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

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On August 6, 1962 (Independence Day), a flag with the colours black, green and gold was raised in the National Stadium for the first time to indicate that Jamaica was an independent nation. We are possibly the only country in the world with a flag without any of the British Empire colours of red, white and blue in its design and this is a sign of a nation committed to the responsibility of self-governance.

The importance of self-governance and indeed self-determination are not to be considered lightly as it carries with it the burden of trust, for the total wellbeing of both the current and future generations of a young but promising society. This was the obligation that Moses was communicating to the new nation of Israel, as he sought to remind them of what God had done for them in the past while encouraging them to keep their Deliverer always in their future endeavours. In our Old Testament Reading this morning (Deut. 8:11-20) the writer warns us, just as he cautioned the people entering the Promised Land over 3,000 years ago, that we are not to become proud in our own work especially as it yields prosperity and other good things. It is easy to get so busy in life and wealth management that we forget God totally and push the Creator out of our lives. We are reminded in the passage that; it is God who gives us the power to be successful, that it is God who gifts us everything we have, and it is God who asks us to manage these gifts for the benefit of God's people.

During this time of Independence celebrations let us with a humble spirit remember the God of Moses who also brought our ancestors across the waters and delivered them through turbulent times. Let us also give thanks for God's continual provisions to us as we together chart a way for our Island Nation into the future.

A warm welcome is extended to all, and especially to our guests sharing with us in our Eucharistic Service today. Of note is the Rev. Delroy Coley who is our celebrant and preacher this morning.

Blessings,

Mark Jones

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Leader: O God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who brought your people Israel from a land of captivity to freedom and to a hope of eternal salvation. We approach your mercy seat with bended knees and broken hearts, fully conscious of your constant grace to an undeserving and wayward people. We seek you O Lord, as you led your people to liberation in the past, so come to us now in this our 56th year of independence. Hear us now O God, a people who seems to be floundering on the path to true nationhood, keep us O Lord and direct us to find true liberation and fulfillment in you.

ALL: Lead and direct us O Lord to find true liberation and fulfillment in you.

Leader: We give you thanks for the work of this your Church in the spread of the Gospel of Christ and to make the Gospel alive as demonstrated in the areas of education, health care and social welfare. We pray O Lord that we will continue to make you known not just in our lofty sermons but to live out your will and purpose for your people among all with whom we interact daily.

ALL: Lead and direct us O Lord to find true liberation and fulfillment in you.

Leader: We pray for the Church of God throughout the world, especially in this Province particularly we pray for Howard, Diocesan Bishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragan Bishops; Sirrano, Delroy, Mark, Craig and Andrea, and all other clergy and church workers. We pray also for the Mission and Ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church and for the surrounding communities in which the church serves.

ALL: Direct our lives and lead us to find true liberation and fulfillment in you and bring hope to your people.

Leader: We pray for the leaders whom you raised from among us who guide us in the past, we give you thanks for the work they did in their time to lead this nation. Our National Heroes, all leaders recognized or unrecognized, we thank you for their lives and the way you used them Lord and as you led them, we now ask for your continued guidance and direction.

ALL: Lead and direct us O Lord to find true liberation and fulfillment in you.

Leader: We uphold in our prayers today the leaders in the political life of our country, Patrick, the Governor General; Andrew, the Prime Minister; Peter, the Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, Members of the House of Representatives and all members of the judiciary, that they may serve justice, safeguard human rights and promote the well-being of our people. Help them O Lord not to be self-serving but to realize that the work they are called to do is to help to improve the lot of the people they are called to serve. Help them to be guided at all times by your instruction and counsel.

ALL: *Lead and direct us O Lord to find true liberation and fulfillment in you.*

Leader: We thank you O God for the beauty of your creation, for giving us this island paradise. Thank you for Jamaica with all its natural beauty and citizens made in your image. For all who in their individual pursuits reflect your diversity. May we recognize you as the source of all that we are and the enabling power that allows our achievements. We thank you O Lord.

ALL: *Eternal Father bless our land. Bless and guide your people and their pursuits.*

Leader: We thank you Lord for our homes and families. Strengthen our homes O Lord and fulfill in them your desire for families to be the building blocks of society. May they be places which foster love for humanity, nurture talent, give hope and provide motivation for our citizens to build your kingdom from generation to generation. We pray also for the sick and shut-in...

ALL: *Eternal Father bless our homes*

Leader: We thank you for those who express your gifts in designing, science, medicine, engineering, artisans, craftsmen, music, education, religion, athletics, volunteerism and all who work to the improvement of society. May we never become self-seeking or self-serving but use our talents, skills and gifts for the improvement of society. May we never become a slave to our possessions. May we recognize you as the true source of all we possess and let us know that all that we have comes from you. We remember those who have died ...

ALL: *O Lord. Work the purpose of your creation through our gifts and talents we pray.*

Silence May Be Kept

ALL: We pray O God that you will help us to be our brother's keeper, sanctify and govern our hearts, minds and bodies so that we will, in all things, love one another so that where there is hatred, let us give love. Where there is injury let show pardon and mercy. Where there is doubt let us demonstrate faith. Where there is despair, use us to bring hope; Where there is sadness, fill us with your joy so that we will become a source of joy and relief; Where there is darkness illuminate us so that we can shed your light where it so desperately needed.

Grant gracious Lord and Father that we may not seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving we receive, in pardoning we are pardoned and it is in dying we are born to eternal life. Help us gracious Lord to work to build a loving and caring society in this Jamaica land we love. 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

John Greaves	Keith Dickson	Lloyd Austin
Valsey Parchment	Heron Wright	Clifford Strudwick
Gwen Saunders	Ilene Henry	Kathleen Alexander
Robert Clarke	Joan Reader	Gwen Waugh

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.

Did you know?

The Eucharistic Prayer recalls that Jesus was at a meal with his disciples when he blessed the bread and the wine, but more than that it recalls the central act of reconciliation before it is declared that though we are many we are one because we all eat of the one bread and drink from the one cup. The ending is just as significant. The modern liturgy ends not with a blessing but with a commissioning, the congregation is sent out to love and serve. (*Living Reconciliation - Phil Groves & Angharad P. Jones*)

Quote for Reflection

The Eucharist is our symbol of what it would mean for the Lord's Prayer to be answered fully: God feeding his people through the death and resurrection of Jesus, which establishes that new community of the Spirit in which forgiveness is the common currency. (*Being Disciples - Archbishop Rowan Williams*)

Question for Reflection: As you participate in the Holy Eucharist what transformation do you experience, as you receive the Broken Bread and drink from the Cup?

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Aug. 5 - Aug. 11
The Church is open Monday to Friday
between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for prayer

Monday 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School
at the Church Hall.

Grief Counselling is done by appointment.
Contact the Office 926-6692.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Carroll Haughton 05/08, Merna Dixon 06/08, Andrea Goldson 08/08, Ilene Thomas, Winston Bayley and Geraldine Rose 09/08, Alex Baugh, Roxanne Young Ford and Myrtle Weir 10/08, Glory Robertson, Marjorie Allen and Monique Fields-Richards 11/08.

Congratulations to Alfred and Margaret McPherson who will be celebrating 43 yrs. of marriage on the 9th.

Condolence is extended to Dianna Gowe and Nicola Carney on the passing of a mother and grandmother Grace Gowe. To Sandra Watson and Colin Dailey on the passing of a relative in N.Y. The funeral service for Ellen Tucker will be on Friday 10th at 11:30 a.m.

Counselors are needed from August 7-11 for our annual SAPC Vacation Bible School. Contact Mrs. Katherine Williamson-Teape, Dr. Nigel Elliott or Sis. Andrea Taylor - Smith.

St. Andrew Settlement will be having a Fish Fry on August 31st in the Fellowship Court from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contribution is \$1,500.

Baptismal commitment for 2018

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

There will be NO 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. SERVICE IN AUGUST

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 5, 2018 - Year B Proper 13

A Call to Intentional Discipleship, Sustained by the Holy Spirit

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament

Deut. 8: 11 - 20 Robert Gregory

Psalms 146:4 - 9

Refrain: (All sit) *“Happy are they whose hope is in the
Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia”*

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Epistle

Hebrews 11: 8 - 16 Denise Kitson

Gospel

Mark 12: 13 - 17

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8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional

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Gradual

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Gospel

Mark 12: 13 - 17

Sermon

Rev. Fr. Delroy Coley

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Offertory Hymn

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During Communion

605, 690, 229, 612.

2nd Collection

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The National Anthem

Recessional

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10:30 a.m.

NO SERVICE

5:30 p.m.

NO SERVICE