our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

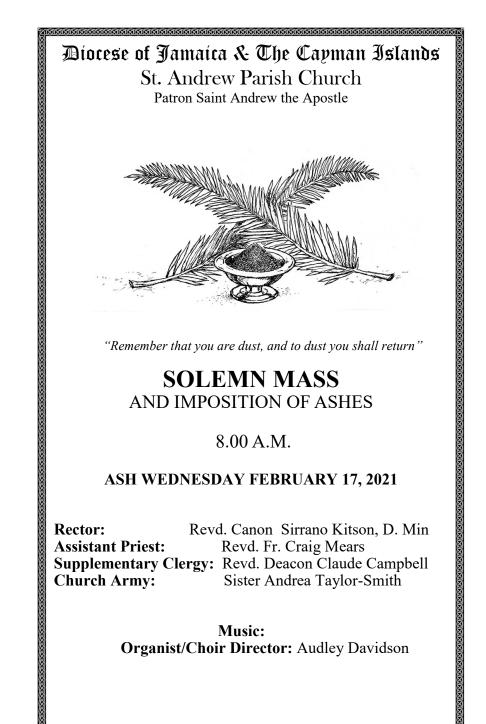
ASH WEDNESDAY EXORTATION

Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy, forgiveness and grace proclaimed in the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole. Let us ask God our Father to bless these ashes to become a symbol of our intention. They have been made from the palms with which we greeted Christ our King with joy last Palm Sunday. They are a sign that we intend to prepare ourselves with penitence for Easter. BCP, page 210

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.**



| SOLEMN MASS AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES ASH WEDNESDAY February 17, 2021 Our worship is guided by The Ash Wednesday Liturgy BCP page 208 | | After the Imposition of Ashes the choir and Congregation shall sing the Litany | | |
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| | | Then follows the Litany of pe | enitence BCP pages 217 - 219 | |
| The congregation stands as the choir and ministers enter in silence. Introit Hymn: 210 Father of heaven whose love profound (The Altar is incensed) | | THE PEACE | BCP page.213 | |
| | | OFFERING OF THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE | | |
| Opening Sentence & Introductions B | ning Sentence & Introductions BCP page 208 | | Offertory Hymn: 457 O love how deep, How broad, How high! | |
| The Collect for Purity Be | BCP page 208 | Presentation of the offering | BCP page.126 | |
| KYRIE | | Sursum Corda | | |
| Cantor: Look around you | | Sanctus & Benedictus | page.131 | |
| Response: Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, | | Eucharistic Rite | | |
| THE COLLECTS BC | P page 209 | The Breaking of Bread | | |
| THE READINGS | | Agnus Dei BCP 147 | | |
| First Reading: Joel: 2:1-2, 12-17 | Frank James | The Invitation | | |
| Psalm :103:8-14 (BCP page 601) | | Communion of the Faithful | | |
| <i>Refrain:</i> <i>The Lord is compassion and love; Slow to anger and rich in mercy.</i> | | Hymns during communion: 601, 119, 120, 552 | | |
| | | Silence | | |
| Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 20b - 6:10 Lona Brown | | Post Communion Prayer BCP page 148 | | |
| Sequence Hymn: 474 Rock of ages cleft for me | | Celebrant: Bow your heads for God's blessing. | | |
| To be sung before and after the Gospel | | People: Amen | | |
| Lift Jesus higher, a little higher. Lift him high for the world to see, He said "If I be lifted up from this earth, I will draw all men unto me." | | Welcome & Notices | | |
| | | Recessional Hymn: 114 Forty days and forty nights | | |
| | | ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECT | | |
| The Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6,16-21Homily: Rev. Natalie Blake Invitation and imposition of AshesBCP page 210During the Imposition of Ashes the following Psalms are chanted. Psalms: 32, 34, 42, 43, 62, 130, 142, Choir Motet | | Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ | | |