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**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:**  
**Celebrating God's Love and Faithfulness**

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**The Rector is out of office on Mondays.**

Palm Sunday marks our transition from Lent to focus on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. This also moves us into the Easter Triduum which starts from Good Friday, into Holy Saturday and culminates with the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Day.

The readings for Palm Sunday and Good Friday describe the events and interaction between Jesus and the political and religious leaders, which ended with his arrest, 'mock' trial, condemnation and crucifixion. According to the gospels, Jesus' interpretation of the Law and the Prophecies, with the Scribes and Pharisees, placed him on a collision course with the established authorities. We must not forget that it was Annas and Caiaphas who colluded as the religious leaders and the Roman Governor, to determine that Jesus must die, and they further did this by inducing the consent of the people to reject Him with the outcry, Crucify Him! Crucify Him! (John 19:6; Mark 15:13; Luke 23:21 ;). The Gospels give us a detailed account of Jesus' death, to indicate to us that the issues embedded in the circumstances are human problems and so are ours. The events show "...why it is that God coming into our midst in Jesus was so threatening to our race that it was necessary to put Jesus to death." (*New Proclamation*, edit. Marshall D. Johnson) Also the Gospels tell us about God's response in the face of rejection; "Father forgive them,..." (Luke 23:34), is a reoccurring story that reflects our intention, not to accommodate God's presence in our lives and world, which God created and redeemed.

The Philippians passage (Philippians 2; 5-11) explains Jesus' *selfless* (self emptying) choice to experience a criminal's death on a cross to show and manifest the glory of God; self-denial not for self-promotion or self-interest but *selflessness* to make the love and mercy of God known to all His created people. "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all." (Hymn 108 A&M). This *selfless* (self-emptying) choice consistently lived by Jesus is both the goal and substance of our Christian way of life. Follow me, says Jesus.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us today, especially the members of Kingston Lodge.

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## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### Palm Sunday

Leader: Christ broken on the cross, we draw near to you, we come with broken promises and broken dreams, we come as a church divided and not at unity in itself. Yet we seek through you to share in salvation, and to bring others to your saving love. We remember all who have broken faith, broken vows, broken commitments. We pray for all who seek healing and hope.

*Lord, broken on the cross, we come to you.*

**All: Only you can make us whole.**

Leader: Lord of the church we pray for the mission of the church, for those in its ministry, for John Archbishop, Howard Diocesan Bishop, Robert and Leon Suffragans, Serrano, Olando, Andrea and all church workers. May they be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments.

*Lord, broken on the cross, we come to you .*

**All: Only you can make us whole.**

Leader: Lord of the nation 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, broken on the cross, we come to you .*

**All: Only you can make us whole.**

Leader: We come with people broken by conflict, with all divided by fear, with all who are shattered by betrayal of trust, with all who are fractured by oppression. Lord, we come with broken hopes and broken dreams, with broken relationships and broken hearts, with broken promises and broken trust. We come as shattered people in need of renewal and of our faith.

*Lord, broken on the cross, we come to you .*

**All: Only you can make us whole.**

Leader: We come with all your broken people. We come with broken in spirit, with the despondent and the despairing, We come with the deeply distressed and the disturbed. We pray for the people of Syria, especially the church and young people. We come to you with all our needs, with the broken in body, with all who are injured and all who are sick and shut-in.

*Lord, broken on the cross, we come to you .*

**All: Only you can make us whole.**

Leader: We remember all who have been killed through injustice, cruelty or carelessness, all who have died that others might live. We rejoice that now they know the wholeness and holiness of your kingdom. We remember.....

*Lord, broken on the cross, we come to you .*

**All: Only you can make us whole.**

President: Lord Jesus Christ you said.....

### **Act of Penitence**

President: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou will not despise.

**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 neighbors as ourselves. 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 the glory of your Name.**

**Amen**

### **The Greeting of Peace**

President: The King of Glory the Prince of peace comes to you. Hosanna in the Highest. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **SICK AND SHUT - IN**

<b>Heron Wright</b>	<b>Clio Whittingham</b>
<b>Gwendolyn Moncrieffe</b>	<b>Fay Jenkinson</b>
<b>Charles Henry</b>	<b>Olive Lawrence</b>
<b>Annette Wilson</b>	<b>Lena McDonald</b>

## Did you know?

In Christian tradition, the Sunday before Easter has come to be known as Palm Sunday. This was because people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem by spreading leafy branches on the road before His donkey, as He was entering the city, at the time of *Passover* (in the Spring). The cutting of palm branches however was usually practiced at the *Festival of Tabernacles*, (in the fall) as part of the construction of the booths. (David Howard & Gary Burge, *Fascinating Bible Facts*, 1997).

