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**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:
A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
Sustained by the Holy Spirit**

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The season of the Epiphany reaches its zenith on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday; the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, the Transfiguration of our Lord. Although the psalmist exalts God as “My light and my salvation”, (Ps. 27), it is Jesus who identify us as “the light of the world” (Matt 5:23). Also before Jesus faced Gethsemane and the cross of Golgotha, his face shines like the noonday sun, as He was transfigured on the mountain. (Matt 17:1-17) It is through Jesus Christ that the divine light shines to illuminate the dark caverns of our lives and for wounded hearts to radiate healing and hope. Are we able to experience a moment of Epiphany in our prayers, our worship and our daily lives?

An Epiphany is described as a revelatory experience in which the light of God illuminates our hearts and enables us to have a new understanding of ourselves or a situation or a relationship or how we are relating to God as we journey through life. It is God who reveals His presence and speaks, and we are the recipients of that revelation. God spoke to Samuel in the temple and he heard God's voice after the third utterance, and he was told by Eli the Priest to say, “speak, your servant is listening” (1 Sam. 3:10). Jesus also heard the voice from heaven, you are my beloved son with you I am well pleased. (Mk 1:10-11) Although a lot has remained hidden and not yet revealed, much has been revealed and made manifest to us. This can be experienced as we encounter the Lord in the Holy Eucharist and discern the “Real Presence of Christ” who abides with us. In the season of the Epiphany, we are assured of the reality of the Lord's presence, guiding us with His word and the light of His presence, as we face the uncertainties of this life.

Genesis declares that out of the nothingness of the dark void, God uttered the Word, “Let there be light” and the separation of light from darkness started the dawn of time, the cosmos, the world of day and the wonderful and intricate landscape of living things; there was a reshaping and creating by the light and power of God's voice and word. “God's creation of light brought order for a harmonious world, so the light of God's redemption can lead us into ways that make for harmony among us and peace within.” (New Proclamation, James M. Childs, Jr) It is through Jesus, the light of the world, that the darkness of human sin is penetrated and dispelled by the unlimited and inexhaustible forgiveness of God's love and grace.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us today, especially The Board and Members of Staff of Jamaica Red Cross.

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The Order of Service for Festal Morning Prayer

Organ Prelude

Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
joining Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee gently from harm or when fainting sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Opening Sentence

“Grace be unto you and peace, from God our father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:2

V. (+) Blessed be the Lord our God,
R. **By whose grace we are yet alive.**

V. Blessed be His Son Jesus Christ,
R. **By whose rising we are set free.**

- V. Blessed be the Spirit of God,
R. **In whom is our hope and our joy.**

The following prayer may be said by the leader and people

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

Canticle of Praise - Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)

Response: Serve the Lord with gladness, Alleluia

1. Be Joyful in the Lord, all you lands,*
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song. **Response**
2. Know this: THE LORD himself is God,*
He himself has made us, and we are his;
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **Response**
3. Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;* **Response**
4. For the Lord is good;
His mercy is everlasting;*
And his faithfulness endures from age to age. **Response**

Then shall follow

Confession of Sin

Leader:

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following His laws. Daniel 9:9-10

The leader says:

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept

Leader and people, kneeling, together say:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The leader shall say

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

Psalm 142:1-12, 21c

1. Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3. He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

4. He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

5. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6. The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

8. He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
9. He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
10. He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
11. He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
12. But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

21c Hallelujah!

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:21 - 31

BENEDICTUS (Stand)

(+) Blessed are you, Lord the / God of Israel; /
You have come to your / people and / set them / free.
You have raised up for us a / mighty / Saviour
Born of the / house of your / servant / David.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old
To / save us from our / enemies, /
From the / hands of / all that / hate us.
To show mercy to / our forbears, /
And to re / member your / holy / covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our / father Abraham /
To set us free / from the / hands of our enemies.
Free to worship you with / out fear; /
Holy and righteous be / fore you all the / days of our / life

And you child, shall be called the prophet of the / most High; /
For you will go before the / Lord to pre / pare the / way.
To give God's people / knowledge of sal / vation
By the for / giveness / of their / sins.

In the tender com / passion of our God /
The dawn from on / high shall / break up / on us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the /shadow of death/
And to guide our / feet into the / way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son / and to the Holy / Spirit
As it was is in the be / ginn / ing is now and / shall be for / ever.
Amen

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9: 16 - 23

Hymn: Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, (369)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Gospel: Mark 1:29 - 39

THE APOSTLES' CREED (All stand)

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth:

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He Suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, died, and was buried:

He descended to the dead

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father .

He will come again to judge the living and the dead:

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church, the communion of saints:

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray.

THE PRAYERS

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name; your Kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Give peace, O Lord in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, send down upon our bishops, other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of your grace that they may truly please you. Pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Into your hands, we commend ourselves this day. Let your presence be with us to its close. Strengthen us to remember that in whatever good work we do we are serving you. Give us a diligent and watchful spirit, that we may seek in everything to know your will, and knowing it, may gladly perform it, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We give thanks for the contribution of the Red Cross of Jamaica who have been providing services to aid the health of our people. Bless the Board and Staff as they continue to work in times of disaster and provide emergency care for our people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Visioning Prayer of the Diocese

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, and by whose grace we have been called into a goodly fellowship of faith: Send down upon our bishops, other clergy, 9.

and all your faithful people an outpouring of your Holy Spirit for the renewal and mission of your Church. Give us a vision of where you would lead your Church, and so discern new things that you are doing in your Church and the world. By your grace, save us from unnecessary distractions, so that we may be able to determine your will for us, go forward perceiving that which is right, and have the courage to pursue the same, to the end that we may utilize the gifts which you have given to each of us for the furtherance of your will in simplicity, confidence and steadfastness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Intentional Discipleship Prayer of the Diocese

