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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.

All four Gospels present Jesus as “the Anointed One” who had come to demonstrate by word and action “good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to the captives, new sight to the blind, to set the down trodden free and to proclaim the Lord’s time of jubilee (Luke 4:16 - 22)”. This constitutes the **mission** of Jesus and the divine prescription and action for healing, restoration and wholeness. At the center of humanity, dislocation and alienation from God, creation and self is the heart, which is the nerve of decision making, emotion, thought, will and conviction. It is from head that we love; it is from the heart that we make decisions; it is from the heart that we give of self.

The heart reflects whether we are in good or poor emotional health. Do we have a caring heart, a heart of love, a heart of compassion, a soft heart or a patient heart for the Lord? These descriptions of our hearts also indicate our spiritual health, according to the book of Revelation. Do we have a warm heart, a cold heart, a luke-warm heart or a heart of fire? It is the desires of the heart that distorts our relationship with God and everyone else. The general confession of Morning and Evening Prayer of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer states in part, “We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own heart” (BCP page 43& 59). Jesus emphasized that “it is from within the heart that evil intentions come...” (Mark 7: 21) and He proceeded to list twelve devices of the human heart that disconnect us from God, as God remains available to us. The attitude of the heart reflects its condition and intention; it is a broken and contrite heart which will always attract God’s attention. Matthew 5:8 asserts, “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God”, in other words, the humble, penitent and contrite heart enables us to experience the love, forgiveness, patience and compassion of the heart of God.

The crucified Lord is the Wounded Healer, the one who heals us of our infirmities by forgiving our sins and transgressions. Healing is described as the miracle of God’s Grace. It is God who meets us at our point of need, through Jesus Christ, by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, to make healing a life transforming encounter. The therapeutic team is the Triune God of Father, Son and Holy Spirit working for the healing of our hearts to make us whole in body, mind and spirit.

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

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Focus for the month of September:- “The Ministry of Healing and Anointing”

Healing may be defined as the ability of an individual to be once again restored to a state of good health. This healing can be experienced through various forms, and may include anointing of the sick, the Holy Communion and even through the ministry of our doctors and other medical personnel.

The sacrament of Holy Unction is an important sacrament used in the church, to carry out the healing of individuals. Many persons have been restored to good health by its use, all because of them receiving an outpouring of God's grace on their lives. A grace which God gives to all people so that we can live healthy lives and live them to the fullest.

In focusing today on anointing the sick, (otherwise referred to as Holy Unction), it is regarded as one of the seven sacraments of the church, in which the sick is anointed by the priest and the sign of the cross is made on the individual's head or other body parts, using consecrated oil. Through such actions being performed, the *Book of Common Prayer* reminds us that God's grace is given to us via such means for healing of the spirit, mind and body.

This practice is justified by James 5:14-15, which states "Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders (*translated presbyter from the original Greek*) of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him."

With the anointing of oil and prayer by a priest, the grace and healing power of God is affirmed and transmitted to the recipient. This is the outward and visible sign - anointing and prayer with the sign of the cross; and the inward and spiritual grace is the healing power of God who forgives our sins, enlighten our minds and strengthen our will to know the healing power of God. Through this Holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy uphold you by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” BCP page 347.

In the ministry of healing, we seek to be transformed and that wholeness may be ours so that the Holy Spirit may strengthen us to constantly know and do God's will for the reign of God's Kingdom.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

September 10, 2017

The Theme for September

“Healing and bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit”

Leader: O Lord, fill your Church with wisdom, that it may reflect your love, light and be an image of your goodness. Lord, may we confess Jesus as our Christ and Saviour, not only in word but by the way we live, and so bring others to a deeper awareness of your love. We pray for renewal and healing of body, mind and spirit. Guide all who preach and teach in your Name, for John, Archbishop; Howard, Diocesan Bishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragan Bishops; Sirrano, Olando, Andrea and all church workers. We pray for a deepening of unity among all Christians. Lord we come to you,

All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: Lord of the Nations, we pray for the leaders of the world and for leaders of Jamaica. 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 we come to you.

All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: Lord of creation, we pray for our Caribbean people as we face the hurricane season. Be with those who have been affected. Shield those who seek protection and rescue your people from despair.
Lord we come to you.

All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: Bless with your wisdom all places of learning. We pray for schools, colleges and training establishments; for all lecturers, teachers and trainers of people. We pray for all who influence our minds through the media, for all involved in publishing and printing. May communication technology be used responsibly and teach sound values. Lord we come to you,

All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: We give thanks for those who gave us confidence, all who have given us strength to stand on our own feet. We pray for all who lack confidence, and have low self- esteem. We give thanks and pray for our homes, neighbourhoods and communities. Lord we come to you,

All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: We give you thanks for the wholeness and nurture you offer through a loving family life, through being loved and accepted. We pray for families where there is a breakdown of love or trust, for homes under stress. Teach us to forgive and to accept forgiveness. Heal the minds that are full of resentment and anger. Lord we come to you,

All: You alone can make us whole

Leader: Healing Lord, touch all who are fearful, anxious, in pain; the emotionally, sexually and physically abused; those who are timid or afraid; lonely and desperate, those in emotional turmoil or are financially distressed. Enable those who doubt, their own ability or your love. We pray for our sick and shut-ins ... We give you praise for your saints in glory, all who have confessed the faith and are in your kingdom. We remember the faithful departed especially..... Lord we come to you,

