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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.

Excerpts from the Bishop's Charge Synod 2016

The text comes from that section of 1 Peter regarded by some biblical scholars as that which deals with *Living as God's People* (1:13-2:10). Here Peter contrasts the former way of life of that Christian community with the holiness to which they are now called. Holiness connotes the idea of separateness, and so the members of the Christian community are to be a people set apart from the surrounding culture. This holiness must, therefore, find expression not just in beliefs but in **conduct**. The author is able to urge appropriate conduct on the part of the members of the Christian community by reminding them of their privileged position (verses 18-19), the cost of their redemption, and the futility of their former way of life from which they have been redeemed.

Throughout the letter the writer utilizes a number of metaphors to speak about the situation of the Christians in this state of alienation from the prevailing culture in order to offer encouragement to them in face of the suffering they were experiencing because of their faith. The Christians must somehow show by their lives that they reject the religious and moral ethos of a pagan culture to which they no longer belong.

As a nation and as church we are facing serious moral challenges, and there is the need for a realistic assessment of our situation, for visionary leadership, and concerted action that will lead to rebuilding and reconfiguration of our institutions and structures and, among the people, a moral, social, political, economic and religious transformation which will make for the building of community, that is based on integrity, honesty and justice for all.

So who are we as the people called to a life of holiness in a context of this nature, and what is our witness? Among the metaphors utilized by Peter to describe the Christian community in the pagan context of his day is that they are like:

- ◆ Exiles and aliens – they belong to a new commonwealth, which is God's household (1:2-5)
- ◆ Slaves who belong to another – Jesus as Lord
- ◆ Wives, who in the culture had few legal rights

But these negative metaphors cannot define the boundaries of Christian presence in the world, and so Peter points to some positive metaphors which are life-giving, action-oriented, and transformative, namely:

- ◆ New born infants –eager for nourishment and growth to maturity
- ◆ Priests in a new sanctuary
- ◆ Stones in a new building – Just as God chose Jesus to be the cornerstone of the new temple (2:6-7), so Christians are a “new race” (2:9) living stones of the spiritual house of God (2:5)
- ◆ A new people chosen by God
- ◆ Workers setting about a task
- ◆ Soldiers armed for conflict

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors worshipping with us today.

May 8, 2016

As we are gathered

As we are gathered, Jesus is here:
One with each other, Jesus is here;
Joined by the Spirit, built up in love
Part of the body, the Church of God.
As we are gathered Jesus is here;
One with each other Jesus is here.

Open our eyes, Lord

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus
to reach out and touch Him
and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord.
help us to listen;
O open our eyes Lord,
we want to see Jesus!

Canticle : God's Paschal Lamb (Pascha Nostrum)

1. God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
death has no more dominion over him;
Through him we die to sin and live to God.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:
though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die,
in Christ's new life shall all be made alive.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

(Sine Nomine)

Faith of our Mothers living still

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| 1. Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air: | 2. Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race: |
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Refrain:

***Faith of our mothers, loving faith!
We will be true to thee till death!***

3. Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
Is truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the
Church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Children's Sunday)

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2016

President: We pray for Christ Catholic Church...

During the month of May we celebrate our children, recognizing the difficulties that they face in this unstable world. Let us therefore, pray to God, our heavenly Father through our Lord Jesus Christ, for the children of the world and in particular the children in Jamaica. Our response is ***“Lord graciously hear us”***

We pray for every child in the world

Especially those who are abused, neglected and forgotten, that we might work to save them and be reminded that You created them in your image and likeness and that they are SPECIAL in your sight. We pray to you Lord

Response: ***“Lord, graciously hear us”***

For children that are unwanted by their parents

That by your grace others will love and care for them

Teach us how to help them heal and realize that you love and care for them unconditionally. We pray to you Lord

Response: ***“Lord, graciously hear us”***

We pray that our children will develop a responsible attitude to life, respect for those in authority, the laws of our country; other peoples' property and to value themselves and others. We pray to you Lord

Response: ***“Lord, graciously hear us”***

We pray for our children that they will desire to have the right kind of friends and be willing, joyful witnesses of your love and grace towards them.

We pray to you Lord

Response: ***“Lord, graciously hear us”***

We pray for our children that they will be so strengthened to resist bad influences, places, people or friends. Protect them from spiritual wickedness in every area of their lives and enable them to trust Christ as their Saviour. We pray to you Lord

Response: ***“Lord, graciously hear us”***

We pray for our children that they will learn the great virtue of humility.

