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The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ



August 6, 2018

Celebrant/Preacher Rev. Fr. Seymour Blackwood

Order of Service

Theme: Let us work to transform our community for Christ

Collect

O God who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the darkness of this world and turning to Him, may behold the King in His glory and be transformed into His likeness; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ver. Amen.

Processional	788
Old Testament	Exodus 34: 29 - 35
Psalm 99: 5 - 9	<i>Refrain: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia</i>
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Epistle	2 Peter 1: 13 - 21
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Gospel	Luke 9: 28 - 36
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Prayers of Intercession	
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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 heart, fully conscious of your constant grace to an undeserving, 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 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, Seymour, 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 .

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 pray for all other public servants in this our homeland. May they seek to provide a service which edifies and advance our country as we seek to attain the ideals of Vision 2030 to make Jamaica the place of choice to live, work, raise families and do business.

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

Leader: We pray for all institutions which have been created to provide service to your people. The hospitals, schools, places of safety, prisons, government departments and agencies and all who work in them, may they remain committed to their tasks. May they fulfill their mandates and contribute to the welfare, growth and development of society. May they find fulfillment in doing their tasks as they serve the common good.

ALL: . Direct our lives O Lord, and lead us 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: Changeless God, we pray to you and recognize you in a changing world. May we abide by your steadfast and guiding principles.

ALL: Guide us O Lord in all our ways with your mighty hand

Leader: Help us O Lord to come to know you and live our lives according to your will and purpose. May we therefore seek to know your will and purpose as individuals and members of society, serving you and one another in love.

ALL: May we seek to serve you in all we do as we serve each other.

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 is 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