All: You alone can make us whole

Silence may be kept

Lord of our life and God of our salvation, we cry out to you; we come to you for help and healing, we come for health and wholeness. Come, Lord, touch us and renew us; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Heron Wright	Beryl Gillies	Eulalee Vernon
William Reeson	Grace Gowe	Aldington Findley
Joan Reader	Rema Watt	Lena McDonald
Leah Goldson	Lucille Campbell	Veril Blake

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

The Bible teaches that human beings may look to God for direct/divine healing when other avenues of help have failed. Divine healing have been practiced by many denominations, including many catholic and protestant churches. All Christians therefore agree that God has healed and can heal men and women of every kind of sickness/disease. This is premised on what the Bible teaches (in both the Old and New Testaments), via symbolic means such as the laying on of hands, anointing the sick, and even by having faith in God. (C. F. Pfeiffer, H. F. Vos, J. Rea, *Wycliffe Bible Dictionary*, 2008)

Quote for reflection

To minister to our country's needs, means working toward reconciliation in the prisons, in the churches, and in the cities and towns throughout the country. It means feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the young, and it also means healing the wounded and forgiving the unforgivable. As believers, therefore, our mission is to share the reconciling love of Jesus with others, so that we all may be transformed through the power of His grace. (Rt. Rev. John Rucyahana, *Finding Forgiveness Amidst a Pile of Bones*, 2007)

Question for Reflection

Reconciliation can restore peace of mind and happiness in our lives. Is there someone who have wronged you or whom you have wronged that you need to seek to be reconciled with?

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK (September 10 - 16)

The Church is open **Monday to Friday**
between **9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for prayer**

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	Home for Girls
	5:30 p.m.	St. Andrew Settlement
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Sick and Shut-In (Clergy)
	5:30 p.m.	Care Center
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Holy Cross
	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.	Youth Fellowship

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Penelope Morgan, Zadha Tulloch, Vaneter Mott and Tanya McKenzie-Marley 11/09, Myrtle Gordon 12/09, Beverley Lawrence, Gay Mitchell and Kareen Scott 13/09, Cynthia Cooper, Sharon Williamson, Jackie Wright-James and Pierre-Anthony Leake 15/09, and Pauline Green and Monique McIntosh 16/09.

The flowers at the foot of the altar are in loving memory of Ashley Johnson given by his widow Winnifred and children Ashleigh and Ashley.

Condolence is extended to Canon Kitson and family on the passing of his uncle, Allan Shepherd. To Sister Andrea on the passing of her aunt Marva Hamilton. To Jolyan and Melissa Silvera on the tragic passing of Baby Justin. To Mavis Bogle and family on the passing of her daughter Elham

Confirmation Classes will begin on Wednesday September 13, at 5:30 p.m.

Lay Readers and Chalice Bearers meeting will be held on September 23.

Moreton Park Cottages present their annual Lunch Time Fish Fry and BBQ in the Fellowship Court cost \$1,200. Serving noon to 3:00 p.m.

Men Perform for Christ - Will be staged here on October 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at a cost of \$2,000. Tickets are available from the Church Office and members of the Planning Committee - Berl Francis, Sonya Hamilton and Valerie Magnus

The Harvest Supper Committee is inviting members and their families to utilize advertising space in the 2017 Harvest Supper Magazine. See insert.

Sunday School - is in need of volunteers as teachers and assistant teachers. Interested persons please contact the Sunday School Superintendent, Jacqueline Mighty for more information.

A Sunday School Parents and Teachers Meeting (PTA) is scheduled for Sunday, September 24, 2017 in the Old Court House after the 8:00AM service.

M.U. - Will be having their brunch on September 29, at a cost of \$1,200.

The Fellowship Groups are inviting you and your families to come to the Evening Service at 6.00 pm today, the Service will be conducted by the Macedonia Group. The theme is "HOW TO PRAY AND GET YOUR PRAYERS ANSWERED". Message will be delivered by Sister Melrose Reid.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 10, 2017 - Proper 18- Year A

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Exodus 12:1 - 14 Alfred McPherson
Psalms 149	Refrain (All sit) <i>"Sing praise in the assembly of the faithful."</i> Alleluia!
BCP page 665	
Epistle	Romans 13:8 - 14 Lisa Campbell
Sequence	Alle-lu, Alle-lu, Alle-lu
Gospel	Matthew 18:15 - 20
Prayer of Intercession	page 4

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	515
Old Testament	Exodus 12:1 - 14 Patrick Atkinson
Psalms 149	(All stand) BCP page 665
Epistle	Romans 13:8 - 14 Winnifred Johnson
Gradual	357 (tune St. Hugh)
Sequence	Alle-lu, Alle-lu, Alle-lu
Gospel	Matthew 18:15 - 20
Sermon	Rev. Olando Gayle
The Creed	561
Prayer of Intercession	page 4
Anthem	The Choir
Offertory Hymn	730
During Communion	600,630, 519, 612
Sun. Sch	657
Recessional	560

10:30 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY MORNING PRAYER

6:00 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Macedonia Fellowship Group