Teach them how to love themselves and each other so that their lives may fulfil that potential which you have given to them and indeed be your faithful followers and servants until their lives' end. Show them how to share with others. Give them the grace to love their enemies. We pray to you Lord

Response: “*Lord, graciously hear us*”

We pray today that our children will love and appreciate and be careful stewards of your creation. Help them to value and care for the animals, the birds, the trees, the flowers and to recognize that they too are a part of your creation and make this world a beautiful place. We pray to you Lord

Response: “*Lord, graciously hear us*”

We Pray for Parents and all who are entrusted with the care for our children. Grant them a full portion of your merciful love. Give them wisdom and determination to support and sustain them. For the Bishops and Clergy that they may continue to guide and direct the lives of our children that they may grow in the knowledge, reverence and service of God. We pray to you Lord

Response: “*Lord, graciously hear us*”

Silence may be kept

ALL: We thank you Lord for all the children of this world. Help us to come to know you and trust you as our Lord and Saviour. Bless all who love and care for us, our parents, our teachers, our families and friends. We pray especially for the children of Nepal, their parents, guardians, the rescue workers, the medical teams and all who assist in this their time of great need. We pray in the name of your Son who laid down his life for us Jesus Christ, our teacher, Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Events and Activities for May

Sun. May 8	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sun. after	8:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist & Sermon
Ascension Day	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Morning Prayer
(Mother’s Day)	6:00 p.m.	Even Prayer - Fellowship Group
Sun. May 15	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist & Renewal of Bap. Vows
Day of Pentecost	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist, Renewal of Bap. Vows
Whitsunday	10:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer & Sermon
	6:00 p.m.	Rite of Confirmation
Sun. May 22	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Trinity Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist
	10:30 a.m.	Healing Service & Holy Eucharist
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer and Sermon
Sun. May 29	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Pentecost II	8:00 a.m.	Mattins & Sung Eucharist
Proper 4	10:30 a.m.	NO SERVICE

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did You Know?

When parents and Godparents bring a child to be baptized, they vowed that they will do all in their power to ensure that he or she is brought to the Bishop to be confirmed, and to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Holy Communion. (BCP page 275)

Quote for Reflection

Train children in the right way, and when they are old, they will not depart from it. Proverbs 22 verse 6

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Heron Wright	John Patterson
Allison Hall	Marie Bucknor
Sonia Ottey	Phyllis Brown
Hilary McIntosh	Horace Spence
Valrie Stephenson	Ina Robinson

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK (May 8 - 14)

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	Home for Girls
	5:30 p.m.	St. Andrew Settlement
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Sick and Shut-In (Clergy)
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:00 p.m.	Care Center
	5:30 p.m.	Property and Building
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	Rehearsal for Confirmation
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Brotherhood of St Andrew
	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Gail Lue Lim 08/05, Blossom Williams, Barbara Briggs and Brandon Mighty 09/05, Andron Findley 10/05, Lois Owen and Sean McDonald 12/05 and Beverley Atkinson 14/05.

Condolence is extended to the family of Isolyn Gayle and Mary Sorum The funeral service for Daisy Nelson will be on Tuesday 10, at 12 noon, and for Manuella Seymour the aunt of Sharon Northover will be May 14, at 9:00 a.m. at the Church of The Transfiguration.

Get involved in this year's Rally of the names of Jesus. Your support is needed to make this event a success.

November Rally Group will meet after the 8:00 a.m. service.

Alpha - Have you been to an Alpha Course? What is ALPHA? Alpha is a series of interactive Sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian Faith. Plan to be there this year, June 1, 2016. Theme "Jesus Lifestyle" (Every Wed. for 6 weeks in the Old Court House)

Rose sprays are available today, Mother's Day. Support **March Rally Group**.

SAPC Legal Advisory Service on Saturday, May 14, in the Old Courthouse from 10:00am until noon.

Jamaica Night, June 11, at the Church Hall.

Attend St. John's Mannings Hill Road Flower Festival, today at 4:00p.m.

Confirmation 2016 will be held on Sunday May 15, 6:00 p.m.

in recognition of their 140th Anniversary. Our Altar Guild will be participating.

Invitation Cards, have you collected your package to invite others to worship at St. Andrew Parish Church? Please do so after the service from the ushers.

FOR YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS
TO THE RECTOR & CHURCH COMMITTEE

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2016 - Year C

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson Acts 16: 16 - 34 Sterling Soares
Psalm 97 Refrain: *"The Lord is King, the Most High over all the earth"*
BCP, page 595
Second Lesson Revelation 22: 12 - 14, 16-17, 20-21 Betty-Ann Jones
Gospel John 17: 20 - 26
Prayer of Intercession page 4

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional 191
First Lesson Acts 16: 16 - 34 Owen Streete
Psalm 97 Sung (All Stand)
BCP, page 595
Second Lesson Revelation 22: 12 - 14, 16-17, 20-21 Margaret Robinson
Gradual (Sequence) 193 (Children leave for SS)
Gospel John 17: 20 - 26
Sermon Rev. Olando Gayle
The Apostles' Creed BCP Page 106
Prayer of Intercession page 4
Offertory Hymn 196
During Communion 594, 613, 620, 552
Sunday School 546
Recessional 190

10:30 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

Processional 191
Venite BCP page 36
Psalm 97 BCP page 595
First Lesson Acts 16: 16 - 34
Benedictus BCP page 40
Second Reading John 17: 20 - 26
Hymn 193
Sermon
Hymn 196
Recessional 190

6:00 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Macedonia and Bethany Groups

Theme: **"The Transforming Power of the Holy spirit"**