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

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From the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost (Whit-Sunday) the Church celebrates the Resurrection of our Lord; the Easter Season or Great Fifty Days of Easter. During this season we reaffirm our Baptismal Vows through the affirmation of the Apostles Creed. For this Easter Season the first reading of the Lectionary is always taken from the Book of Acts (Acts of the Apostles). These passages of the Book of Acts, tell us about the apostles, who were charged by the Risen Christ to proclaim His resurrection "to the people," and witness to what they had seen and heard. In these readings we hear the faith of the first Christian community after Pentecost, which has been transmitted to us through the Apostles Creed. As the Book of Common Prayer asserts, "This is the faith of the Church." "This is our faith." "We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." (BCP, Pages 278 & 300)

All the readings from the scriptures during the Easter season are taken from the New Testament. The second reading is taken from the First letter of Peter (Year A), the First Letter of John (Year B) and the Book of the Revelation (Year C); and the Gospel readings are always taken from John, except for the Third Sunday in Year A and Year B.

According to the gospel of John, the appearance of the Risen Christ to His disciples "on the evening of the first day of the week" (John 20:19) describes the Apostolic Faith, (Pascal Faith). As the disciples bolted the doors, and remained locked inside the room, Jesus suddenly stood before them and said, "Peace be with you!" Before the disciples could react, Jesus showed them His hands and His side. No longer was Jesus limited by physical laws; He is the Resurrected redeemer who is Lord of creation, with a glorified body; meaning a whole new state of being. "Transfigured, freed from the constraints of his mortal body, he can appear anywhere: no obstacle, no locked door can prevent him from "entering." As He promised, He did not leave us orphans." (DAYS OF THE LORD Vol.3) The disciples were overwhelmed and rejoiced when they saw the Risen Christ. The unfulfilled expectation of Good Friday and the despair, doubt and distress caused by the crucifixion gave way to joy, peace and hope. "Because He lives I can face ..."

We identify with this Apostolic Faith, as disciples who believe without having seen with physical eyes, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." (John 20:29b) It is through the eyes of faith that we are able to perceive the presence and activity of the Living God. Whenever the disciples experienced the Risen Christ, a new future unfolds and calls them to mission; to proclaim Christ crucified and risen from the dead. This is our mandate and duty as Baptised disciples of the Risen Christ, who are the recipients of His broken Body and beneficiaries of His cross and resurrection.

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

Canticle : God's Paschal Lamb (Pascha Nostrum)

1. God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
death has no more dominion over him;
Through him we die to sin and live to God.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:
though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die,
in Christ's new life shall all be made alive.
Alleluia, Alleluia! (Sine Nomine)

We are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God x 4
We are marching, marching
We are marching Oh Oh
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, marching, marching
We are marching Oh Oh
We are marching in the light of God.

We are living in the love of God x 4
We are living, living
We are living Oh Oh
We are living in the love of God
We are living, living
We are living Oh Oh
We are living in the love of God.

We are moving in the power of God x 4
We are moving moving
We are moving Oh Oh
We are moving in the power of God
We are moving moving
We are moving Oh Oh
We are moving in the power of God.

THE 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

Leader: Good Shepherd, we ask you to be our guide: lead us out of darkness, lead us out of trouble, lead us out of fear, lead us out of death, and bring us to the fullness of life eternal. We rejoice with the saints and the whole company of heaven and say, 'Salvation belongs to our God'. We pray for all pastors and those who have the care of your people; we remember those who are spiritual directors and counsellors. We pray for the church, its mission and for the clergy, for Howard, Diocesan Bishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragans Bishops; Serrano, Olando, Andrea and all church workers. *Good Shepherd,*

ALL: guide us and lead us.

Leader: We pray for our nation, 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. *Good Shepherd,*

ALL: guide us and lead us.

Leader: Our Gracious and Loving Father, children are a special gift from You; help us to treasure them as God intended us to and to be sensitive to their needs. Hold all of us, who have the care and responsibility for your children, accountable for our actions. Guide us, so that we will love and care for your children even as you love and care for us. *Good Shepherd,*

ALL: guide us and lead us.

Leader: We rejoice, O God, that you delight in us. You will not leave us desolate: you are God who renews and restores your creation. We pray that we may learn to delight in each other and give our attention and love to each other. Bless our homes and our loved ones with your fullness; renew and restore us in strength and in love. We pray for all who are struggling in their relationships. *Good Shepherd,*

ALL: guide us and lead us.

Leader: We pray for the broken-hearted, for those whose hopes have died, for all who are confused by the pain and sickness of our world. We remember all who travel by lonely paths, for all who live alone, for the financially distressed and for the despondent in spirit. We pray for the elderly, for all who are in care facilities, for all who cannot cope on their own, we pray for the sick.....
Good Shepherd,

ALL: guide us and lead us.

Leader: We give thanks for all who have passed through death and reached the fullness of the Promised Land. We rejoice in their fellowship and their triumph. We offer ourselves, our neighbours and our loved ones to your unfailing love. We remember ... *Good Shepherd,*

ALL: guide us and lead us.

