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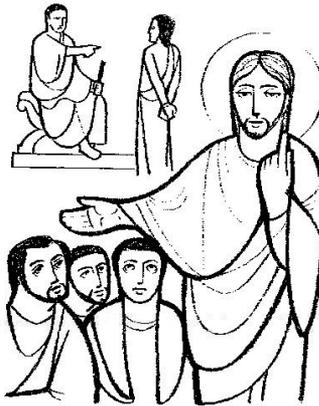
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**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:
A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
Sustained by the Holy Spirit**

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We celebrate the Ascension of our Lord on the fortieth day after Easter. Luke the Evangelist gives us a description of this event in both his gospel and the Book of Acts. Luke is emphatic about the risen Jesus, who in those forty days interacted with his disciples, as he walked, ate and taught them about the kingdom of God (Acts 1:3). Also the disciples were commanded by Jesus to wait in Jerusalem, “for the promise of the Father” this is the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4). The Ascension of our Lord marks the closure of the earthly life of Jesus’ ministry and His abiding presence through the community of faith, the church.

According to the first chapter of the book of Acts, as Jesus instructed the disciples about the kingdom of God, they were still asking if the time had come for the restoration of the kingdom of Israel, and restoring of the Davidic reign. In response, Jesus emphasised that the time or seasons of God’s plans and agenda is known to God the Father alone. God’s agenda points to what is called the Providence of God, and the purposes of God demand of us faith in the wisdom and enduring love of God, who knows when and how to act in human affairs and issues.

As the risen Jesus was physically removed from the disciples, they were so overwhelmed that they gazed into the sky. It was two angelic beings who questioned their behaviour and reassured them that Jesus would return. This would happen both in the gift of the Holy Spirit and in Jesus’ second coming in glory. The disciples are not to look up they are to look out on the world and share the good news. “The focus is now on the mission of the faith community to witness to the world.” (Synthesis) This is a new era in which disciples of Jesus are not to be distracted or gaze into space. We have been empowered to continue Jesus’ proclamation of reconciliation and forgiveness, for individuals to live the **new life** as brothers and sisters within the kingdom of God, with the ascended Christ who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We extend a warm welcome to our visitors and friends who have come to experience our fellowship.

Sirrano +

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)

Because you loved me

1. For all those times you stood by me
For all the truth that you made me see
For all the joy you brought to my life
For all the wrong that you made right
For every dream you made come true
For all the love I found in you
I'll be forever thankful baby
You're the one who held me up
Never let me fall
You're the one who saw me through,
through it all

I lost my faith, you gave it back to me
You said no star was out of reach
You stood by me and I stood tall
I had your love I had it all
I'm grateful for each day you gave me
Maybe I don't know that much
But I know this much is true
I was blessed because I was loved by you

Refrain:

*You were my strength when I was weak
You were my voice when I couldn't speak
You were my eyes when I couldn't see
You saw the best there was in me
Lifted me up when I couldn't reach
You gave me faith 'cause you believed
I'm everything I am
Because you loved me*

Refrain

You were always there for me
The tender wind that carried me
A light in the dark shining your
love into my life
You've been my inspiration
Through the lies you were the truth
My world is a better place because
of you

2. You gave me wings and made me fly
You touched my hand I could touch the sky

Refrain (x2)

I'm everything I am
Because you loved me

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: Lord, as your Son has ascended, we look to him who has brought us everlasting glory, deliver your church from the evil one, destroy the works of darkness, and help us to walk as children of the light, that we may proclaim you as King of kings and Lord of lords. We pray for the church, its mission and for the clergy, for Howard, Diocesan Bishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragan Bishops; Sirrano, Olando, Andrea and all church workers.

Risen and ascended Lord, come among us.

ALL: Fill us with your glory.

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.

Risen and ascended Lord, come among us.

All: Fill us with your glory.

Leader: We give thanks that you come to us. Make us aware of your presence in our homes. We pray for all mothers that they may be models of unconditional love and self-giving as they care for our children. Help us to be aware of you as our hearts burn within us. Help us to see you, O Christ, in everyone we meet. We pray for the lonely, for all who feel rejected the unloved and for the outcasts of society. *Risen and ascended Lord, come among us.*

ALL: Fill us with your glory.

Leader: Make us keenly aware of all the blessings that enrich our lives. Help us to be good stewards of our time by putting prayer first in our lives. Help us to be good stewards of our talent by putting ourselves at the service of each other. Help us to be good stewards of our treasure by sharing our financial means to build up our Church and aid those in need. Help us to choose each day to put you first. Let us be a model of Christian stewardship so that others will know you through our actions.

