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HARVEST THANKSGIVING 2017



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The celebration of Harvest remains a significant Worship Service in our witness and mission to those who are beyond the pews of our church. This is the occasion on which we “give thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season,” which points to our dependence on God, who provides rainfall and sunlight throughout the year. Rainfall to germinate and swell the seeds planted, and sunshine that gives light for the seedlings to emerge from the soil into the sunlight, where it receives energy for growth. Thus the first fruits of the earth are offered to God who is its source, sustainer and provider “When you come into the land which I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest and present it to the Priest. He shall raise the sheaf before the Lord that you may find acceptance.” (Lev. 23:10-11b) The early sheaf of barley was the first fruit. This implies that offering God the leftovers of what we have first received from God, is akin to promising to give God our best, but in practice we offer the scraps. God calls us to offer from our hearts and hands, our toil and efforts, our tithes and offerings to honour God who is the source and provider of all that we have received from God's bounty.

The care of creation and the environment is our responsibility as Christian stewards which demands our efforts to be eco-activist for the protection of the land, which is being constantly poisoned by our use of Styrofoam and aluminum containers, scandal bags and plastic bottles. Proper disposal of these are necessary for our environmental health, and so a change in our attitude must begin through public education. The hurricanes we have had in Jamaica and the Caribbean, remind us of our vulnerability to the forces of nature, which are affected by our actions. We are therefore challenged to implement sustainable strategies to prevent pollution and reduce the season of drought.

Harvest Thanksgiving invites us to reflect on the stewardship of what we call our own, as we believe that much of what we have is ours, because we have worked for it, invested our time, energy and effort to obtain it. However, we very often forget to acknowledge that we are the recipients of many gifts from the living God, such as a life to live. Did we earn it? A brain to think and talents to use, are some of the things we have not earned. Can we praise ourselves for any of these gifts that we have received or claim responsibility for them? Whatever we have acquired or achieved, have their source in the Creator who has given us hearts to love. We have a covenant responsibility to give thanks and acknowledge the generous and caring God who is our Jehovah-Jireh, our provider.

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today.

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Order of Service

Procession: Organ Voluntary: *Improvisation of Harvest Hymns*
The clergy and servers process to the Sanctuary

The Celebrant says at the Altar:

**May this incense, blessed by You, ascend to You, with our prayers.
And may your mercy descend upon us through the intercession of
Andrew your Apostle. Amen.**

During the incensing of the Altar the introit hymn is sung:

Introit Hymn: Thank you, Father, for the harvest,

1. Thank you, Father, for the harvest,
for the seedtime and the rain;
thank you for the gathered bounty
of sun-ripened fruit and grain

Refrain:
*God of grace and good of nature,
heaven and earth your praises sing;
hear our songs of high thanksgiving;
now accept the gifts we bring.*

2. You, who fill all life with beauty,
open wide your loving hand,
filling all the seas with fishes,
blessing all this fruitful land.

Refrain:

3. Since our crops by you protected,
have brought forth a richer yield,
we, your grateful children, offer
first fruits of the harvest field.

Refrain:

President: Blessed be God, Creator of heaven and earth

All: Alleluia~! Alleluia! Amen.

President: Blessed be Jesus Christ, Saviour and Redeemer

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

President: Blessed be the Holy Spirit of God, the sustaining grace
of redemption.

4. Thank you for the luscious fruit-
age
pines, bananas, plums and pears,
coconuts and pomegranates-
distilled sweetness of the years.

Refrain:

5. Bless these tokens we now offer
in your holy church today;
may they help us to remember
your great love and care always.

Refrain:

6. But we too are seeds of harvest
sown by God in fields of time;
borne at last by angel reapers;
may we reach the home sublime.

Refrain:

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

President: This is the day to celebrate and give thanks for Harvest

All: **To remember that we do not create the earth from which we reap.**

President: And to give thanks to God for calling us to till the soil, sow seeds, and care for the environment.

All: **To remember that others share the toil that brings forth Harvest.**

President: And to give thanks to God for the fruits of trees, the produce of the earth, the flowers of the field, the fishes of the sea, minds to think and hearts to love.

All: **Bless us, O Lord, as we come together to worship you and offer thanks. Amen.**

All: O Lord God, you created us in your own image and made us stewards of the good earth, we marvel at the trust you place in us. Be with us, O Lord; help us to reclaim the image in which you made us and to renew the earth on which you placed and purify us through your Holy Spirit, that we may worthily love you, and glorify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Canticle Give Glory to God Church

1. Give glory to God church

Give glory to God

Give glory to God church

Give glory to God

Sing praise to His name Emmanuel

Sing praise to His name

Sing praise to His name Emmanuel

Sing praise to His name

2. Give glory to God, all

Give glory to God. **Repeat**

Sing praises to Him hallelujah

Sing praise to Him. **Repeat**

3. Give glory to God world

Give glory to God **Repeat**

Proclaim Him the King, hosanna

Proclaim Him the King. **Repeat**

4. Give glory and honour

to Jesus our King **Repeat**

We hail You our King, hallelujah

We hail You our King. **Repeat**

PRESIDENT: Let us pray...

