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The Harvest is Plenty but the Labourers are Few

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The Rector is out of office on Mondays.

There has been months of drought, with no threat of hurricane, which in the past would provide some rainfall despite their destructive effects. The drought has affected agriculture and the vegetation of our Jamaican landscape. With these challenges our farmers have continued to plant and reap with innovation for us to have fruits and vegetables that are necessary for our nutrition. The spiritual principle of planting and reaping is directly related to Harvest as we are summoned by God, to give the first fruits of the land to the Lord. It is the benevolent God, who has germinated the seed, provided water for the earth, swell the grain and increase the produce of the earth. We give the first fruits of the land as we recognize that by ourselves we are not able to achieve and realize a fruitful reaping, for we are dependent on the generous, caring and faithful God. "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it..." (Ps. 24:1)

The first fruits and the best fruit are *directly related to our intentional giving*. As we offer the first and best before distributing and consuming it is in recognition of the God who provides and remains faithful. The first of our income and money that we offer demonstrates *intentional giving* as an indication of our commitment and trust in the Lord. In other words, whatever amount we have committed ourselves to give each week or month must be consistent, as we face the various challenges of life. This is a sign of our trust and faith in God's presence and purpose in our lives and who continues to bless us with the breath of life and health, talent and abilities and opportunities for their development and expression.

Harvest is a feast for celebration that demands our response to the God who remains faithful, loving, patient and generous. To feast in the Hebrew context means "to keep an appointment". The Feast of Harvest is the appointed time for us to give of the first and best fruits of our time, abilities, resources and give thanks to God with grateful hearts.

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today especially our celebrant and preacher The Very Rev. Fr. Franklyn Jackson and his family.

Order of Service

Introit Hymn: 708 Come, ye thankful people, come

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| 1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home. | 2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise we yield;
wheat and tares therein are sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
ripening with a wondrous power
till the final harvest-hour;
grant, O Lord of life, that we
holy grain and pure may be. |
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The Celebrant says at the Altar:

May this incense, blessed by You, ascend to You, O Lord. And may your mercy descend upon us through the intercession of Andrew your Apostle. **Amen.**

The hymn continues as the Altar is being incensed

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| 3. For we know that thou wilt come,
and wilt take thy people home;
from thy field wilt purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
and thine angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in thy garner evermore. | 4. Come then, Lord of mercy, come,
bid us sing thy harvest home;
let thy saints be gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
all upon the golden floor
praising thee for evermore:
come, with all thine angels come,
bid us sing thy harvest home. |
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President: Blessed be God, Creator of heaven and earth

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen

President: Blessed be Jesus Christ, Saviour and Redeemer

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen

President: Blessed be the Holy Spirit of God, the sustaining grace
of redemption.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.

President: This is the day to celebrate and give thanks for Harvest

All: **To remember that we do not create the earth from which we reap.**

President: And to give thanks to God for calling us to till the soil, sow seeds, and care for the environment.

All: **To remember that others share the toil that brings forth Harvest.**

President: And to give thanks to God for the fruits of trees, the produce of the earth, the flowers of the field, the fishes of the sea, minds to think and hearts to love.

All: **Bless us, O Lord, as we come together to worship you and offer thanks. Amen.**

All: O Lord God, you created us in your own image and made us stewards of the good earth, we marvel at the trust you place in us. Despite the depths to which we sometimes descend, we know that we are meant for the heights of creation. Be with us, O Lord; help us to reclaim the image in which you made us and to renew the earth on which you placed and purify us through your Holy Spirit, that we may worthily love you, and glorify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Canticle: Hymn 547 Glory to God on High - *Darwall's 148*

Glory to God on high, And peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.
We give you praise, Almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, The Father's only Son, The sacrificial lamb, who saves the world from sin, Have mercy Lord. Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high. You only are the Holy one, Lord Jesus Christ and now you reign With Father and with Spirit One in glorious light. **Amen**

PRESIDENT: Let us pray...

