



It is with immense JOY that I greet you as the ninth Pastor-Elect of the Historic Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Berkley. Antioch has a beautiful and rich history, and it has an even brighter future as we continue to follow Christ. It is my humble and exciting privilege to preside over our church's 104th Anniversary. As I look back over the history of this great church on this 104th Church Anniversary, Romans 8 has never been truer: Nothing shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is my honor as your Pastor-Elect to stand on the shoulders of my predecessors, Mother Mary B. Evans, the Reverend James M. Johnson, the Reverend Victor Newsome, the Reverend Dr. James William (JW) Matthews, Bishop Dr. I. Joseph Williams, the Reverend Dr. Mark Churn, the Reverend Dr. Charles McKeller, the Reverend James William Webb, PhD, and the Reverend Raymond Diggs, as we move through yet another season of endless possibilities. As we look back over the years, we must take pause and be thankful to God who has blessed us with His presence year after year. The road has not always been easy, but I know that the good times far outnumber and outweigh the difficult times!

An Anniversary is a marvelous occasion. It is a time of Celebration, a time of Thanksgiving, a time of Reflection, a time of Remembrance and a time of Appreciation. With 104 years of following the mission of Jesus Christ, we can say, "What an awesome God we serve!" The Psalmist has said fittingly, "Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord." -Psalm 104:35.....For each of our years, God has been faithful, and we are not so proud that we have not known the goodness of God. We have always and shall always, always, depend on Him. This Anniversary reminds us to be grateful in all things and to thank Him for His perpetual presence with us. He has been with us all the way. This journey has clearly shown me that it is not by might, nor by power, but by His spirit.

During the Anniversary, it would be remiss if we did not "call to remembrance" the people whose lives have impacted us in so many ways. I find great joy in this growing relationship with the Members of Antioch, and I look forward to learning more and hearing more about those saints who left a legacy of wisdom and love. This Anniversary reminds me to thank you, dear Members of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, for your friendship and your fellowship as you have willingly welcomed me as your Pastor-Elect. It is with thankfulness and gladness of heart that I welcome the very near future when I shall be your pastor. "I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth." - Psalm 34:1

As we enter into another year of the goodness of God, let us continue to Celebrate God's Faithfulness!



# Antioch Missionary Baptist Church 104th Anniversary Celebration

#### **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

[This service is subject to change by the movement of God's spirit]

Rev. Dr. Damion T. Batts, Presiding		
The Musical Prelude	Sis. Margaret Mitchell	
*CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATIONAL PRAYER	Rev. Dr. Damion T. Batts, Pastor-Elect	
*Choral Response	Youth Choir	
*Worship Selection		
*Responsive Reading (In Order of Worship)	Sis. Jada Johnson	
Musical Interlude	Musicians	
Privilege of Prayer	Dea. Leroy Boone	
*Morning Hymn (page 248)		
Welcome To Visitors and Guest Worshippers		
Sis. Anya Brown and Rev. Dr. Damion T. Batts, Pastor-Elect		
Liturgical Dance	Reiuvenated Praise	

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Musical Offering	Youth Choir
Highlights of the Church History	
Recognition of Members	
Memorial TributeSis. Tonya Williams	& Pastor D. T. Batts
*Church Anniversary Litany (insert)	Sis. Eliana Edwards

WORSHIP GOD IN GIVING: TITHES AND OFFERINGS .......... 2 Corinthians 9:8 "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

## **Eagle Eyrie: Youth Speak Out**

Amouncements	Sis. Eliana Edwards	
Pastoral Remarks	Pastor-Elect Dr. D. T. Batts	
Intercessory Prayer	Sis. LaNyiah Grimes	
Sermonic Selection	Youth Choir	
MORNING MESSAGE: PASTOR D.T. BATTS		
*Invitational Selection	Youth Choir	

\*Please Stand

Announcements

\*\*Worshippers May Enter

No Food or Drink In the Sanctuary Please



# The Fourth Sunday of Easter Scripture Responsive Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6 (NIV)

## **Songs of Praise**

- <sup>1</sup>In that day you will say: "I will praise you, LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.
- <sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation."
- <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
- <sup>4</sup>In that day you will say: "Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.
- <sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

ALL: <sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

