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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
Keep the Faith & Bear the Fruit of the Spirit**

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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

Rector's message

About a week after Jesus plainly told His disciples that He would suffer, be killed, and be raised to life (Luke 9:22), He took Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. While praying, His personal appearance was changed into a glorified form, and His clothing became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus about His death that would soon take place. Peter, not knowing what he was saying and being very fearful, offered to put up three shelters for them. This is undoubtedly a reference to the booths that were used to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, when the Israelites dwelt in booths for 7 days (Lev. 23:34 - 42). Peter was expressing a wish to stay in that place. When a cloud enveloped them, a voice said, "This is My Son, whom I have chosen, whom I love; listen to Him!" The cloud lifted, Moses and Elijah had disappeared, and Jesus was alone with His disciples who were still very much afraid. Jesus warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after His resurrection. The three accounts of this event are found in Matthew 17:1- 8, Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28 - 36.

The Transfiguration was a special event in which God allowed certain apostles to have a privileged spiritual experience that was meant to strengthen their faith for the challenges they would later endure. It was not meant to be permanent. In the same way, at certain times in this life, God may give certain members of the faithful (*not* all of the faithful, all the time), special experiences of his grace that strengthen their faith. We should welcome these experiences for the graces they are, but we should not expect them to continue indefinitely, nor should we be afraid or resentful when they cease. They may have been meant only as momentary glimpses of the joy of heaven to sustain us as we face the challenges of this life, to help strengthen us on the road that will--ultimately--bring us into the infinite and endless joy of heaven.

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

Sirrano+

What is Your Preparedness For Lent

Ash Wednesday and Lent: Our personal readiness for discipleship

We have now embarked on the second year of our thrust towards developing and living into the culture of inviting others to a relationship with Jesus Christ. We do this through our lives, our words, actions and the welcoming space we create. While we broadly refer to this “way” of being as “*Living the Jesus-shaped life*,” it is simply Lifestyle Evangelism, or Intentional Discipleship. We continue to see Intentional Discipleship as a functional yet flexible relationship, which requires our willingness and ability to meet and *abide* with Jesus in order that we will be changed so deeply that our view and experience of the world also changes.

When we do *Intentional Discipleship*, we participate in a deliberate and empowering relationship of trust, helping each other to understand and appropriate the grace of God in our lives. A disciple actively imitates both the life and teaching of the master, and Christian disciples believe in and seek in their daily life to follow Jesus. To be a disciple of Jesus means we learn from him. Guided by scripture and infused by the Holy Spirit, we help others as they too learn from and grow in Him. This translates to us “making disciples.” Every Christian should be helping others become believers by showing the Christ, while assisting other believers to grow and mature. That is discipleship making and the approach to our focused study this year follows this vein.

Questions for your reflection and contemplation

1. What does your daily behavior tell about who/whose you are?
2. In the last year, what if any changes have you noticed about the way you pray?
3. In what spiritual discipline(s) besides prayer do you regularly engage?

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, bless your church that it may reflect your glory, that it may guide your people into the ways of love and peace. We pray for the church as it seeks to uphold your law, to discover and do your will, that we may be faithful to you until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts. Lord, enable your church to proclaim your kingdom and your glory. We pray for all leaders of worship, especially Howard, our Archbishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragan Bishops; Sirrano, Mark, Craig, Claude, Andrea, and all other clergy and church workers.

Good and gracious God,

All: grant us a glimpse of your glory.

Leader: Lord of the Nations, we pray for the leaders of the world and, for those who make decisions on our behalf; Patrick, the Governor General; Andrew, the Prime Minister; Peter, the Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, Members of the House of Representatives and members of the judiciary, that they may serve justice, safeguard human rights and promote the well-being of our people. May the world come to know Jesus Christ as the one who saves and heals.

Good and gracious God,

All: grant us a glimpse of your glory.

Leader: Lord, you are our delight and our joy, we seek to reflect your grace and goodness. Make us be slow to anger and not too ready to judge or condemn. We pray that your church may be open and welcoming to all in need. We pray for the world that so often has lost its way, a world without standards, without direction. We pray for all whose life has no purpose or meaning, for all who are confused and needing guidance.

Good and gracious God,

All: grant us a glimpse of your glory.

Leader: Lord of life, we pray for peace in our lives, in our homes, and in our communities. May your presence help us to know your will and find real joy to perform the same. Enable us through your Holy Spirit to keep the faith as we witness to the good news of Jesus, and guide us in preparation to keep the Lenten discipline.

Good and gracious God,

All: grant us a glimpse of your glory.

Leader: Good Lord, transform our lives by a vision of your glory. Transform our work by an awareness of your presence. Transform our homes by a knowledge of your love. Transform our

relationships by our being with you. May your presence heal those who are stressed and distressed, the overburdened, and the overstrained.

Good and gracious God,

All: grant us a glimpse of your glory.