COLLECT FOR HARVEST: (BCP pg 191)

Priest:

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labours of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and relief of all who are in need, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Collect for the day (Proper 24)

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of our Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading.....Deuteronomy 8:7 - 18 Jacqueline Mighty

Psalm 65: 9 - 14 (All are seated)

Refrain: *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

You have visited the land and watered it; Greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain. **R**

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrow, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, Blessing its yield. **R**

You have crowned the year with your bounty, And your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows over flow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills. **R**

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. The meadows overflow with your goodness. They shout and sing for joy. **R**

Epistle 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15 Fay Duncan

Gradual: Let all things now living (Tune: The Ash Grove)

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2. His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

The Gospel Acclamation is sung before and after the Gospel

Hallelu. Hallelu, Hallelu Hallelujah
Praise ye the Lord. (rep)
Praise ye the Lord. Hallelujah (x3)
Praise ye the Lord

Holy Gospel Luke 17: 11 - 19

Sermon: Rev. Orlando Gayle

THE NICENE CREED: BCP page 104

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

President: We shall pray for Christ's Catholic Church and for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church. Lord in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

Gifts - Light, Water and Soil, representing the three principal elements

of creation will be presented.

The Choir leads the Congregational Response:

Congregational Response:

That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

First Presenter: The Gift of Light.

Leader: We present before your altar O God, this gift of light. In the beginning your Word commanded, “let there be light” and there was light.

Celebrant: O Sovereign Lord in whom there is no darkness and from whom is the Light of Life; we thank you for the gift of light. From her you made the Sun to rule the day and the moon and stars to rule the night. The lights of the heavens have become for us “signs and seasons for days and years”.

Congregational Response:

That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Second Presenter: The Gift of Water.

Leader: We present before your altar, O God, water. In the beginning your Word commanded “let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures and let birds fly above the earth”.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you for water, the symbol of life. From it you created the ‘great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind”.

Congregational Response:

That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Third Presenter: The Gift of Soil.

Leader: We present before your altar, O God, the soil of the earth. In the beginning your Word commanded that she bring “forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit with the seed in it”.

Celebrant: O God who made the heavens and the earth; we thank you for the gift of Mother Earth. From her, humanity was created and from her, we receive “plants yielding seed of every kind,

and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. From the earth came all living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind”.

Congregational Response:

*All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be.
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters
cover the sea.*

ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves...

Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence.

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 neighbours as our selves
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 glory of your Name. Amen*

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT

A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace and accept the peace that God gives.

All: Let us live in peace and share the peace that only God can give.

PRESIDENT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Congregation greets each other in the name of the Lord.

ANTHEM

THE MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: Praise, O
praise our God and king;

Praise, O praise our God and king;
Hymns of adoration sing;

Refrain:
*For His mercies still endure
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

Praise Him that He made the sun
Day by day his course to run;

Refrain:

And the silver moon by night,
Shining with her gentle light;

Refrain:

Praise Him that He gave the rain
To mature the swelling grain;

Refrain:

And hath bid the fruitful field
Crops of precious increase yield;

Refrain:

Praise Him for our harvest store,
He hath filled the garner floor;

Refrain:

And for richer food than this,
Pledge of everlasting bliss;

Refrain:

Glory to our bounteous King;
Glory let creation sing;
Glory to the Father, Son,
And blest Spirit, Three in One.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and

our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

All:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

PRESIDENT: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.. Amen.

PRESIDENT.... In songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRESIDENT As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Setting by: Eric Levy)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God (Repton)

O Lamb of God, come and cleanse our hearts and take our sin away.
O Lamb of God, your grace impart and let our guilty fear depart,
have mercy Lord we pray, have mercy Lord we pray.

O Lamb of God, our lives restore, our guilty souls release,
Into our lives your spirit pour and let us live forevermore
In perfect heav'nly peace, In perfect heav'nly peace.

THE COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

During Communion

Hymn: Loaves were broken, words are spoken

Loaves were broken, words are spoken
by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, bread of life from heaven,
was three food for evermore.

Loaves were broken, words are
spoken,
as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages:
"I am with you; do not fear!" **R**

Refrain

*By your body broken for us,
By your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our host, our life, our Lord.*

By the loaves you break and give
us,
Send us in your name to share
Bread for which the millions hun-
ger
words that tell your love and care.
R

Loaves were broken, words are spoken
in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as light from light. **R**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All:

*Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who share His Body, live His risen life;
we who drink His cup, bring life to others;
we upon whom your Spirit shines, give light to the world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional Hymn: God of the earth and sky,

1. God of the earth and sky,
Lord of our hills and plains,
ruler of night and day
bright sun and cooling rains
O bounteous Lord, to thee we raise
Our harvest hymn of Joyful praise.

