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HARVEST THANKSGIVING 2013



The Harvest is Plenty but the Labourers are Few

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Our Harvest Thanksgiving to God must always include recognition of specific acts of God's goodness. As a people, we have passed through the peak of the hurricane season untouched and have been enjoying tropical sunshine mixed with seasonal rainfall. We have seen less water lock-offs and reduced drought. The green landscape and lush vegetation is a source of inspiration for those who pause to observe. Despite the fragile state of our economy and the devaluation of our currency, we must not despair or give into apathy. The God who feeds the birds of the air, who do not sow or reap, and clothes the lilies of the field and the grass, (Matt. 6:28-30) makes provision and provides for our basic needs. In response to God's initiative to provide and sustain creation and our environment our home, we are to respond through the use of our abilities and skills for productivity to build our economy, so that Jamaica become the place of choice to raise a family, educate children, invest and enjoy a good quality of life.

At Harvest we reflect on God's expression of love which is most clearly seen in retrospect and since we are capable of responding through the image of God, in which we are created, let us examine our lives to see and identify God's generous hand in them. This is necessary as we need to recognise the presence and activity of God, who does not watch us from a distance, rather is incarnate in the 'bread and butter' issues of our daily lives. The God of Jesus Christ will always act in our own best interest, as God must remain faithful to His promise, "I will never leave you or forsake you." (Heb. 13:5b)

Thanksgiving at Harvest is the setting which gives us the opportunity as a community to praise and thank God who has provided through the abundance of the earth for our nourishment and welfare and all creation. To give thanks for the gifts received from God is recognition of the source and generosity of God. We receive because God's very nature is one of benevolence. It is the very nature of God to be generous, giving, loving, forgiving and caring.

On this Harvest Sunday we celebrate and acknowledge with thanksgiving all of God's gifts to us as Lord of creation, the source of goodness and love, the author of life. The appropriate response for us to make is one of worship and thanksgiving in gratitude, and offer our time and abilities, money and resources as gifts back to God for, "all things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you. Blessed be God forever.

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today especially the Kingston College Chapel Choir & The Pre Hospital Emergency Services.

Order of Service

Procession:

Organ Voluntary: *Improvisation of Harvest Hymns*
The clergy and servers process to the Sanctuary

The Celebrant says at the Altar:

May this incense, blessed by You, ascend to You, O Lord. And may your mercy descend upon us through the intercession of Andrew your Apostle. Amen.

During the incensing of the Altar the introit hymn is sung:

Introit Hymn: For the beauty of the earth, (CPWI 711)

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our
birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and
flower, sun and moon, and
stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.
3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends
above, pleasures pure and
undefiled,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.
4. For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of
heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.
5. For thy church, which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.

President: Blessed be God, Creator of heaven and earth

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen

President: Blessed be Jesus Christ, Saviour and Redeemer

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen

President: Blessed be the Holy Spirit of God, the sustaining grace of redemption.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.

President: This is the day to celebrate and give thanks for Harvest

All: To remember that we do not create the earth from which we reap.

President: And to give thanks to God for calling us to till the soil, sow seeds, and care for the environment.

All: To remember that others share the toil that brings forth Harvest.

President: And to give thanks to God for the fruits of trees, the produce of the earth, the flowers of the field, minds to think and hearts to love.

All: Bless us, O Lord, as we come together to Worship you and offer thanks. Amen.

All: O Lord God, you created us in your own image and made us stewards of the good earth, we marvel at the trust you place in us. Despite the depths to which we sometimes descend, we know that we are meant for the heights of creation. Despite our crucifixion of the earth, we know that it is made for resurrection. Be with us, O Lord; help us to reclaim the image in which you make us and to renew the earth on which you placed us, and purify us through your Holy Spirit that we may worthily love you, and glorify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY

PRESIDENT: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**ALL: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.
Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ALL: Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church.

Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

Refrain: “Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest”

PRESIDENT: Let us pray...