COLLECT FOR HARVEST: (BCP pg 191)

Priest:
Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labours of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful

stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and relief of all who are in need, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Collect for the day (proper 25)

Almighty and everlasting God increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading.....Joel 2:21 - 27 Shirley Thomas

Psalm 126 BCP pg. 643 Chanted (All stand)

Epistle 1 Timothy 2: 1- 7 Fay Duncan

Gradual: 726 With every seed that's planted here

With every seed that's planted here
Beneath the living sod,
Men by their harvest hope declare
Abiding faith in God.

For none would ever sow a seed,
Did he not surely know
That God takes every care and heed
Of seeds that mortals sow.

And those that plant upon the slope,
And those that till the plain,
In God confide their harvest hope,
For he controls the rain.

And while in moon and stars above
God's planning hand we see,
There's proof of God's eternal love
In every growing tree.

‘Twas hope that filled our sowing days,
And now at reaping time
To Thee, O God, our hearts we raise
In thankfulness sublime.

The Gospel Acclamation is sung before and after the Gospel

*Hal-le-lu-yah, Hal-le-lu-yah I'm so glad to tell
Hal-le-lu-yah Hal-le-lu-yah, with my soul is well
Hal-le-lu, Hal-le-lu, Hal-le-lu Hal-le-lu-jah Praise ye the Lord
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Holy Gospel Matthew 6: 25-33

Sermon: The Very Rev. Fr. Franklyn Jackson

THE NICENE CREED: BCP page 104

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.

Gifts-Light, Water and Soil, representing the three principal elements of creation will be presented.

The Choir leads the Congregational Response:

Congregational Response: That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

First Presenter: The Gift of Light.

Leader: We present before your altar O God, this gift of light. In the beginning your Word commanded, “let there be light” and there was light.

Celebrant: O Sovereign Lord in whom there is no darkness and from whom is the Light of Life; we thank you for the gift of light. From her you made the Sun to rule the day and the moon and stars to rule the night. The lights of the heavens have become for us “signs and seasons for days and years”.

Congregational Response: *That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.*

Second Presenter: The Gift of Water.

Leader: We present before your altar, O God, water. In the beginning your Word commanded “let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures and let birds fly above the earth”.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you for water, the symbol of life. From it you created the ‘great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind”.

Congregational Response: *That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.*

Third Presenter: The Gift of Soil.

Leader: We present before your altar, O God, the soil of the earth. In the beginning your Word commanded that she bring “forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit with the seed in it”.

Celebrant: O God who made the heavens and the earth; we thank you for the gift of Mother Earth. From her, humanity was created and from her, we receive “plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. From the earth came all living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind”.

Congregational Response:

*All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be.
When the earth shall be filled with
the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.*

ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves...

Let us therefore confess of our sins.

Silence.

All:

*Most merciful God;
We confess that we have sinned against you
In thought, word and deed
By what we have done and by what we have left undone
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbours as our selves
We have not loved ourselves as we ought.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us
And forgive us, that we may delight in your will
And walk in your ways, to glory of your Name. Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT

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.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT: A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace and accept the peace that God gives.

All: Let us live in peace and share the peace that only God can give.

PRESIDENT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Congregation will greet each other in the name of the Lord.

ANTHEM: Sing a new song to the Lord - Natalie Sleeth

THE MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: Praise God for the harvest - St. Denio

Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
praise God for the people who gather their yield,
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
the patience of science, the power of machine.

Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
from market and harbour, the sea and the shore:
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown
by God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.

Praise God for the harvest that's quarried and mined,
then sifted, and smelted, or shaped and refined;
for oil and for iron, for copper and coal,
praise God, who in love has provided them all.

Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,
the urge to discover, create and fulfil:
for dreams and inventions that promise to gain
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.

Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
from leaders and peoples who struggle and serve
for fairness and kindness, that all may be led
in freedom and safety, and all may be fed.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere ...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

PRESIDENT: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith

All: Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,
Jesus Christ will come again.

**Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
that Jesus Christ will come again.**

PRESIDENT In songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour hallelujah!
 Glory and power hallelujah!
 be yours for ever and ever hallelujah! Amen**

PRESIDENT As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name
 Your kingdom come, Your will be done
 On earth as in heaven
 Give us this day 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.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: **Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.****

AGNUS DEI

***Oh Lamb of God, Oh lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
have mercy pon mi soul x2
Oh Lamb of God, Oh lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
grant us your peace.***

THE COMMUNION

The Invitation

Hymn 712 For the fruit of all creation

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
for these gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All:

*Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who share His Body, live His risen life;
we who drink His cup, bring life to others;
we upon whom your Spirit shines, give light to the world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,
so we and all your children shall be free,*

*and the whole earth live to praise your Name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Choral Amen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional Hymn: 725 We plough the fields and scatter

1. We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand:
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft, refreshing rain.

2. He only is the maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread.

Refrain

Refrain:
*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

3. We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
And what thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Barry Soares - Priest
Alton Tulloch - Priest
Tony Martin - Priest
Dede Welsh

Heron Wright
Linda Mahon
Luton Shelton
Iris Johnson

Fred Keith Robertson
Jean King
Deneshia Morrison
Phyllis 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.*

Did You Know?

Did you know that in the Old Testament, the Feast of Harvest is also referred to as the Feast of Pentecost, in which, the first fruits of the people's labours (i.e. what they had sown in the field), was to be offered to the Lord (Exodus 23:16 and Numbers 28:26).

QUOTE FOR REFLECTION

“Before the fruits of prosperity can come, the storms of life need to first bring the required rains of testing, which mixes with the seeds of wisdom to produce a mature harvest.” (Lincoln Patz, 2015)

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Oct. 28 - Nov. 3

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

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - St. Simon & St. Jude's
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	4:00 p.m.	Mothers' Union
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
	5:30 p.m.	Reception Committee
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - All Saints Day
	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - All Souls Day
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

**Readings for Nov. 4, 2018: Wisdom 3:1-9, Psalm 24,
Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11: 32-45.**

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Minion Wright, Melanie Tapper and Denise Kitson 28/10, Violet Mahfood 29/10, Rhena Williams and Robert Thompson 30/10, Nigel Elliott and Dana Harris 31/10, June Rose and Lisa Golding 1/11, Ricardo Dallen, Norma Young, Danielle Mighty and Diedre Myrie-Thompson 02/11, and Luletia Elliott and Linda Mahon 03/11.

Condolence is extended to Millicent Clarke and family on the passing of her nephew, Christopher Simpson in Miami. The funeral service for Lolita Hanson will be on Saturday November 3, at 9:30 a.m. Her inurnment will be the following Tuesday 6th at 9:00a.m.

Confirmation Class continues on Wednesday, at 5:30 p.m.

A.Y.F resumes on Saturday November 3, at 5:00 p.m.

The Parish Planning Retreat will be on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at the Church Hall commencing at 9:00 a.m.

The Harvest Supper will be on November 16. The Committee is inviting members and their families to utilize advertising space in the 2018 Harvest Supper Magazine. Tickets are available at a cost of \$1,600.

Painting of the Church -The labour cost is approximately \$800,000, and the cost of material including the quantity of paint is being assessed.

The Diocesan Futsal (5-a-side) tournament continues with weekly matches.

Cathedral Sunday will be held at the Cathedral on November 25, at 2:30 p.m.

National Chorale of Ja. Concert season begins in November with a variety of high quality choral works. Tickets are available at the Church Office.

Baptismal commitment for 2018

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

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 28, 2018 Proper 25 Year B

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Joel 2:21-27 Michael Fennell
Psalm 126 **Refrain:** *(All sit) "The Lord has done great things for us". Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*
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Epistle 1 Timothy 2: 1- 7 Clover Chung
Gospel Matthew 6: 25-33
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8:00 a.m. Programs Provided

10:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional 708
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5:30 p.m. Sundayz @ Dusk With Jesus