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have awakened Your church to hear again, the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ to come to Him and learn from Him. Grant that as we say ‘Yes’ to his call to discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all the areas of our lives to his service, that in our personal, family and church lives, our work, recreational and social lives, we would act as Jesus would have acted if He were in our place; in His name and for His sake we pray. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Word.
May it be a lantern to our feet, A light to our paths,
And a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love
and serve all persons in the power of the Holy Spirit
And in the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

O Master, let me walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with Thee,
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer, company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

**SERMON Rt. Rev. Howard Gregory S.T.D, DD
Bishop of Jamaica & the Cayman Island**

Offertory Hymn: Lord, the light of your love is shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain:

***Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light***

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
Shine on me, shine on me,

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The National Anthem

Eternal Father bless our land,
Guard us with Thy Mighty Hand,
Keep us free from evil powers,
Be our light through countless hours.
To our Leaders, Great Defender,
Grant true wisdom from above.
Justice, truth be ours forever,
Jamaica, Land we love.
Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica land we love.

Teach us true respect for all,
Stir response to duty's call,
strengthen us the weak to cherish,
Give us vision lest we perish.
Knowledge send us Heavenly Father,
Grant true wisdom from above.
Justice, truth be ours forever,
Jamaica, land we love.
Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica land we love.

THE BLESSING

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord,
People: From this time forth and for evermore.

Bishop: May the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory
in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith:
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: Amen

Recessional Hymn: Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus! ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss:
From vict'ry unto vict'ry, His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus! The trumpet call obey:
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this His glorious day;
Ye that are men now serve Him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus! Stand in His strength alone,
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own;
Put on the gospel armor, and watching unto prayer,
Where calls the voice of duty, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus! the strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song;
To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Daphne Goodison	Fay Jenkinson	Phyllis Brown
Myrtle Gordon	Beatrice Lovelock	Veril Blake
Heron Wright	Ilene Henry	Ilene Thomas
Linnett Allen	Victoria Mightly	Atheline Mantock

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?

According to Rabbinical sources, the First and Second Temples were built on the same foundations, at the same location somewhere on the Temple Mount. In 70 AD the second temple was destroyed, and in 638AD, the Al Aqsa Mosque was built on this site on the Temple Mount. In 1099, the Crusaders captured Jerusalem and the Temple Mount, and converted the Al Aqsa Mosque into a palace and the Dome of the Rock, (which is a shrine built over the foundation stone), into a church. Saladin (a Muslim and political leader) recaptured Jerusalem in 1187 and restored the mosque. (Ben-David, L. *Jerusalem Centre for Public affairs*, 2018)

Quote for Reflection

God is saying to you today, “Everything will work out. I am in complete control. I know what the medical report says. I know what the financial situation looks like. I see the people who are coming against you. I know how big your dreams are. Now hear me clearly; I will not fail you.” (*Spiritual Inspirations*, n.d.)

Question for Reflection

What challenges are you facing in your life that you need to converse with God about?

Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and Spiritual Direction by appointment with the Rector

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Feb. 4 - 10

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
	4:00 p.m.	Moreton Park
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
	3:00 p.m.	Women’s Auxiliary
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Property and building
Thursday	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
	5 :00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Merriel O'Brien 05/02, Babra Archer 06/02, Arlene Bell, Kathryn Thompson and Nicole Davis 08/02, Myrna Brown 10/02.

The Flowers at the foot of the altar are given in loving memory of Laurie Robertson.

Congratulations to Earl and Scenona Minott on their 55th wedding anniversary on the 8th.

The funeral service for Arthur Robert Saunders will be on Friday February 9, at 11:30 a.m.

SAPC Legal Advisory will meet in the courthouse on Saturday, February 10th from 10:00 a.m until noon.

The Fellowship Groups will be having their Annual Service on February

St. Andrew Deanery Day will be held at The Karl Hendrickson Auditorium, Jamaica College, 189 Hope Road, February 11, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. **There will be NO 8:00 a.m, 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. service.**

18, 2018, at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Baptism will be held on Sunday the 25th at the 10:30 a.m. service. Baptismal preparation will be on Wednesday the 21st.

Please bring in the Palm crosses that were distributed on Palm Sunday. These will be burnt and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday.

Envelopes for 2018 are available. Members without, please write your name on the paper provided on the table at the back.

The Altar Guild - have packets of notelets for only \$700. These are available at the Church Office.

Intentional Discipleship Lenten Bible Study booklets are available at the Church Office at a cost of \$200. All members of the congregation are encouraged to purchase a booklet.

Sigma Run will be on February 18, please be aware of the traffic chang-

Chalice Bearers and Lay Readers will meet on Saturday February 15.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 4, 2018 - Year B

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament Isaiah 40:21 - 31
Psalm 147: 1-12, 21c **Refrain:**
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Epistle 1 Corinthians 9:16 - 23
Gospel Mark 1:29 - 39
Prayer of Intercession page 4

8:00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

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Old Testament Isaiah 40:21 - 31
Psalm 147: 1-12, 21c **Refrain:**
BCP page 662
Epistle 1 Corinthians 9:16 - 23
Gradual 564
Gospel Mark 1:29 - 39
Sermon Canon Kitson
Creed
Offertory Hymn 740
During Communion 625, 569, 461, 612.
Sunday School I Just want to Follow Jesus
Recessional 391

10:30 a.m. FESTAL MORNING PRAYER

6:00 p.m. HOLY EUCHARIST