Risen and ascended Lord, come among us.

ALL: Fill us with your glory.

Leader: We pray for our own community, for our families and friends and give thanks for blessings received. We pray for all who are in weakness, for all who are bereaved. We remember all who have given up on life. We pray for the disturbed, for the mentally challenged, for all who walk in darkness and those frustrated with life. We pray for all who suffer abuse and the victims of crime and violence. We pray for all who are ill, especially for the sick and shut-in ...

Risen and ascended Lord, come among us.

ALL: Fill us with your glory.

Leader: We give thanks for all who set an example of love and vitality and who have now entered your greater glory. We remember those who have died

Risen and ascended Lord, come among us.

All: Fill us with your glory

Silence may be kept

All: Risen and ascended Lord, you have promised to be with us always; teach us to be aware of your presence, and to abide in your love, that we may walk in the way that leads to Glory, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, 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

George Briggs	Heron Wright	Cecile Clare
Clement Powell	Joan Reader	Pauline Green
Ivy Walters	Myrtle Gordon	Veril Blake
Leah Goldson	Lucille Campbell	Sheila Brown

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 clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday", which is recognized on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The United Kingdom still acknowledges this day as Mother's Day. The tradition of celebrating Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May, came as a result of the efforts of an American called Anna Jarvis, who in 1905 conceived of this day as a way of honouring the sacrifices mothers make for their children. By 1912 many states, towns and churches adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday. In 1914, her persistence paid off in that an initiative/measure was signed to officially establish the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. (*History of Mother's Day*, 2018)

Quote for Reflection

It is certain that we can claim nothing for ourselves and may yet pray for everything; it is certain that our joy is hidden in suffering, and our life in death; it is certain that in all these we are in a fellowship that sustains us. In Jesus, God has said 'Yes and Amen' to it all, and that 'Yes and Amen' is the firm ground on which we stand as believers. (Dahill, L. E., *Reading from the Underside of Selfhood*, 2009)

Question for Reflection

Having been sanctified by Jesus, in what way does your life affirm your commitment to serving Him?

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK May 13 - 19

**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
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Church Committee
	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: Beverly Atkinson 14/05, Sheron Campbell 15/05, Tony Patel 16/05, Carol Ledgister and Clover Chung 17/05, Obraghi Stewart and Carol Bowes 18/05, Paulette Fraser and Frank James 19/05.

The funeral service for Minnet Brown will be on Friday 18th at 11:00 a.m.

Kingston Region Intentional Discipleship Training will be held from June 15-17 at St. Thomas Aquinas, Archdiocesan Retreat Centre, Papine, for all congregational members.

May is child's month and the theme this year is **“Train Up The Child”**. Children's Sunday will be on May 20th at the 8:00 a.m. service

S. A.P.C. Labour Day project this year focuses on, renovating the

Alpha Program - Wednesday May 16, at 5:30 p.m. in the Old Court House. Visit us on Facebook at St. Andrew Parish Church Alpha.

church, landscaping the Church grounds and painting the perimeter walls.

Healing Conference - May 25 - 27 at the Rose Hall Hotel.

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. Interested persons please contact Dr. Minke Newman-McLaren.

Baptismal commitment for 2018

- 1. Intentional Discipleship**
- 2. Interior of Church - Painting and Carpeting**
- 3. Birthday Ingathering**
- 4. Men/Artists Perform for Christ July 22nd**

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 13, 2018 - Year B

A Call to Intentional Discipleship, Sustained by the Holy Spirit

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson Acts 1:15 - 17, 21 - 26 Deryke Smith

Psalm 1 BCP page 471

Refrain: “*Happy are they who delight in the law of the Lord. Alleluia! .*”

Epistle 1 John 5:9 - 13 Faith Harker

Gospel John 17: 6 - 19

Prayer of Intercession Page 4

8:00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional 191

First Lesson Acts 1:15 - 17, 21 - 26 Owen Streete

Psalm 1 BCP page 471

Epistle 1 John 5:9 - 13 Paulette Wright

Gradual (Sequence) 198 tune Diademeta (Children leave for Sun. School)

Acclamation: Alleluia! alleluia! The Lord God almighty reigns, let us rejoice and sing, and give him glory, all the glory. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel John 17: 6 - 19

Sermon Rev. Olando Gayle

Intercession page 4

Anthem Choir

Offertory Hymn 196

During Communion 569, 599, 253, 612

Sunday School 668

Recessional 246

10:30 a.m. CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

5:30 p.m. EVENING PRAYER & SERMON