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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

**Proclaiming and Sharing The Good News of Jesus Christ
In A Challenging Culture**

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The Rector is out of office on Mondays.

Today being the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we are invited to reflect on the anointing of Jesus by Mary at a party, which was put on in honour of Jesus (John 12:1-8). This story is important at this stage, because Jesus was being prepared to die. His anointing is therefore synonymous to the sacrament of Holy Unction, in which oil is used to anoint the sick or the dying. So, in this case, the latter is being considered, as based on this narrative, Jesus very soon will be killed for the sins of the whole world. The anointing of Jesus' feet by Mary, therefore, is seen as God's grace being outpoured on him to strengthen Him as He seeks to embark on the journey ahead.

It is important to note that Mary's action, as a woman, was anti-cultural, as for a female to be anointing the feet of a male, it was deemed a taboo. Of note too, is the fact that in the gospels according to Matthew and Mark, it was Jesus' head that Mary anointed, as oppose to his feet. Regardless of what was done, one cannot deny the deep love that Mary had for Jesus. A love which was expressed prior to this event, via her sitting at Jesus' feet (Luke 10:38-42). Again this was anti-cultural, but she could not help herself in expressing her love for Him, in spite of what others may say.

Have you noticed the quality and expensive nature of the perfume used by Mary to anoint Jesus' feet? Obviously, Mary wanted to give nothing but the best, and this was reflective in her life and attitude towards Jesus. Others were complaining about what that money could have been used to purchase, and how many poor individuals the money could have fed, but this did not matter to her. Even Jesus told them to leave her alone, as this is the purpose for which she bought it. The love that she had for Jesus was unconditional. As a result, Mary's actions led her to prepare Jesus' body for his upcoming death.

The ministry of Holy Unction/Anointing the sick is an important ministry in the life of the church, and as seen in *The Book of Common Prayer (1999)*, through this sacrament, "the sign of the cross is made with consecrated oil on the forehead and/or other parts of the body..." as an assurance that "... God's grace is given for the healing of spirit, mind and body." So this sacrament is not only associated with physical healing, but also has at its core the healing and renewal of our spiritual lives, so that we can truly express that unconditional love to God, as an appreciation of the role that Jesus played in giving us abundant life through the cross. Doing this was no easy task, but because Jesus loves us, He was willing to take that path. Commitment and faithfulness to God are therefore important expressions of our gratitude to Jesus on our spiritual journeys; an affirmation that we are truly renewed from within.

We welcome all our visitors worshipping with us today, especially the members of The Royal Commonwealth Society.

Hear the good news of salvation (tune Nettleton)

Hear the good news of salvation:
 Jesus died to show God's love.
 Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
 Come to us from heaven above.

Refrain

Jesus Christ, how much I love You!
Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

All the sins I have committed
 To my Savior now I bring.
 I bow down with tears of anguish;
 Christ forgives and so I sing:

Refrain

Activities for March 2016

Sat. 19 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - St. Joseph

Palm Sunday 20

6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist & Blessing of Palm Crosses
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & Sermon

Holy Week

Mon. **21** 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 5:30 p.m. Stations of the cross
 Tue. **22** 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 5:30 p.m. Stations of the cross
 Wed. **23** 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 5:30 p.m. Stations of the cross
 Thur. **24** 9:00 a.m. Maundy Thursday- Chrism Mass -Cathedral
 7:00 p.m. Institution of the Lord's Supper & washing of feet
 Fri. **25** 8:00 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy
 12:00 noon Three hour Devotion
26 7:00 p.m. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil - Baptism
27 Easter Day 6:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon
 - Renewal of Baptismal vows
 8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist & Sermon
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 11:00 a.m. Mass for the homebound and elderly
 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Sermon

Easter Week - Synod

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION March 13,

2016

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Leader: Holy God, when we wander from the way, call us back; when we stray from the truth, redirect us; when we do not live life to the full, inspire and refresh us. We pray for all who have wandered away from the faith, bring us by your Spirit to true repentance and the joy of knowing your forgiveness. Accept, through Jesus Christ, our Lenten acts of love and sacrifice. Prepare us to celebrate His Passover and to share His risen life. We pray for Christ Catholic Church, for John Archbishop, for Howard Diocesan Bishop, Robert and Leon Suffragans, for Sirrano, Olando, Andrea and all church workers.

Jesus, Light of the world,

All: Scatter the darkness from our hearts and minds.

Leader: We pray for leaders of nations, and for rulers of peoples, For Patrick The Governor General, Andrew The Prime Minister, Portia the leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, all members of Parliament and the Senate. We pray also for all members of the judiciary. Purge our land from all that is contrary to your will. Bring us all to know Christ, that we may live in harmony with each other.

Jesus, Light of the world,

All: Scatter the darkness from our hearts and minds.

Leader: Father, creator of light, we remember all who walk in darkness, all who do not know your love, all who are unaware of your light We pray that your church may shine as a light in the world and bring all peoples to you who are the true light we pray for all who go out in mission, all who proclaim your love.

Jesus, Light of the world,

All: Scatter the darkness from our hearts and minds.

