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**St. Thomas Mission - Majesty Gardens and St. Clement's Mission - Kencot**



**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:**

**Proclaiming and Sharing The Good News of Jesus Christ  
In A Challenging Culture**

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**The Rector is on leave for the month of August.**

In an article entitled *Mandate to Difference*, Old Testament professor at Columbian Theological Seminary, Walter Brueggemann, suggests that it is important for us as a Church to see ourselves as being exiles for Christ by using the concept of the Sabbath. Brueggemann suggests that "...ceasing from work and taking rest are both public statements that one's existence and the existence of one's society, are not defined by the pursuit of commodity (costly items). In other words, human well-being is not evoked by commodity, but precisely by the intentional refusal of commodity." This is important, because our value is not wrapped up in how much we have accomplished, rather our value comes from God – the one who never leaves us nor forsakes us.

This intentionality, in valuing ourselves for who we are, and what we are capable of doing, is what God expects of us, if we are to truly rise above the challenges that we face in life. In Matthew 14: 22 – 33, we see Peter demonstrating this intentionality, when Jesus invited him to do that which is impossible for any human being to do in his/her strength – to walk on water. In confidence, he asserts, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to you on the water." (Matt. 14:28). Peter was intentional about what he wanted to do, and so he stepped out in faith, knowing that once he did what Jesus told him to do, all would be well, and even if he sank, he knew that Jesus would save/deliver him. Many times as we experience our own challenges/storms of life, we become afraid, as the disciples in the boat were. We fail to be hopeful, and we fail to remember that with Jesus beside us, all will be well. We get nervous and anxious about what to do, and what direction we should go in order to have our issues resolved. Consequently, our faith is stifled, because of our lack of belief. However, in keeping with Brueggemann's concept of 'intentionality', this is not what 'believers' do. Christians ought to be optimistic! They fight to the very end!

Jesus has come to give us life to its fullest, and so we are all called by God to be intentional about making plans and setting goals, in order to rid ourselves of the problems in which we find ourselves. In faith, we need to 'step out of the boat' and trust Jesus who is calling us to come with Him and walk on the water. With His help, we will ride out the storms that we face in life. In faith, we know that the storms of life will one day end. So be confident in who you are, as a child of God. Be intentional in making that first step to correct the situations at hand, then watch how God works in and through us, in order to resolve our problems. God has the ability to calm the storms (struggles) of our lives. Let us therefore step out in faith and experience the true happiness and peace, which Jesus gives to those who love and trust Him, as their God.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors worshipping with us today, especially The management and staff of Magna Motors.

# PARISH NEWS

**Birthdays for this week:** Tricia-Ann Robbins 13/08, Pauline Fraser 15/08, Daphne Goodison, Justin James and Sandra James 17/08, Barbara Alexander and Barbara Harrison 18/08 and Uroy Morrison 19/08.

**Congratulations to Rex & Joey James** who will celebrate another wedding anniversary on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Condolence is extended to** Penelope Morgan on the passing of her mother Gloria Holness. Her funeral service will be at The Providence Methodist Church at 1:30p.m. on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>. To Lois Owen & family on the passing of her husband Louis Owen.

## Question for Reflection

“While suffering, sickness, and broken relationships are universally shared characteristics of human existence, the offer of reconciliation and healing through the love, compassion, and mercy of God is also set in chronological time”. (*Intentional Discipleship*, 2016). **Therefore, what intentional steps can you take, as a follower of Christ, in order to resolve a broken relationship that you have with a family member or friend?**

## Hymn: Our God Reigns

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him  
Who brings good news, good news  
Proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness  
Our God reigns, our God reigns

### Refrain:

**Our God reigns, our God reigns**  
**Our God reigns, our God reigns**

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one  
Shout for your King, your King  
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion  
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy  
We are redeemed, redeemed  
The Lord has saved and comforted His people  
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God  
Jesus is Lord, is Lord  
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm  
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 13, 2017 - Proper 14 - Year A

### 6:30 a.m.

### HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Genesis 37:1 - 4, 12-28	Deryke Smith
Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22	Refrain (All sit)	<i>"Seek the Lord and His strength." Alleluia!</i>
BCP page 605		
Epistle	Romans 10:5 - 15	Clover Chung
Gospel	Matthew 14:22 - 33	
Prayer of Intercession	BCP Form B (page 107)	

### 8:00 a.m.

### SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	Our God Reigns ( See page 3)	
Old Testament	Genesis 37:1 - 4, 12-28	Joyce James
Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22	Refrain (All sit)	<i>"Seek the Lord and His strength." Alleluia!</i>
BCP page 605		
Epistle	Romans 10:5 - 15	Mark Raynor
Gradual	491	
Gospel	Matthew 14:22 - 33	
Sermon	Las Newman	
The Creed	561 (CPWI)	
Prayer of Intercession	BCP Form B (page 107)	
Offertory Hymn	304	
During Communion	625, 416, 606, 571, [614]	
Recessional	550	

### 10:30 a.m.

### NO SERVICE

### 6:00 p.m.

### EVENING PRAYER

*Tues. Aug. 15, 9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST - St. Mary the Virgin*

### SICK AND SHUT-IN

Heron Wright	Lois Owen
William Reeson	Nadine Richardson
Hugh Williams	Lauriston Wellington
Leah Goldson	Gwen Saunders