Silence may be kept

ALL: Glory to you O Lord! You have triumphed over the powers of darkness and brought us to share in the inheritance of your saints in light. Raise us up to newness of life that we may live to serve you, Risen Lord, who with the Father and the life-giving Spirit are one God, world without end. 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 discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all 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.**

SICK AND SHUT - IN

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| George Briggs | Heron Wright | Sheila Brown |
| Donna Dias | Pearl Stern | Ilene Thomas |
| Zenrine Lyons | Lucille Campbell | Lorna Leys |
| Adrian Powell | Victoria Mightly | Marion Phillips |

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 ornate staff which a bishop carries in processions is referred to as a crosier. The crosier may have evolved from the walking staff used by apostles and pilgrims on long travels by foot. It started as a simple crook shape, thus referring to a shepherd's crook and implying that the bishop was the shepherd of the Christian flock. The crosier is therefore the identifying accessory of a bishop, in terms of the role he is called to play as chief pastor. (**Berton, J.R., 2009**)

Quote for Reflection

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, loves us and takes care of us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us. He helps us lie down (rest contentedly & securely). He searches for the lost and brings back the strays. He heals the injured and strengthens the weak. But He will also punish "*those with power who had fattened themselves by oppressing the other 'sheep'*". This is a warning for all who are selfish, self-righteous, greedy, abusive, and oppressive. (*Jesus, the Shepherd of our Souls*, 2018)

Question for Reflection

In what ways have we been allowing Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to guide our thoughts and control our wills so that we do not find ourselves engaging in practices that may cause us to stray from His ways?

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK April 22 - 28

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

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| Monday | 5:30 p.m. | Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. | Holy Eucharist Mothers' Union |
| Wednesday | 6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. | Holy Eucharist - St Mark the Evangelist Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy) Confirmation Class Reception Committee |
| Thursday | 5:30 p.m. | SAPC Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday | 9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| Saturday | 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. | Brotherhood of St. Andrew Little Brothers Alleluia Choir Rehearsal Youth Fellowship |

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Winnifred Johnson and Shanalee Cawley 21/04, Cynthia Smith 23/04, Viveen Morrison 24/04, Sister Andrea Taylor-Smith, John Soas and Aston Hobbins 26/04, Ariel Duncan and Annette Akwa 27/04 and Jodi-Anne Smart 28/04.

Condolence is extended to Clive Tapper and family on the passing of his sister Joy Charlton.

Congratulations to Olive Lawrence a shut-in who will celebrate her 95th birthday on the 23rd.

Congratulations to George and Barbara Briggs who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the 20th.

The Women's Auxiliary - Annual Fish Fry will be held on Friday April 27, at the church Hall, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Contribution \$1,250 per ticket.

Alpha Program - This is a spiritual experience! It continues on Wednesday **April 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the Old Court House.**

Sunday School - Please donate all coins including the red ones by placing them in the box at the back of the church.

The Little Brothers are in dire need of help. They meet on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Care Center.

Members are invited to complete the **User Survey** included in this Newsletter and to return it to an usher on Duty. The Survey aims to assess feedback and process suggestions with a view to developing aspects of communication for and within our church.

Baptismal commitment for 2018

- 1. Intentional Discipleship**
- 2. Interior of Church - Painting and Carpeting**
- 3. Birthday Ingathering & Men/Artists Perform for Christ**

**Sunday Evening Services begin at 5:30 p.m.
as of April 1, 2018**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2018 - Year B

A Call to Intentional Discipleship, Sustained by the Holy Spirit

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

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| First Lesson | Acts 4:5 - 12 Nevin Woolcock |
| Psalm 23 | Refrain: “ <i>Your goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life.</i> ” |
| BCP page 495 | |
| Epistle | 1 John 3:16 - 24 Jennifer Goodison |
| Gospel | John 10: 11 - 18 |
| Prayer of Intercession | Page 4 |

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

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| Processional | 163 |
| First Lesson | Acts 4:5 - 12 Rohan Scott |
| Psalm 23 | Refrain: “ <i>Your goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life.</i> ” |
| BCP page 495 | |
| Epistle | 1 John 3:16 - 24 Stacy James |
| Gradual (Sequence) | 469 |
| Gospel | John 10: 11 - 18 |
| Sermon | Sister Andrea Taylor-Smith |
| Intercession | page 4 |
| Offertory Hymn | 475 |
| During Communion | 583, 615, 625 |
| Sunday School | We are marching in the light of God |
| Recessional | 472 |

10:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST, SERMON AND BAPTISM

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| Processional | 179 |
| First Lesson | Acts 4:5 - 12 Andrea Reid |
| Psalm 23 | Refrain: “ <i>Your goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life.</i> ” |
| BCP page 495 | |
| Epistle | 1 John 3:16 - 24 Marvin Watts |
| Gradual (Sequence) | 465 |
| Gospel | John 10: 11 - 18 |
| Sermon | Canon Sirrano Kitson |
| Intercession | page 4 |
| Offertory Hymn | 641 |
| During Communion | 583 |
| Recessional | 187 |

5:30 p.m.

EVENING PRAYER