## Quote for Reflection

The only answer in these modern times, as in all other times, is the blood of Christ. When our conscience rises up and condemns us, to whom and where do we turn? We turn to Christ. We turn to the suffering and death of Christ - the blood of Christ. This is the only cleansing agent in the universe that can give the conscience relief in life and peace in death. Christian purity is, therefore, not the mere avoidance of evil, but the pursuit of good. Christ did not die to make good works merely possible or to produce a half-hearted pursuit. He died to produce in us a passion for good deeds to serve God through others. (John Piper, *The Passion of Jesus Christ*, 2004).

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK (April 9 - 15, 2017)

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	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	9:00	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	<b>Maundy Thur.</b> Liturgy, Washing of Feet & Institution of the Supper of the Lord
<b>Good Friday</b>	8:00	Good Friday Liturgy
Fri. Apr. 14	12 noon	Three Hour Service
Sat. Apr. 15	7:00 p.m.	Pascal (Easter) Vigil

**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.

**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!

***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***

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR**  
**APRIL 2017**

Sun. Apr. 16 - **Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of Our Lord**

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 **147<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Diocese—Montego Bay, St. James.** Pray for the synod, clergy and people.

Sun. Apr. 23 6:00 Holy Eucharist

8:00 Sung Eucharist & Sermon

11:00 Holy Eucharist Shut-In

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

# PARISH NEWS

**Birthdays for this week:** Joyce Coke and Millicent Fagan 09/04, Stacey James 10/04, Fred Robertson 12/04, Shera Grant-Clarke, Andrea Michaels and Loicrine Jones 13/04, Owen Streete 14/04 and Thelma Senior 15/04.

**Condolence is extended to** Carl Bruce and family on the passing of his father Henry Bruce in Mandeville.

**The Fellowship Groups** are inviting you and your families to come to the evening Service at 6: 00 p.m. today. The service will be conducted by the **Alpha 1** Fellowship Group. The **theme is "Faith"**

***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: 4 oz. - \$100, 30 oz. - \$550, 38 oz. box - \$750, 42 oz. - \$850, 44 oz. box - \$900. Order forms are available.*

**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 is required for all individuals.**

**The Church Army will be hosting an Evangelism Conference** on May 5-6 at St. Andrew Parish Church Hall.

**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.

**Healing Conference** will be held on May 26-28, at Rose Hall, MoBay.

**The Altar Guild**, once again, 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. Please provide the office with the names of loved ones for dedication of the flowers.

**PALM SUNDAY**  
April 9, 2017 - Year A

**6:30 a.m.      HOLY EUCHARIST**

Old Testament:      Isaiah 50:4 - 9a      Cyril Bridge  
Psalm 31: 9 -16      **Refrain:** “*In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge*”  
BCP, page 503  
Epistle                      Philippians 2:5-11      Demitri Smith-Wint  
Gospel                      Matthew 27: 11 - 54  
Homily                      Canon Sirrano Kitson  
The Creed B.C.P. page 104

**8:00 a.m.              SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON**  
*(Corporate for The Mothers’ Union)*

***Place your book marks at page 222-225 BCP.***

Organ Voluntary	<b>All Stand</b>
The Choir Sings	“Ride on King Jesus” <i>During the incensing of the altar</i>
Then follows the liturgy of the Palms	
Processional	127
Old Testament	Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a      Dorothy Britton-McKenzie
Psalm 31: 9 - 16	BCP, page 503
New Testament	Philippians 2: 5-11      Neil Miller
Gradual	128
Gospel	Matthew 27: 11 - 54
Sermon	Rev. Olando Gayle
Anthem	The Choir
Offertory	129
During Communion	608,459, 507
Recessional	144 Part 1 & the Doxology (Tune Westminster Abby)

**10:30 a.m              CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**

**6:00 p.m.              FELLOWSHIP GROUP - Alpha 1**  
**Theme:** “Faith”