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HARVEST THANKSGIVING 2016



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We assemble as a Christian community of faith to celebrate Harvest at a critical time in our history and worldwide economy. With the downturn in the global economic activity, the health of all organizations that require finances for their operations has been affected across the Island. God who is the chief Economist governs the economy of the world. As the Lord of creation, its source and ultimate end, God has the primary responsibility for sustaining what God has created. "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22) The God of creation has established a covenant and promised to preserve the cycle of agriculture seasons, which is necessary for sustaining the fragile life of all living things.

The spiritual principle of planting and reaping is directly related to Harvest as we are summoned by God, to give the first fruits of the land to the Lord. It is the benevolent God, who has germinated the seed, provided water for the earth, swell the grain and increase the produce of the earth. We give the first fruits of the land as we recognize that by ourselves we are not able to achieve and realize a fruitful reaping, for we are dependent on the generous, caring and faithful God. "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it..." (Ps. 24:1) As the author of creation, God creates, redeems and recreates for a lifelong relationship of worship, service and gratitude. We are utterly dependent on the loving care and goodness of God for everything that we have and all that we are, despite the claim by some to be masters of their own lives. As Christian disciples who acknowledge God as the owner and giver of all good and gracious gifts, including our lives. we are obligated to live with gratitude and a generous heart, willing to give especially of our time, which must incorporate our expertise and consequently our resources. This is the fundamental practice of Christian stewardship.

We are required, as a community of the baptized, to offer not only the first fruits, but also to give the best fruit of the land to the God, who has blessed us abundantly with vegetables, fruits and produce through the seasons of the year; for example, mango season, guinep season and star-apple season. The first fruits and the best fruit are *directly related to our intentional giving*. As we offer the first and best before distributing and consuming in recognition of the God who provides and remains faithful, we offer the first of our income and money to demonstrate *intentional giving* as an indication of our commitment and trust in the Lord. In other words, whatever amount we have committed ourselves to give each week or month must be consistent, as we face the various challenges of life. This is a sign of our trust and faith in God's presence and purpose in our lives and who continues to bless us with the breath of life and health, talent and abilities and opportunities for their development and expression.

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, with our prayers.
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: Praise God for the harvest - St. Denio

Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
praise God for the people who gather their yield,
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
the patience of science, the power of machine.

Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
from market and harbour, the sea and the shore:
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown
by God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.

Praise God for the harvest that's quarried and mined,
then sifted, and smelted, or shaped and refined;
for oil and for iron, for copper and coal,
praise God, who in love has provided them all.

Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,
the urge to discover, create and fulfil:
for dreams and inventions that promise to gain
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.

Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
from leaders and peoples who struggle and serve
for fairness and kindness, that all may be led
in freedom and safety, and all may be fed.

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, the fishes of the sea, 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. Be with us, O Lord; help us to reclaim the image in which you made us and to renew the earth on which you placed and purify us through your Holy Spirit, that we may worthily love you, and glorify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Canticle Give Glory to God Church

1. Give glory to God church

Give glory to God

Give glory to God church

Give glory to God

Sing praise to His name Emmanuel

Sing praise to His name

Sing praise to His name Emmanuel

Sing praise to His name

2. Give glory to God, all

Give glory to God. **Repeat**

Sing praises to Him hallelujah

Sing praise to Him. **Repeat**

3. Give glory to God world

Give glory to God **Repeat**

Proclaim Him the King, hosanna

Proclaim Him the King. **Repeat**

4. Give glory and honour

to Jesus our King **Repeat**

We hail You our King, hallelujah

We hail You our King. **Repeat**

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 Jacqueline Mighty

Psalm 65: 9 - 14 (All are seated)

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

You have visited the land and watered it; Greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain. **R**

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrow, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, Blessing its yield. **R**

You have crowned the year with your bounty, And your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows over flow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills. **R**

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. The meadows overflow with your goodness. They shout and sing for joy. **R**

Epistle James 1: 17-18, 21-27 Sandra Watson

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

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His 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.

2 His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him 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!

The Gospel Acclamation is sung before and after the Gospel

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:

THE NICENE CREED: BCP page 104

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

President: We shall pray for Christ's Catholic Church and for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church. Lord in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

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 teem 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

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves...

Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence.

All:

*Most merciful God;
We confess that we have sinned against you
In thought, word and deed
By what we have done and by what we have left undone
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbours as our selves
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us
And forgive us; That we may delight in your will
And walk in your ways To glory of your Name. 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 greets each other in the name of the Lord.

ANTHEM: Andrew's Memorial S.D.A. Adult Choir

THE MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: In this our beauteous island (Wir Pflugen)

1. In this our beauteous island
God smiles his sweetest smile
From ferny dell and covert
wild flowers our eyes beguile
among the leafy branches
the ripened mangoes sway
and green pimento berries
make fragrant God bright day.

Refrain

***Praise him, ye bright people,
With harvest hymn of joy
O give to God a hymn of praise
And love without alloy***

2. The creamy breadfruit blossoms
point upward to the sky
to tell that God's rich blessings
fall on us from on high
The canefields wave in greeting
clad in their verdant dress
and citrus fruits swing slowly
in golden loveliness

Refrain

3. We thank thee for the sunlight
on each day newly born,
that blends with rain in blessing
the tender ears of corn
that ripens into beauty
fair fruits of every kind
bananas, pears, star-apples
and cherries purple-lined

Refrain

4. Young coconuts encircle
the warm hearts of the trees
beneath the green boughs hiding
and rustle in the breeze.
Nature her many voices
each day with joy uplifts
Shall we not thank our Father
for all his wondrous gifts.

