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**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:
We are Baptized to Witness and Minister
In the Name of Jesus Christ**

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The Rector is out of office on Mondays.

Lent is a special time for the renewal of our life in Christ Jesus as we focus on our need for penitential pruning, and enlightenment, which are necessary not only for those preparing to be initiated through Baptism and Confirmation; Catechumens, but for all of us who intend to renew our commitment and vows of Baptism at Easter.

In our baptismal vows, renewed at Easter, we declared and promise to live our lives in the faith of Christ. A critical element that sustains us in the faith is our need to value this relationship and the practices that are necessary to sustain and enable our growth in the faith of Christ. A relationship that is taken for granted or abused or neglected will eventually wane, wither or lose its intensity and passion. Isn't it the same with our relationship with the Lord? Jesus said "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me, you can do nothing." (John 15:5) As trees send down their roots into the soil of the ground to be watered so that it gives them life, so our life in Christ requires us to send down our roots to the depths of the fount of God's love to be strengthened and sustained for our journey of faith.

Also, for us to remain connected to the vine (Christ) it is necessary to value our relationship with the Lord, by setting aside regular times to nurture our friendship and communion with God. Whenever we display an attitude of heart, that seeks to be attentive to God and God's presence, we experience joy, peace and sweet delight for God's loving kindness and tender mercies.

This attentiveness that we cultivate through prayer, as enjoying God for who God is, will facilitate an expansion of our hearts and inward transformation. Paying attention to the presence of God is a spiritual practice of the heart. A heart open and receptive to the stirring of the Holy Spirit, will be in tune with what God wants, and re-align our priorities to promote the Blessed Kingdom of God.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors who are worshipping with us today, especially members of The Queen's School track team.

Trust and obey

1. When we walk with the Lord
in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

***Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.***

2. Not a shadow can rise,
not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly
drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear,
not a sigh or a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Refrain

There is no love like the love of Jesus,

There is no love like the love of Jesus,
Never to fade or fall,
Till into the fold of the peace of God
He has gathered us all.

Refrain

***Jesus' love! precious love!
Boundless and pure and free!
Oh, turn to that love, weary,
wand'ring soul!
Jesus pleadeth for thee.***

3. Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

Refrain

4. But we never can prove
the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows,
for the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Refrain

5. Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at His feet.
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.
What He says we will do,
where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Refrain

There is no heart like the heart of Jesus,
Filled with a tender love;
No throb nor throe that our hearts can
know,
But He feels it above.

Refrain

Oh, let us hark to the voice of Jesus,
Then we shall never roam;
Till safe we rest on His loving breast,
In the dear heavenly home.

Refrain

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 gospel for the clergy for John, Archbishop; Howard, Diocesan Bishop; Robert and Leon Suffragans; Sirrano, Olando, Andrea and all church workers.

Jesus, Light of the world,

All: Scatter the darkness from our hearts and minds.

Leader: Lord of the Nations, we pray for the leaders of the world and, for those who make decisions on our behalf; For Patrick, Governor General, Andrew, Prime Minister, Portia, leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, members of the House of Representatives and for all members of the judiciary, that they may serve justice, safeguard human rights and promote the well-being of our people.

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. Shed your light into areas of conflict and strife, that your peace may reign within nations.

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, deep peace to our communities. We pray for victims of injustice and oppression, for all who are in anguish, for the guilt-ridden, for the forgotten and abandoned that they may be uplifted.

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 of sin, all who are beset by dark deeds of the past. We pray for the healing of the past in our lives the healing of memories and our communities. We pray for all who are consumed by hatred, resentment or by desire for revenge.

Jesus, Light of the world,

All: Scatter the darkness from our hearts and minds.

Leader: We give thanks for the work of doctors and nurses. We pray for all hospitals, clinics and health centers. We pray for friends and loved ones who are sick and for those who have borne long with sickness, for which they have no cure. We pray for the sick...

Jesus, Light of the world,

All: Scatter the darkness from our hearts and minds.

Leader: We praise you for all who have entered into a fuller vision, all who have awakened to your glory in heaven. We pray that we may not sorrow for the departed but rejoice in their freedom.