Leader: Good Lord, transform our hospitals, clinics and medical centers by your power, transform our fears by your love, transform our darkness by your light. We remember before you all who need your transforming power, and pray especially for our sick and shut-in... may they continue to experience your healing presence.

Good and gracious God,

All: grant us a glimpse of your glory.

Leader: Lord, transform our fear of death by our knowing you. We remember before you loved ones already transformed in likeness to your glory...

Good and gracious God,

All: grant us a glimpse of your glory.

Silence may be kept

All: Lord, change us and we shall be changed, transform us by your love, redeem us by your grace, strengthen us by your presence that we may move from glory to glory; through Christ our Lord, who with the Holy Spirit reigns with you, O Father, in glory everlasting. 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

Egbert Robertson (Priest)
Ernie Gordon (Priest)
Stafford Haughton
Olive Lawrence

Ellonia Gordon
Heron Wright
Gwen Saunders
Ilene Henry

Linda Mahon
Richard Neckles
Lola Neckles
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.

Faith Formation and Christian Education**Did you know that?**

There are two traditions about the location of the Mount of Transfiguration. One tradition identifies it as Mount Tabor, south of the region of Galilee, on the northern edge of the Jezreel Valley. The other tradition, and probably more likely one, is that Mount Hermon is the site of the transfiguration. It is in the far north – north of where Caesarea Philippi is situated. For certain Bible scholars, it would make sense for the transfiguration to take place in this region, since this was where (1) Jesus had been ministering, and (2) Peter had made his confession of Jesus.

Allen Ross, (2017); The Transfiguration, 2017

Quote for Reflection

The hope of today's world lies not in more scientific achievement, stronger military might, nor greater balances of political power. The world's only hope lies in a thorough moral and spiritual transformation. The world can be made better only by making people better. The problems of the world can never be solved until we get at the root of the trouble which is the sinful heart of humanity.

Lipscomb Spring Lectures, (1957).

Question for reflection

What lessons are you learning about the transforming power of Christ's love, during your bible studies and personal devotions?

Baptism, Wedding and Funeral arrangements as well as Spiritual Direction are made by appointment with the Rector 876-926-6692

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Feb. 23 - 29

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. Matthias)
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	Mothers' Union
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Brotherhood of St. Andrew
	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal

Readings for March 1, 2020: Genesis 2:15 - 17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32, Romans 5:12 - 19, Matthew 4: 1 - 11.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Patricia Peart and Karen Thomas 23/02, Dianne Tomlinson-Smith 24/02, Reginald Taylor, Alice Dilworth, and Dervin Brown 25/02, Hilary Phillips 26/02, Sonia McCook 27/02, Evon Atkinson and Daphne Lunan 28/02, and Marcia Hendricks and Rachelle Williams 29/02,

Congratulations to Canute and Lona Brown who are celebrating another Wedding Anniversary today the 23rd.

Condolence is extended to the family of Damion Robinson. His funeral service will be on Friday 28th at 11:00 a.m. Also to Leonard Green and family on the passing of his wife Stephanie.

Congratulations to our Sunday School who came first in the Bible Reading Competition.

There will be NO Confirmation Class on Wednesday, February 26th .

Ash Wednesday - The Liturgy for the imposition of Ashes will be on February 26, 2020 at 8:00 a.m..

Moreton Park Cottages Committee conveys their thanks to the congregation who supported their recent Fish Fry, as well as those who served the meals.

There is an on-going Coin Collection Drive by the Sunday School. Please remember to carry your coins to Church and place them in the bright gold coin collection receptacle at the back of the Church.

All Parish Organizations are being asked to contact the Church Office before planning and organizing Fund Raising activities.

Pre-Synod Conference will be held on March 24 at St. Luke's Church Hall. All Synod Reps, Alternate Reps, Deanery Council Reps, Wardens and Treasurers are expected to attend.

The St. Andrew Deanery Sunday School Festival will be May 17, 2020.

Between October and December our Harvest Supper will be the ONLY Fund Raising event for our Church.

Annual Healing Conference will be on May 22 - 24.

St. Thomas Mission wishes to thank all those who supported their family day.

LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23, 2020 Year A

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6:30 a.m.

Old Testament
Psalm 99
BCP page 597
Epistle
Gospel
Intercession

HOLY EUCHARIST

Exodus 24:12 - 18 Alfred McPherson
Refrain: "Proclaim the wonders of the Lord to all
people"
2 Peter 1:16 - 21 Jennifer Goodison
Matthew 17: 1 - 9
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8:00 a.m.

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SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for the Altar Guild)

228 Immortal invisible God only wise
Exodus 24:12 - 18 Andrea Tinker
Refrain: "Proclaim the wonders of the Lord to all
people"
2 Peter 1:16 - 21 Zadha Tulloch (Children - S/Sch)
788 'Tis Good Lord to be here
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Sis. Andrea Taylor-Smith
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10:30 a.m.

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Sundayz @ Dusk With Jesus