2. Mid dancing azure seas,
Upheld by thy command,
Our lovely island rise
in tropic splendor planned.
And we are stewards of thy grace
Until we see thee face to face

3. Thine is the fruitful field,
the broad-leaved plantain thine
Banana slender cane,
Tall palm and lowly vine
Thine own, O, lord, we bring to thee
Of all thy bounty rich and free

4. Star apples, purple dyed
Mid leaves of bronze and green
with ackees scarlet hue
gay citrus gold is seen
Thou matchless artist here may we
Thine own eternal beauty see

5. God of love not alone
In nature's form we find
That thou art great and good
And merciful and kind
For Jesus died that we might come
To share our heavenly father's home

6. As we with thankful hearts
These festive anthems sing
And gladly to thy house
Our harvest offering bring
O, help us, blessed Trinity
Our selves to consecrate to thee

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Heron Wright
Leah Goldson
Patricia Rochester
Horace Spence

Ina Robinson
Thomas Barrett
Keith Dickson
Linnet Allen

Joan Reader
Victoria Mightly
Pearl Stern
Lena McDonald

Kindly inform the Church Office when you become aware of members who are ill at home, in hospital, or absent from Church for a while.

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did You know?

The Harvest service provides an opportunity for worshippers to thank God for all the things God has provided for them and others in the world. Since the middle of the 19th century, many Christian Churches celebrate Harvest festival at a time of the year which is appropriate for them. At this festival, the church is decorated with harvest produce, which traditionally would be distributed to the poor and needy after the service. (Michael Keene, *Introducing Christianity*, 1998).

Quote for Reflection

A thankful heart is one of the primary identifying characteristics of a believer. It stands in stark contrast to pride, selfishness, and worry. And it helps fortify the believer's trust in the Lord and reliance of His provision, even in the toughest times. No matter how choppy the seas become, a believer's heart is buoyed by constant praise and gratefulness to the Lord. (John MacArthur, n.d.)

Question for Reflection

What has God provided for you recently, for which you are still yet to give God thanks?

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Oct. 22 - 28

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (St. James of Jerusalem)
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion - Sick and Shut-In (Clergy)
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Reception Committee
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (St. Simon & St. Jude)
	10:00 a.m.	Brotherhood of St. Andrew
	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

Parish Planning Retreat - Saturday November 4, 2017

Harvest Supper - Friday November 17, 2017

5th Sunday October 29, 2017 NO SERVICE at 10:30 a.m.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Annette Clarke 22/10, Dudley McLean III and Nicole Thomas 23/10, Maydene Ritchie-Campbell, Evelyn Roach and Barbara Johnson 24/10, Cassandra Blythe, Gerald Dunlop, Cardia Rigg and Audley Davidson 25/10, Yvonne Vassell-Howell, Sharon Northover, Lorraine Haniford-Collins and Sandra Watson 27/10, and Minion Wright, Melanie Tapper and Denise Kitson 28/10.

Condolence is extended to Grace and Viola Phillips on the passing of their aunt Marie Morris-Stepheson. To Maxine Hutchinson and family on the passing of her uncle Brayton Hutchinson. The funeral service for Hugh Williams will be on Friday 27th at 11:30.

The family of Elham Bogle wishes to thank members for their support and attendance at the funeral.

Congratulations to Eulah Stephenson a Shut-In who is 94 years on the 23rd and to Bruce and Pascale James who will be celebrating 22 years of marriage on October 28.

Family Affair Harvest Supper will be on Friday, November 17, 2017 at the Church Hall. Tickets are \$1,600 each.

On Sunday October 29, at the 8:00 a.m. service visiting Bishops from the Latin America and Caribbean will be worshipping us.

Patronal Festival will be celebrated on Sunday Dec. 3, 2017 at 7:30 a. m. We will have only one service as we worship as a church family.

The Women Auxiliary will be having a cake and project sale in the Fellowship Court on the 29th after the 8:00 a.m. service.

The Church of the **Transfiguration's Women Auxiliary** will be having a Jumble sale on the 28th from 7:00 a.m. to noon.

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 22, 2016 Proper 24 Year A

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8:7 - 18 Cyril Bridge
Psalm **65: 9 - 14** **Refrain:** *(All sit) "The seed that falls on good
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Epistle 2 Corinthians 9:6 - 15 Karen Buchanan
Gospel Luke 17: 11 - 19
Prayers of Intercession Litany of Thanksgiving page 85

8:00 a.m.

As printed in this Program

10:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST & SERMON

Processional 714
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Recessional 713

6:00 p.m.

EVENING PRAYER & SERMON