COLLECT FOR HARVEST: (BCP pg 191)

Priest:

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labours of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Collect for the day (proper 25)

Almighty and everlasting God increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading.....Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 6-10 Joyce James

Psalm 65: 9 - 14 (All are seated)

Refrain: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Epistle

James 1: 17-18, 21-27 Erica Wright

Gradual: Let all things now living (Tune: Ash Grove)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a Song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

Gospel Acclamation

Hallelu. Hallelu, Hallelu Hallelujah
Praise ye the Lord. (rep)
Praise ye the Lord. Hallelujah (x3)
Praise ye the Lord

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6: 25-33

Sermon: Rev. Canon Sirrano Kitson**Hymn for the Children Thank you for giving me the morning.**

Thank you for giving me the morning.
Thank you for ev'ry day that's new.
Thank you that I can know my worries
can be cast on you.

Thank you for all my friends and brothers.
Thank you for all the men that live.
Thank you for even greatest enemies
I can forgive.

Thank you for many little sorrows.
Thank you for ev'ry kindly word.
Thank you that ev'rywhere your guidance
reaches ev'ry land.

Thank you, I see your Word has meaning.
Thank you, I know your Spirit's here.
Thank you because you love all people,
those both far and near.

Thank you, O Lord, your love is boundless.
Thank you that I am full of you.
Thank you, you made me feel so glad
and thankful as I do.

THE NICENE CREED: BCP page 104

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

President: We shall pray for Christ's Church and for the mission of
St. Andrew Parish Church.

Gifts-Light, Water and Soil, representing the three principal elements of
creation will be presented.

The Choir leads the Congregational Response:

Congregational Response:

*That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover
the sea.*

First Presenter: The Gift of Light.

Leader:

We present before your altar O God, this gift of light. In the
beginning your Word commanded, "let there be light" and there was
light.

Celebrant:

O Sovereign Lord in whom there is no darkness and from whom is the Light of Life; we thank you for the gift of light. From her you made the Sun to rule the day and the moon and stars to rule the night. The lights of the heavens have become for us “signs and seasons for days and years”.

Congregational Response:

That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Second Presenter: The Gift of Water.

Leader:

We present before your altar, O God, water. In the beginning your Word commanded “let the waters team with swarms of living creatures and let birds fly above the earth”.

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for water, the symbol of life. From it you created the ‘great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind’.

Congregational Response:

That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Third Presenter: The Gift of Soil.

Leader:

We present before your altar, O God, the soil of the earth. In the beginning your Word commanded that she bring “forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit with the seed in it”.

Celebrant:

O God who made the heavens and the earth; we thank you for the gift of Mother Earth. From her humanity was created and from her we receive “plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. From the earth came all living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind”.

Congregational Response:

*All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be.
When the earth shall be filled with
the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.*

ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT

Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence.

All:

Have Mercy upon us,
Most merciful Father ;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT

A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace
and accept the peace that God gives.

All:

Let us live in peace and share the peace that only God can give.

PRESIDENT

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Congregation will greet each other in the name of the Lord.

ANTHEM: Kingston College Chapel Choir

THE MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: Thank you, Father, for the harvest, (CPWI 721)
Tune Hyfrydol

1. Thank you, Father, for the harvest, for the seedtime and the rain; thank you for the gathered bounty of sun'ripened fruit and grain.
4. Thank you for the luscious fruitage- pines, bananas, plums and pears, coconuts and pomegranates- distilled sweetness of the years.

Refrain

Refrain: God of Grace and God of nature, Heaven and earth your praises sing; hear our song of high thanksgiving, now accept the gifts we bring.

2. You, who fill all life with Beauty, open wide your loving hand, filling all the seas with fishes, blessing all this fruitful land.

Refrain

3. Since our crops by you protected, have brought forth a richer yield, we, your grateful children, offer first fruits of the harvest field.

Refrain

5. Bless these tokens we now offer in your holy church today; may they help us to remember your great love and care always.

Refrain

6. But we too are seeds of harvest sown by God in fields of time; borne at last by angel reapers, may we reach the home sublime.

Refrain

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRESIDENT: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.. Amen.**

PRESIDENT.... In songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRESIDENT As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Refrain: Hal-lo-ed be Thy name

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share
in one bread.**

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Grant us peace

THE COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

Chorus Taste and see, Taste and see the goodness of the Lord,
Oh taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

During Communion

Anthems & Motets

Cello Selection

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ALL

**Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who share His Body, live His risen life;
we who drink His cup, bring life to others;**

**we upon whom your Spirit shines, give light to the world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Choral Amen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional Hymn: Now thank we all our God, (CPWI 372)

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Bp Don Taylor
Emery Woodstock
Paulette Wright
Edna Strudwick

Clio Whittingham
Daphne Goodison
Gloria Davis
Jemima Austin

Did You Know?

The candles used during the service, reminds us that Jesus Christ is the light of the world; John 8:12. *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

QUOTE FOR REFLECTION

The Holy Spirit was never given to make us comfortable, but to make us witnesses; not to give us an easy time in church, but to make us effective in the wider world. The new Testament regards the initial purpose of his coming as power for witness-bearing. The Spirit bears witness, and the Christians also bear witness (John 15: 26 - 27). It is a tandem relationship, a partnership to bring the gospel to those who lack it.

After Alpha - Michael Green

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist (St. Simon & St. Jude the Apostles) |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 4:00 p.m. | M. U. |
| Wednesday | 6:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Confirmation Class |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Reception Committee |
| Thursday | 5:30 p.m. | SAPC Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday | 9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| Saturday | 11:00 a.m. | Little Brothers |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Alleluia Choir Rehearsal |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Servers Guild |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Fellowship |

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Maysie Foster, Yvonne Vassell, Sharon Northover, Lorraine Haniford-Collins and Sandra Watson 27/10, Minion Wright, Melanie Tapper and Denise Kitson 28/10, Violet Mahfood 29/10, Rhena Williams and Robert Thompson 30/10, Nigel Elliott 31/10.

Congratulations to Maisie Foster (shut-In) who is celebrating her 100th birthday today.

Condolence is extended to Patricia Thwaites and family on the passing of her husband Jean Charles Thwaites and the brother of Peter John Thwaites. The funeral service for George Cephas will be on Tuesday the 29th at 12:30p.m.

Focus for the Month of October - St. Andrew Care Center,
Vocation and Music Ministry

Our Harvest Supper will be on Friday November 15, at 16 Ellesmere Road. Your help/contributions are needed in all areas, ticket, ads, stall etc. Please speak to anyone on the supper committee.

For Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday October 27, the Sunday School students are encouraged to dress in a profession or vocation of their choice. There will be no Sunday School on that Sunday, however all students are asked to assemble by 7:45 a.m. in the Old Courthouse from where they will process into the Church with their harvest gifts. Students and teachers will sit together in a reserved area.

The church is seeking an **Event Planner** to undertake the fundraising activities of the church.

Training in Tour Guiding - Interested persons are invited to enroll for training in tour guiding techniques, Nov.9, 23 & 30, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., to assist with SAPF's historical tours of SAPC. Call Denise at 337-8678 or email sapfoundation3@gmail.com by Nov. 1. Learn and earn.

Mission 2013: Proclaiming the King, Building the Kingdom. Nov. 24 - 29, 2013. Each one bring one. Mission will be held at St. Margaret's Church. Contact your Mission 2013 Rep. for additional information.

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

6:30 a.m. October 27, 2013 Proper 25 Year C

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 6-10 Sterling Soares
Psalm **65: 9 - 14** **Refrain:** *(All sit)* “,
BCP, page 641 ”
Epistle James 1: 17-18, 21-27 Karen Buchanan
Gospel Matthew 6: 25-33
Prayers of Intercession

8:00 a.m. Programmes Provided

10:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST AND BAPTISM

Processional 721
Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 6-10
Psalm **65: 9 - 14** BCP page 653
Epistle James 1: 17-18, 21-27
Gradual 707
Gospel Matthew 6: 25-33
Sermon Revd. Canon Serrano Kitson
Offertory 715
During Communion 583, 407 (612)
Recessional 714

6:00 p.m. EVENSONG AND SERMON

The St. Andrew Parish Church Home for Girls

Requires:

Applicants to fill the position of Superintendent/House Mother

Please submit applications, by Nov. 15, 2013 to
Chairman, Home for Girls, P.O. Box 703, Kgn. 10.

Or email standrewch@cwjamaica.com or
standrewparishch@gmail.com

The Girl's Home is in need of mentors. Interested persons may contact the church office.