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**WHO do You
Say that I am?**

INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

**We are Baptized to Witness and Minister
In the Name of Jesus Christ**

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The Rector is on leave for the month of August.

“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” This declaration of Jesus being the Messiah, the Son of the living God, is regarded as one of the most profound statements made by Peter the apostle. The first question that Jesus asked, “Who do others say that I am?” lays the foundation for who people were making Jesus out to be, based on previous individuals who had walked this earth, and so we see names such as John the Baptist, Elijah and Jeremiah being called, as well as the suggestion that He is one of the prophets. So for them, Jesus was merely the reincarnation of someone who had passed. Also, in the eyes of the Jews, Jesus did not fit the description of being a Messiah. This is because they were expecting their savior/King to come and establish an earthly kingdom, and not a heavenly one; they expected Him to come riding on a horse, and not a donkey; they expected Him to be a king who would conquer the Romans (their oppressors), and not a king who would be killed to save the whole world.

On the other hand, notice that when Peter responded to the second question (which was directed at the disciples), “Who do you say that I am?” he did so very promptly, thus indicating how convinced he was that Jesus is the Messiah. Obviously, there was no second guess about his position on this matter. So, unlike the Jews, for Peter, Jesus was the deliverer and savior of the world, and this he could have concluded only because he had a personal relationship with him. Additionally, his belief would have been further cemented because of Jesus’ teachings and the numerous miracles He did - raising the dead, feeding the hungry and opening the eyes of the blind. Consequently, we see Jesus stating in Matthew 16:17, that “flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven”. Such a response speaks to the reality and need of knowing Jesus as our personal Lord and Saviour. We should never forget that we can only see Jesus as the one who saves, if we accept Him in our lives, and further cast all our cares and concerns on Him as the one who is able to deliver us from the many struggles that we face in this life.

People who get to know Jesus, learn that His kingdom is not materialistic, because it is not of this world. As the Messiah, Jesus reigns as king in our lives. He wants to take control of us; He wants to heal our sicknesses and broken relationships; He wants to take all concerns /problems and address them based on how He sees best. Since Jesus’ kingdom is not of this world, then it means that we must put our ‘house’ in order, if we all want to be a part of that kingdom. We must learn to put our trust in Him as the Lord of our lives, because as Christians, we must be confident in declaring that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah – the one who saves. So, who do you say Jesus is? Do you see him as the saviour of your life? Do you see Him as the one who is in control? Do you see Him as the one to whom you can turn when you face challenges in life? Jesus’ kingdom can reign among us in the here and now, if we allow it. Christ is willing to save us, so that we can inherit that place He is gone to prepare for us. Let us, therefore, be committed in our journey with Jesus, by never being afraid to acknowledge Him as the Messiah of our lives – the one who never leaves us nor forsakes us.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors worshipping with us today.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Brian Goldson and Pauline Boggis 28/08, Merle Thomas, Uroy Morrison and Amru Bromfield 29/08, Michelle Neita and Timothy Kitson 30/08, Albert Mighty, Carole Willis and Jason Jones 31/8, Rema Buckley 1/09, Winsome Leon 02/09

The funeral service for Noel McConnell will be on Wednesday August 30 at 11:00 a.m.

Congratulations to all those who were successful in their recent exams.

W.A Meeting - Will be on Sat. September 2. Dr. Victor Elliott, Cardiologist will be the presenter. All are invited.

Lay Readers and Chalice Bearers meeting on September 26.

Moreton Park Cottages - Fish Fry will be on Fri. Sept. 22 in the Fellowship Court cost \$1,200.

Did you know?

The Greek word for Messiah, *Christos*, means “Anointed One” and it speaks of the promised deliverer who was prophesied in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament Books). When Jesus ‘came on the scene’, many people were convinced that their Messiah had come, but Jesus was reluctant to apply this title to Himself. He had no intention of leading a military uprising against the Romans, nor was He a typical Jewish prophet or king. His “kingdom” was spiritual and not political – “the Kingdom of God.” It was to be created in the hearts and minds of the people. After he left the earth however, his followers lost no time in preaching that Jesus was the Messiah, and it was this message that led to the final break between Judaism and Christianity. *Christos* was also turned into a surname for Jesus.

Quote for reflection

Our Heavenly Father knows us and our current and impending circumstances. His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, has suffered and paid for our sins, and those of all the people we will ever meet. He has perfect understanding of the feelings, the suffering, the trials, and the needs of every individual. (Henry B. Eyring, 1996)

Question for Reflection

Since Jesus, as *the Christ*, has the ability to deliver us from all our earthly struggles, what are some of the challenges that we face which we refuse to allow Him to take control of? What is preventing us from trusting that as our Saviour, He can resolve our problems, He can deal with it for us as our Saviour?

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 2017 - Proper 16 - Year A

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Exodus 1:8 - 2: 10	Douglas Folkes
Psalms 124	Refrain (All sit)	<i>“Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.” Alleluia!</i>
BCP page 642		
Epistle	Romans 12:1 - 8	Viveen Trewick-Morrison
Gospel	Matthew 16:13 - 20	
Prayer of Intercession	BCP Form F (page 115)	

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	541	
Old Testament	Exodus 1:8 - 2: 10	John Soas
Psalms 124	Refrain (All sit)	<i>“Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.” Alleluia!</i>
BCP page 642		
Epistle	Romans 12:1 - 8	Dawn Ruddock
Gradual	784	
Gospel	Matthew 16:13 - 20	
Sermon	Rev. Olando Gayle	
The Creed	561 (CPWI)	
Prayer of Intercession	BCP Form F (page 115)	
Offertory Hymn	310	
During Communion	595, 587, 606, 613, 626	569, [614]
Recessional	672	

10:30 a.m.

NO SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

SICK AND SHUT-IN

Heron Wright	Nadine Richardson
William Reeson	Gwen Waugh
Leah Goldson	Stanley Thompson
Daphne Goodison	Verona Rambana