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JESUS CALLS LAZARUS

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.

What are the outward and visible signs of our Lenten preparation for the paschal celebration? Are they devotional readings, daily prayer and meditation of Holy Scripture, (which nurture our spiritual health and growth in wisdom), exercise in self-examination and repentance (which enables a deepening of our relationship with God), acts of self-denial (that facilitate an awareness of God's presence in our lives), and the need to sacrifice our will for the purposes of God? These spiritual disciplines are intended to keep us on the spiritual path that will lead to inner transformation and healing, so that we may know and experience, more and more the breath, length, height and depth, of God's love for us. (Eph. 3:18b)

The Lenten journey also demands of us to constantly "return, seek, forsake, and call" as the way for our renewal and to encounter God. These imperatives are *verbs* used during Lent to shed light on our spiritual health and the seductive nature of our consumer culture that seeks to hold us captive "...by bread alone..." Bread alone cannot feed or nourish our physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health. We have been created by God for communion, fellowship and personal intimacy with God, which is a relationship that demands mutual respect, self-giving and self-sacrifice. This relationship that has been impaired by our transgressions, disobedience, infidelity, and rebellion, was healed through the life of obedience, acceptance and fidelity, in the person of Jesus Christ, who revealed to us the will and way of God the Father.

Jesus demonstrated that the nature of God is to be merciful, kind, loving and forgiving, which is greater than our transgressions, disobedience, infidelity, rebellion and sins. Our misdeeds and sins evoke a response from God, which is forgiveness, mercy, patience and love, as God knows what we are made of and remembers that we are dust. (Psalm 103:14) It is through repentance that we are to experience resurrection to the *new life* given to us by the power of the Holy Spirit in Baptism. Hence, the imperatives to "return, forsake, seek, and call" keep us on the path to wholeness in union with God, which gives us healing, joy and peace.

The Lenten disciplines which are rooted in Matthew 6:1-18 are able to help us to identify 'bread and butter' issues, and put them in spiritual perspectives. It is necessary for us to be detached from issues that we have no control over, to identify the choices we have and can control, for us to seek for the wisdom of God for discernment, and ask for courage from the Holy Spirit to walk in faith, love and humility with God, as the pathway to liberation and salvation.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors who are worshipping with us today, especially members of The NCB Credit Union celebrating their 25th Anniversary.

Schedule of Services for April 2017**Holy Week**

Palm Sunday	6:30	Holy Eucharist
Sun. Apr. 9	8:00	Procession & blessing of Palms; Solemn Eucharist
	10:30	Contemporary Morning Prayer
	6:00	Evening Service - Fellowship Groups
Mon. Apr. 10	9:00	Holy Eucharist
	5:30	Stations of the Cross
Tue. Apr. 11	6:30	Holy Eucharist
	5:30	Stations of the Cross
Wed. Apr. 12	6:30	Holy Eucharist
	5:30	Stations of the Cross
Thur. Apr. 13	10:00	Chrism Mass- Cathedral Sp. Town
	7:00	Maundy Thur. Liturgy, Washing of Feet & Institution of the Supper of the Lord
Good Friday	8:00	Good Friday Liturgy
Fri. Apr. 14	12 noon	Three Hour Service
Sat. Apr. 15	7:00	Pascal (Easter) Vigil
Sun. Apr. 16	6:00	Sung Eucharist and Sermon
		Renewal of Baptismal vows
	8:00	Solemn Eucharist and Sermon
		Renewal of Baptismal vows
	11:00	Holy Eucharist (Shut-In)
	6:00	Holy Eucharist

Easter Week April 18-22 Synod of the Church

Sun. Apr. 23	6:30	Holy Eucharist
	8:00	Sung Eucharist & Sermon
	10:30	Holy Eucharist
	6:00	Evening Prayer and Sermon
Sun. Apr. 30	6:30	Holy Eucharist
	8:00	Morning Prayer, Sung Eucharist and Sermon
	10:30	NO SERVICE
	6:00	Holy Eucharist

Leader: Come, Lord, like the wind, move us, direct us. Come as the breath, fill us, refresh us, Come to your church which without you is dull and dry, and fill us with your Spirit. Call us out of death and darkness into life and light. We pray for the renewal of your church in its devotion and mission, for all who proclaim your life-giving powers and share in your redeeming love. Come, 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; Serrano, Orlando, Andrea and all church workers.

Lord, restore, renew

All: Revive your people.

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, Peter, 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.

Lord, restore, renew

All: Revive your people.

Leader: We pray for all whose hope is lost, who feel cut off from life, for refugees and displaced people, for all who flee from oppression and tyranny, for all who are made homeless, for all who have suffered abuse or violence.

Lord, restore, renew

All: Revive your people.

Leader: We pray for areas of bad housing where communities have broken down, for social decay. We pray for friends and loved ones who are worn out, for relationships that are at risk, and those that are dysfunctional.

