

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

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

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8:00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	127	All glory, laud, and honour (1, 3, 4, 5)
The Litany of the Palms	Page 224 - 226	
Old Testament	Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a	
Psalm 31: 9 - 16	BCP page 503	
Epistle	Philippians 2:5 - 11	
Gradual	519	From heaven you came
Gospel	Matthew 27: 1 - 54	
Sermon	Most Rev Howard Gregory	
Intercession	Form H page 120	
Offertory Hymn	501	I will sing the wondrous story
During Communion	571	And now O father
Recessional	141	My song is love unknown (1, 2, 7)

Intentional Discipleship Prayer

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.**

Please, by phone calls, help us pass on the information in this news letter to those without online connectivity.

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St. Thomas - Majesty Gardens 10:30 a.m. and St. Clement's - Kencot 10:30 a.m.



INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

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CLERGY

Rector/Curate	Rev. Canon Sirrano Kitson, D. Min.
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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

Brothers and Sisters Grace and Peace to you. Palm Sunday of our Lord's Passion marks the beginning of Holy Week, which unfolds the purposes of God made manifest through the life of the Son of God; Jesus Christ. Each gospel narrates the events of the week, from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, through his clash with the merchants in the temple, his last meal with his disciples, his prayer in the garden of Gethsemane, his betrayal and mock trial culminate with his death and subsequent reports that he had been raised from the dead.

As Jesus goes towards Jerusalem, he moves in a determined manner as he faces the religious and political authorities knowing that it would place him in lethal danger. This inevitable encounter is approached by Jesus not as a victim nor as one who is a survivor of the system, rather he demonstrates his unflinching commitment to do the will of the Father in the face of human objection and abuse; "Yet, not my will but yours be done" (Luke 22:42b). For us to view his death as the atoning sacrifice for disobedient sinners without seeing the context, in which his death took place, implies that we have missed the story of Good Friday. Let us not forget that it was the religious leaders; Annas and Caiaphas and the Roman governor, who determined that, Jesus must die, and induced the consent of the people to reject him. It was the self-interest of these people who objected to Jesus' demonstration of God's reconciling love and compassion that achieved his death.

This is the story that reflects human nature and the world in which we live and its selfish inclination not to accept *God's unconditional love and fellowship*. The message of the gospel from John chapters eighteen and nineteen and Luke chapters twenty two and twenty three, tells us of how entrenched we are in the structures of the culture of the world that facilitate our self-interest and self-will, which cause us to reject God's amazing love and friendship. This love and friendship of God is necessary for our well being and spiritual health.

The Philippians passage (Philippians 2; 5-11) explains Jesus' *selfless* (self emptying) choice to experience a criminal's death on a cross to show and manifest the glory of God; self-denial not for self-promotion or self-interest but *selflessness* to make the love and mercy of God known to all His created people. "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all." (Hymn 108 A&M). This *selfless* (self-emptying) choice consistently lived by Jesus is both the goal and substance of our Christian way of life. Follow me, says Jesus.

We welcome His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Howard Gregory, Archbishop of the West Indies who is our celebrant and preacher.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week Eurith Martin, Lisa Johnston and Douglas Folkes 05/04, Lilith Jean Ottey and Patrick Casserly 06/04, Nicole Urquart-Edwards 08/04, Joyce Coke, Jordan Seaton and Millicent Fagan 09/04 and Stacey James 10/04.

Condolence is extended to Lorna Phillips on the passing of her mother Marion Phillips.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Egbert Robertson (Priest)	Ellonia Gordon	Leonard Green
Ernie Gordon (Priest)	Heron Wright	Myrtle Gordon
Alton Tulloch (Priest)	Deloris Hutchinson	Myrtle White
Vincent Lawrence	Rema Samuels	Merton Wright

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.

Financial support for your Church - Although we are facing challenging times, the Church still needs your regular subscriptions/offerings to maintain daily operations such as utility bills, security, salaries, etc. Kindly use the following means to support our church so that we can maintain financial viability in these testing times.

Electronic payment instruction JAMAICAN DOLLARS

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Branch Name & Code:	Half -Way – Tree / 030
Account Type:	Chequing

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Palm Crosses will be blessed and can be collected from the Church Office during hours of 9:00 - 4:00.