Leader: We pray for all who are caught up in works of darkness, those who misuse your world, those who have no respect for people or their feelings, those who deal in wickedness and vice; That

a new awareness may conquer their blindness a new vision
dispel their darkness.

Jesus, Light of the world,

All: Scatter the darkness from our hearts and minds.

Leader: We pray for all who are blind, for all whose sight is failing.
We remember all whose minds are darkened by fear or sin, all
who are beset by dark deeds of the past. We pray for the
healing of the past in our lives and our communities. We pray
for all who are consumed by hatred or by desire for revenge

Jesus, Light of the world,

All: Scatter the darkness from our hearts and minds.

Leader: Lord, forgive the hurt we cause by our own blindness. May
the brightness of your light bring joy to our homes, new love to
our relationships and deep peace to our communities. Grant us
healing in body, mind and Spirit...

Jesus, Light of the world,

All: Scatter the darkness from our hearts and minds.

Leader: We remember loved ones who entered into the paradise of
God. Grant them rest and life eternal...

Jesus, Light of the world,

All: Scatter the darkness from our hearts and minds.

Silence may be kept

**All: Lord of all compassion, we return to you like children who
had wandered away; we trust in your love, we rejoice in your
mercy, we know you will accept us. Lord, enfold us in your peace,
and guide us with your wisdom through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and
glory now and for ever. Amen.**

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Phyllis Thomas C.A .

Allison Hall

Denise Goffe

Beverley Spence-Chin

Lena McDonald

Victoria Mightly

Evan Grant

Stanley Thompson

Verona Rambana

Did you know?

Grace is God’s favour towards us, which is unearned and undeserved; by grace, God forgives our sins, enlightens our minds, stirs our hearts and strengthens our wills (*The Book of Common Prayer*, 1999).

Quote for reflection

“Trusting God's grace means trusting God's love for us rather than our love for God... Therefore our prayers should consist mainly of rousing our awareness of God's love for us rather than trying to rouse God's awareness of our love for him...” (*Prayer for Beginners*, Peter Kreeft, 2000)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK (Mar. 13 - 19)

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Devotion
	6:00 p.m.	Church Committee
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - St Joseph
	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

Please support our Dorcas Basket/Tuesday Charity - Gifts of all kind especially **cheese** at this time are welcome.

Kingston Parish Church invites you to a concert on Sunday March 13, 2016 (today) at 4:00 p.m. at the University Chapel
Contribution Adults \$1,500, Children \$500.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Robert Gregory 13/03, Peter Crosswell 14/03, Loyle Herdsman and Denise Gooden 15/03, Paulette Hollingsworth and Judith Stephenson 16/03, Ruby Anderson and Denise Warren 17/03, Emery Woodstock and Douglas Evelyn 19/03.

The funeral service for Muriel Silvera will be on Friday, March 18 at 11:30 a.m.

Lenten Devotions will continue this Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Invite a friend.

Synod 2016 will commence on March 29 to April 1, 2016.

March is the focus month for Saint Andrew Settlement.

Our Easter Bun Sale Project in support of the St. Andrew Settlement continues today. Cash sale after the 6:30 service, before and after the 8:00 service and before the 10:30. The prices are as follows: 30 oz. - \$550, 38 oz. box - \$750, 42 oz. - \$850, 44 oz. box - \$900. Order forms are available.

The Diocese of Jamaica is asking for volunteers to assist with the bedside visits of the hospitalised and to lead the midday worship at the Bustamante Hospital for Children and the Kingston Public Hospital.

The Fellowship Groups are inviting you and your families to come to the 6:00 p.m. Service today when the Service will be conducted by the Alpha 1 Fellowship Group. **The theme is “God’s Love”.**
Leader – Valerie Magnus, Preacher - Tony Patel.

INFORMATION FOR THE CHURCH

Name: _____ M () F () Visitor
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone numbers: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____
Date of Birth: Day _____ Month _____
Occupation _____ Ministry interest _____

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 13, 2016 - Year C

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Isaiah 43: 16 - 21 Patrick Lynch
Psalms 126:	Refrain: <i>"The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy."</i>
BCP, page 643	
New Testament	Philippians 3: 4b - 14 Norman Young
Gospel	John 12: 1 - 8
Prayer of Intercession	BCP page 212

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	134
Old Testament	Isaiah 43: 16 - 21 Winston Bayley
Psalms 126:	Sung - (<i>all stand</i>)
BCP, page 643	
New Testament	Philippians 3: 4b - 14 Shirley Reeson
Gradual	151 (Children leave for SS)
Gospel	John 12: 1 - 8
Sermon	
Nicene Creed	BCP 104
Prayer of Intercession	Page 4
Offertory Hymn	501
During Communion	608, 613, 448
Sunday School	477
Recessional	428 (tune marching)

10:30 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

Processional	134
Venite	BCP page 36
Psalms 32: 1 - 8	BCP page 643
First Reading	Isaiah 43: 16 - 21
Benedictus	BCP page 40
Second Reading	John 12: 1 - 8
Hymn	151
Sermon	
Hymn	501
Recessional	428

6:00 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Alpha 1 Fellowship Group