Lord, restore, renew

All: Revive your people.

Leader: We pray for all who are ill, for all who are in weakness, for all who are grieving. We remember all who have given up on life. We

pray for the disturbed, for the mentally ill, for all who walk in darkness and in the shadow of death. We pray for all who live in situations of intimidation, conflict and emotional fear.

Lord, restore, renew

All: Revive your people.

Leader: Lord, we pray that through your cross and passion we may come to know the power of your resurrection. We remember before you all suffering peoples, all who are struggling or despondent at this time, as they face financial challenges. All who are facing darkness or death. May they come to rejoice in your presence and saving power.

Lord, restore, renew

All: Revive your people.

Leader: We give thanks for all who set us an example of love and vitality and who have now entered your greater glory. May we be inspired by their lives and seek to live to your praise and glory. We commemorate the departed...

Lord, restore, renew

All: Revive your people.

Silence My Be Kept

All : Holy Father, you have challenged the powers of darkness, through your Son, and have committed your church to share in your redeeming works; grant that we, who bear witness to your saving power in words, may do so in deeds; through him who died for us and rose again, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God for ever and ever. Amen.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Heron Wright

Bernice Hall

Stephanie Green

Gwendolyn Moncrieffe

Keith Dickson

Linnet Allen

Maurice Boorman

Madge Day

Denise Lewin

Kathleen Taylor

Eulalee Vernon

Allune Mullings

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

Dead bodies were well cared for in all ancient societies. In the New Testament, we see examples of corpses being washed, anointed with aromatic preparations, and wrapped in linen cloths or bandages,. Lack of burial was the ultimate humiliation. The evil queen Jezebel was left in the street and her flesh eaten by the dogs. (Timothy L'Estrange, *Refreshment Sunday*, 2013).

Quote for Reflection

It is one thing to believe that Jesus has the power to raise us up on the last day. He does and He will,. But it's something else to realize that Jesus; power is unlimited now; that Jesus can bring new life to the deadened areas of our own personalities; that because of Jesus' power, we risk taking action that we might otherwise never have the courage to take. We need never draw back from anything God asks, for the unlimited power of new life is ours in Him (John Piper, *Open My Eyes that I may see*, 1998).

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK (April 2 - April 8)

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	4:00 p.m.	Moreton Park
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Property and Building
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Devotion
	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
	4:00 p.m.	AYF

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: Tameka Jordan and Mariann Greaves 02/04, Neville Miller and David Aarons 03/04, Maxine Hutchinson and Patrice Whitely 04/04, Eurith Martin, Lisa Johnston and Douglas Folkes 05/04, Lilith Jean Ottey and Patrick Casserly 06/04 and Nicole Urquhart-Edwards 08/04

Condolence is extended to Marina Payne and family on the passing of her sister Sonia Wilson in New Jersey. To Pauline Green and family on the passing of her aunt Evadnie Wheatley in Ewarton. Her funeral service will be on April 11.

Lenten Devotions continue on Thursday April 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.

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. Please confirm your attendance with the office.

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.

Legal Advisory Service will meet next Saturday April 8th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Old Courthouse.

The Youth Committee will be having a 'Lock in retreat' from Holy Saturday evening April 15 to Easter Morning. All AYF members, Servers, dancers, AYAM and any other interested youngsters are invited. Registration closes on Palm Sunday. Please contact Sasha Wright 378-9522, Nigel Elliott 352-4805 or Andrea Taylor 386-4347 if interested.

Written parental consent required.

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

April 6 **Continuing our witness...** (through our various ministries)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 2, 2017 - Year A

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14	Carl Bruce
Psalm 130 (BCP page 646)	Refrain: (All sit) “ <i>With God there is mercy , with him there is plenteous redemption..”</i>	
Epistle	Romans 8: 6 - 11	Dawn Edwards-Taylor
Gospel	John 11: 1 - 45	
Prayer of Intercession	Page 4	

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for the Church Committee)

Processional	318 (tune Regent Square)	
Old Testament	Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14	Diedre Myrie-Thompson
Psalm 130 (BCP page 646)	Refrain: (All sit) “ <i>With God there is mercy , with him there is plenteous redemption..”</i>	
Epistle	Romans 8: 6 - 11	Lincoln McIntyre
Gradual	326	
Gospel	John 11: 1 - 45	
Sermon	Margaret Newman	
Prayer of Intercession	Page 4	
Offertory Hymn	501	
During Communion	847, 615, 840, 493, 525 [612]	
Sunday School	652	
2nd Collection	740	
Recessional	313	

10:30 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

Processional	318	
Venite	BCP page 36	
Psalm 130	BCP page 646	
First Reading	Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14	
Benedictus	BCP page 40	
Second Reading	John 11: 1 - 45	
Hymn	326	
Sermon	Margaret Newman	
Offertory Hymn	501	
Recessional	313	

6:00 p.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST