church, his serving without reservation in any area of importance and a commitment un-match to none.

Despite living with a thorn in his flesh (sickness) for decades, this did not prevent him from giving of his best for the Master. We will never find his replacement. He was a source of historical information regarding the church, serving ministers and its leaders at varying times. We share this common ideal. His final dream was that of documentation of the church's history for posterity. This is a task which cannot be left undone.

In his passing on Sunday, September 6, 2015, the Deputy International Overseer, Bishops, serving Ministers, Officers, and members at our headquarters Church in Jamaica extended condolence to his widow and immediate family and friends. Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Joy, son, Howard Jr., daughter, Ann-Marie, grandchildren, Ryan, Ravenn and Arnez and a host of other relatives and friends and his City Mission Church family.

*After the toil and the heat of the day,  
After my trouble are past,  
After the sorrows are taken away  
He shall see Jesus at last.  
Jesus will be waiting for him  
Jesus so kind and true on his beautiful throne,  
He will welcome him home after the day is through.  
REST FROM YOUR LABOUR IN CHRIST.  
From Tyrone A. Clarke (Deacon)*

# Order of Service

September 18, 2015

**Prelude**

**Opening Sentence** ..... Reverend Cecile Reid

**Invocation** ..... Bishop Petrona Reid

**Hymn** ..... “In The Great Triumphant Morning”

**Prayer** ..... Reverend Lowell Spencer

*Old Testament Scripture Reading ~ Psalm 23*

Mr. Winston Jackson ( Bro-In Law)

**Hymn** ..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*New Testament Scripture Reading ~ I Corinthians 15: 50-58*

Ms. Doraine Adams (Niece)

**Solo** ..... Sister Kenzilyn Grant

**Tributes** ..... Reverend Dr. Stephen Strachan (Rosedale, NY City Mission)

Reverend Judith Morgan (Los Angeles City Mission)

Reverend Veronica Bryan (Los Angeles City Mission)

Bishop Noel Davis (New York )

**Chorus**

**Tributes** ..... Mr. Kenneth Rider (Bro-In-law)

Worker Jestina Lewis (Bronx , NY City Mission)

Reverend Dr. Barbara Maxwell (Far Rockaway, NY City Mission)

**Acknowledgments** ..... Worker Laurice Taylor

*Love Offering For Youth* (Requested By Wife)

**History of A Soldier** ..... Volunteer Alonzo Grandison

**Prayer of Comfort** ..... Reverend Cecil Reid

**Selection** ..... Combine Choir City Mission Churches

**Eulogy** ..... Bishop Dr. Donald Maxwell

**Recessional Hymns** ..... “When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

“I’ll Fly Away”

# In The Great Triumphant Morning

In the great triumphant morning,  
When we hear the Bridegroom cry,  
And the dead in Christ shall rise,  
We'll be changed to life immortal,  
In the twinkling of an eye,  
And meet Jesus in the skies.

## Refrain

**We shall all rise to meet Him,  
We shall all rise to greet Him,  
In the morning when the dead in Christ shall rise  
We shall all rise to meet Him,  
We shall all rise to greet Him,  
And shall have the marriage supper in the skies.**

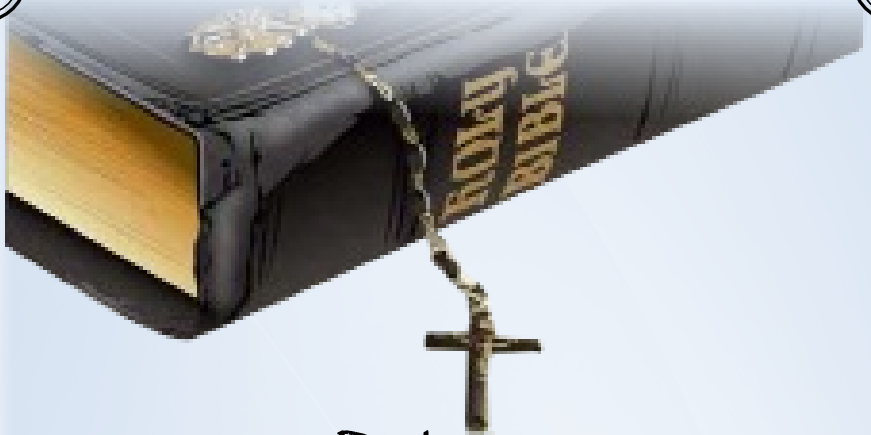
In the great triumphant morning,  
What a happy time 'twill be,  
When the dead in Christ shall rise,  
When the Lord descends in glory,  
Sets His waiting children free,  
And we meet Him in the skies.

## Refrain

In the great triumphant morning,  
When the harvest is complete,  
And the dead in Christ shall rise,  
We'll be crowned with life immortal,  
Christ and all the loved ones meet,  
In the rapture in the skies.

## Refrain

In the great triumphant morning,  
All the kingdom we'll possess,  
Then the dead in Christ shall rise,  
Reign as kings and priests eternal,  
Under Christ forever blest.



## Psalm 23

**1** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**2** He maketh me to lie down in  
green pastures: he leadeth me  
beside the still waters.

**3** He restoreth my soul: he leadeth  
me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

**4** Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death, I will  
fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**5** Thou preparast a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my  
cup runneth over.

**6** Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord for ever

## 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

**50** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

**51** Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

**52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

**53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

**54** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

**55** O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

**56** The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

**57** But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

### Refrain

**Great is Thy faithfulness!**

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**Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.





# When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,  
and time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather  
over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

## Refrain:

When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

On that bright and cloudless morning  
when the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of His resurrection share;  
When His chosen ones shall gather  
to their home beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Let us labor for the Master from  
the dawn till setting sun,  
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;  
Then when all of life is over, and our  
work on earth is done.



# I'll Fly Away

*Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away.  
To that home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.*

## *Refrain*

*I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away.  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,  
I'll fly away.*

*Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.  
To that land where joy will never end, I'll fly away.*



# I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one' touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*~Janice M. Fair-Salters~*

*Lives of great men all remind us,  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing, leave behinds us,  
Footprints on the sands of time.*

*“...Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:  
Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours;  
and their works do follow them.”*

*Revelation 14:13*



## Acknowledgement

The Family of the late Howard St. Aubyn Thompson wishes to express sincere gratitude for every expression of sympathy & kindness.

Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

Thank you

*Please join us for the repast in the Church Fellowship Hall  
following the Celebration of Life*

### **Interment**

Service to be held Sunday, September 27, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Pentecostal City Mission International Headquarters located at 11-15 Blount Street Kingston 14, Jamaica. Interment follows at Meadowrest Memorial Gardens in Whitaker's Mountain, St. Catherine, Jamaica West Indies.

### **Pallbearers**

Brother Liston Davis  
Mr. Winston Jackson  
Deacon Mark Reid  
Mr. Kenneth Rider  
Mr. Noel Rider  
Brother Albert Thomas



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