ALL: Lord, open our eyes to your presence, open our ears to your call, open our hearts to your love; that we may give ourselves to you and walk before you as children of light; through him who is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Heron Wright
Hugh Williams
Bernice Hall
Ethel Thomas

Annette Wilson
Edward Zacca Sr.
Adlington Findlay
Denise Lewin

Daphne Graham
Phyllis Brown
Horace Spence
Ina Robinson

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

The fourth Sunday of Lent is commonly known as “Mothering Sunday”, and is the origin of the reason the day is so named. Traditionally, it was a day when servants were given the day off to visit the mother church (cathedral) of the diocese, and to visit their own mothers, customarily eating Simnel Cake with them (hence the relaxation of fasting rules during Lent). As a result, the day also became known as Refreshment Sunday, in which there was a relaxation of the Lenten fast, by consuming food, so as to strengthen/re-energize the body, in order to continue the remainder of the Lenten journey. So, on this day, the Church (and the traditional social) festival is “Mothering Sunday” and celebrates all aspects and types of motherhood. (Timothy L’Estrange, *Refreshment Sunday*, 2013).

Quote for Reflection

We will never see the beauty of spiritual reality without God’s illumination. We are guilty, corrupt, hard, ignorant and blind without the awakening, enlivening, softening, humbling, purifying, and enlightening work of God in our lives. Believe it or not, we will never see the wonder and glory of what the Word teaches, without God opening the eyes of our hearts and giving us a spiritual sense of direction. The reason for teaching and knowing these things, is to make us desperate and hungry for God, so as to let us plead and cry out to God for his help in reading and discerning God’s will for us via us reading the Holy Scripture/Bible. (John Piper, *Open My Eyes that I may see*, 1998).

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK (Mar. 26 - April 1)

Monday	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
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Reception Committee
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Devotion
	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Women’s Auxiliary
	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

Friends of the STAPC Sunday School will be having their AGM on Sunday April 9, 2017 immediately following the 8:00 a.m. service in the Old Courthouse. Members, please come prepared for elections and bring your annual dues of \$1,200.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Kevaun Hinds 26/03, Beryl Gillies, Stephanie Green, Kedley Rambarran and Nickie Franklin Grant 27/03, Ken Peters, Tricia Jackson and Ida Ormsby 28/03, Viola Clarke, Marcia Haughton and Judith Sayle 29/03, Deanne Logan-Johnson 31/03, Marianne Greaves 01/04 .

Condolence is extended to Phyll Williams and family on the passing of her brother Colin Newman in St. Elizabeth. To the family of Adlington Findlay on the passing of his sister Delphine Cupidon. Also to the family of Daphne Dobson. The funeral service for Beverley Burrell former ancillary staff will be on Saturday April 1, at 9:30 a.m..

Lenten Devotions continue on Thursday March 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.

Fellowship Group Silent Retreat - Saturday, April 1, 2017, 8.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. at the Church Hall, Ellesmere Road. Theme- **DISCIPLESHIP**. Presenters - Bishop Robert Thompson and Mrs. Marcia Hamilton. Contribution - \$1,500.00 covers refreshment/lunch. ALL ARE INVITED. Advise re attendance. Registration forms are available at the Church Office or from joeyj@cwjamaica.com

All those involved with **the Strategic Plan** are invited to a meeting with Bishop Thompson and Archdeacon Patrick Cunningham at the Church Hall on Saturday April 8th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Next Sunday make an effort towards our 2nd collection for our endowment Fund.

Please remember to take your non-perishable items for the Dorcas basket/ Tuesday Charity. Cheese would be welcomed.

The Altar Guild, invites members of the church to make donations towards floral decorations for Easter, in memory of their departed loved ones. Contributors may contact the church office.

Mrs. Ena Dallen wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, visits and words of comfort during her time of illness.

Theme for Lenten Devotion: We are baptised to Witness and Minister in the name of Jesus Christ

March 30 **Effective witnessing in this age**

April 6 **Continuing our witness...**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2017 - Year A

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament 1 Samuels 16: 1 - 13 Milton Samuda
Psalm 23 **Refrain:** (All sit) *"The Lord is my Shepherd,
(BCP page 495) nothing shall I want."*
Epistle Ephesians 5: 8 - 14 Valerie Nam
Gospel John 9: 1 - 41
Prayer of Intercession Page 4

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional 369
Old Testament 1 Samuels 16: 1 - 13 Nicki Franklin-Grant
Psalm 23 **Refrain:** (All sit) *"The Lord is my Shepherd,
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Epistle Ephesians 5: 8 - 14 Marjory Stair
Gradual 495
Gospel John 9: 1 - 41
Sermon Milinda Thompson
Prayer of Intercession Page 4
Offertory Hymn 492
During Communion 625, 608, There is no love like the love of Jesus.
When we walk with the Lord
Sunday School This Little light of mine
Recessional 479

10:30 a.m.

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6:00 p.m.

EVENING PRAYER