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 (Setting by: Eric Levy)

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.**

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God (Repton)

O Lamb of God, come and cleanse our hearts and take our sin away.
O Lamb of God, your grace impart and let our guilty fear depart,
have mercy Lord we pray, have mercy Lord we pray.

O Lamb of God, our lives restore, our guilty souls release,
Into our lives your spirit pour and let us live forevermore
In perfect heav'nly peace, In perfect heav'nly peace.

THE COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

During Communion Music: Andrew's Memorial S.D.A. Adult Choir

Hymn: For the fruit of all creation

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
for these gifts to every nation,

thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional Hymn: Life is great! So sing about it - Regent Square

1. Life is great! So sing about it,
As we can and as we should-
Shop and buses, towns and people,
Village, farmland, field and wood,
Life is great and life is given;
Life is lovely, free and good.

3. Love is great! The love of lovers,
Whispered words and longing eyes;
Love that gazes at the cradle
Where a child of loving lies;
Love that lasts when youth has faded,
Bends with age, but never dies.

2. Life is great! What ever happens,
Snow or sunshine, joy or pain,
Hardship, grief or disillusion,
Suffering that I can't explain
Life is great if someone loves me,
Holds my hand and calls my name.

4. Love is giving and receiving
Boy and girl, or friend with friend;
Love is bearing and forgiving
All the hurts that hate can send;
Love's the greatest way of living,
Hoping, trusting to the end.

5. God is great! in Christ He loved us,
As we should, but never can-
Love that suffered, hoped and trusted
When disciples turned and ran,
Love that broke through death forever.
Praise that loving, living Man!

SICK AND SHUT - IN

John Patterson
Heron Wright
Allison Hall
Hilary Phillips

Leonard & Stephanie Green
Gladys Carney
Maurice Boorman
Madge Day

Activities for October

Focus for the Month of October - Vocation and Ministry

SAPC Choir on October 30

November - Stewardship of Creation and the Environment.

The Women Auxiliary will be having a variety sale on Sunday Oct. 30, in the Fellowship Court.

B.S.A meeting on the 29th, at 10:00 a.m in the Conference Room

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

The tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches, as we know it today, began in 1843, when a priest (Reverend Robert Hawker) in Cornwall, United Kingdom invited his parishioners to a special thanksgiving service for the harvest at his church. Victorian hymns such as *We plough the fields and scatter* and *All things bright and beautiful* helped to popularise his idea of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service. As a result, this celebration eventually became an annual custom in the life of the church. (*History of Harvest Festival*, Mandy Barrow, 2013)

Quote for Reflection

I have an awesome God who provides for me in delightful ways that I know are best for me. It is by that same provision and the principles of growth, inherent with a life lived for Christ, why I can be confident that the Lord of the Harvest will bring about the greater harvest that God desires in my life. (*Hope from the Harvest Fields*, Burdette Rosendale, 2011)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Oct. 23 - 29

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (St. James of Jerusalem)
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	4:00 p.m.	Mothers' Union
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
	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 (St. Simon & St. Jude Apostles)
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Brotherhood of St. Andrew -Rev. Michael Elliott
	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Dudley McLean III and Nicole Thomas 23/10, Evelyn Roach and Barbara Johnson 24/10, Cassandra Blythe, Gerald Dunlop, Cardia Rigg and Audley Davidson 25/10, Yvonne Vassell, Sharon Northover, Lorraine Haniford-Collins and Sandra Watson 27/10, Minion Wright, Melanie Tapper and Denise Kitson 28/10, and Violet Mahfood 29/10 .

Condolence is extended to Gloria Laing and family on the passing of her sister Sylvia Pitter in Atlanta. To Barbara Williams on the passing of her father Oscar Williams in Scotts Hall, St. Mary. His funeral service will be on Saturday 29th.

Our Diocese has launched a fund for relief to Haiti. Cheques should be made payable to “Diocesan Church Fund”, and on the back Haiti Appeal. All contributions should be delivered to Church House by November 30, 2016.

Congratulations to Eulah Stephenson a Shut-In who is 94yrs. today and to Bruce and Pascale James who will be celebrating 21 years of marriage on October 28.

A Festal Evensong will be held at 5:30 p.m. on St. Andrew’s Day.

Patronal Festival will be celebrated on Sunday Dec. 4, 2016 at

Cathedral Sunday will be celebrated on Nov. 20, 2016 at 3:30 pm

S.A.S is inviting applicants for the post of Executive Director. Interested persons please call 926-6692 or email saintandrewsettlement@gmail.com.

Family Affair Harvest Supper will be on Friday, November 18, 2016 at the Church Hall. Tickets are \$1,500 each.

5th Sunday October 30, 2016 NO SERVICE at 10:30 a.m.

Please support our Dorcas Basket/Tuesday Charity - Gifts of all kind are welcome.

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 23, 2016 Proper 25 Year C

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 6-10 Milton Samuda
Psalm **65: 9 - 14** **Refrain:** *(All sit) "The seed that falls on good
BCP, page 641 ground will yield a fruitful harvest."*
Epistle James 1: 17-18, 21-27 Rusti Zacca
Gospel Matthew 6: 25-33
Prayers of Intercession Litany of Thanksgiving page 85

8:00 a.m.

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10:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST & SERMON

Processional Praise God for the Harvest (St. Denio)
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Gradual Let all Things Now living (The Ash Grove)
Gospel Matthew 6: 25 - 33
Prayers of Intercession
Offertory 714 (Wir Pflugen)
During Communion 407, 842
Recessional Life is Great so Sing About it. (Regent Square)

6:00 p.m.

EVENING PRAYER & SERMON