

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you Know?

The date for Easter is not fixed. It moves every year. For this reason the earliest Christians celebrated the Lord's resurrection on different days. The church has always maintained a link between Jesus' death and the Jewish Passover festival. As a result, Christians first celebrated the Lord's resurrection on one of two days: on the day of the Jewish Passover or the Sunday following the Jewish Passover. It was not until the Council of Nicea in 325 CE that the different churches came together and ruled that Easter is to be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. For many years, the church in Africa was responsible for calculating this time.

Quote for reflection

"Let every man and woman count himself immortal. Let him catch the revelation of Jesus in his resurrection. Let him say not merely, 'Christ is risen,' but 'I shall rise.'" *Phillips Brooks*

Question for reflection.

- This week, how can I share the good news of new life in Jesus with others?

Sunday School will resume face-to-face classes as of May 8th to July, on 2nd & 4th Sundays. The bigger ones will be in the Fellowship Court and the Kinder class in the Conference Room.

Please note electronic transfer to the Church's Account can be made through members banking facility. (St. Andrew Parish Church, NCB Half-Way-Tree A/C # 301045077).

We express thanks to our members who continue to give sacrificially to ensure that the ministry and mission of the church are sustained as we continue to witness and minister in these challenging times.

Connecting to the streaming link for 8:00 a.m. Service

<https://www.facebook.com/sapcjamaica>

The 8 a.m. service can also be viewed on Youtube.



Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands
ST. ANDREW PARISH CHURCH

Patron Saint Andrew The Apostle

Rector /Curate The Very Revd. Canon Sirrano Kitson, D. Min.

Assistant Priest: Revd. Fr. Craig Mears

Supplementary Clergy: Revd. Fr. Claude Campbell

Assistant Curate: Revd. Deacon Bertram Gayle

Church Army: Sis. Andrea Taylor-Smith

April 17, 2022 8:00 a.m.

Excerpt's from the Lord Bishop's Message

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

The young people of the diocese have been invited to participate in an essay competition in which they address the topic, 'What does Easter mean for me.' I want to suggest that this is a question which all of us need to engage as we come to yet another observance of Easter Day and the subsequent weeks which constitute the season of Easter.

At the most basic and mundane level one would certainly hear from Jamaicans references to bun and cheese, the end of the season of Lent with all its sobering and low keyed music or absence, as well as the absence of the inspiring presence of flowers, and overtaken by what looks like the pulling out of all the stops with a joyful celebration on Easter morning. Beyond these expressions which may be real for some persons, we need to ask what lies behind these things and what is Easter all about.

One place to begin is by paying attention to the readings which have formed the backdrop leading up to Easter Day. Prominent among them are the readings from the Old Testament which speak of the experience of the Israelite community, who have been called of God through the patriarchs, and whose pilgrimage takes them into Egypt in response to a famine where they prospered for a while, but subsequently find themselves enslaved by their Egyptian hosts. In the harsh experience of servitude they cry out in distress as their experience of life becomes more oppressive. The biblical text does not tell us to whom or where was their cry directed. What it does tell us, however, is that God who is ever present, and who sees, even before being acknowledge, heard their cry of oppression, suffering and distress and acted. Exodus 2:23-25

The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. ²⁴ God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵ God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

By his initiative God shapes the story in a way that is totally different to what it could have been had it rested mostly on human action or vision toward liberation. But liberation is not the end of the story but a step within the bigger story of setting aside a people whose way of life will be a proclamation of justice and righteousness. What the readings from the prophetic books during Lent have made plain to us is Israel's failure to faithfully exercise this mission to a life of justice and righteousness.

The Most Revd. Bishop Howard Gregory - Archbishop of the West Indies and Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

Celebrant: Alleluia Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen

SICK AND SHUT-IN

Egbert Robertson (Priest)	Laurence 'Billy' Perkins	Myrtle Montique
Alton Tulloch (Priest)	Christopher Dunn	Beryl Davis
Edmund Davis (Priest)	Isla Salmon	Louisa Hanson
Percival Lynch (Priest)	Eric Smith	Beryl Gillies

Readings for April 24, 2022: Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 118: 14 - 29, Revelation 1:4 - 8, John 20:19-31

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: The Very Rev. Fr. Serrano Kitson, Rev. Eric Charles Manderson and Daci-Ann Brown 17/04, Valrie Gordon, Jermaine Gordon, Sherika Blake-Findley and Shanakay Smith 18/04, Karen Julius and Asher Mantle 19/4, Winnifred Johnson, Merlene Hamilton and Shanalee Cawley 21/04, Bishop Dr. Howard Gregory, Cynthia Smith, Olive Lawrence and Suzette Dennis-Austin 23/04

Congratulations to Pearl Stern who will celebrate her 105th birthday tomorrow.

Condolence is extended to the family of Rev. Edger Henry. To Afeef Lazarus on the passing of his wife, Melba 'Maggi' Lazarus. To Marcia Streete Hendricks and family on the passing of her nephew, Shahid Streete.

Flowers at the foot of the altar are in loving memory of Angela Mary Walker given by Billy, Michael, Shelley, Kim and Kai.

Flowers at the pulpit are in loving memory of Ricardo Lee, given by Olive Creary and family. **Flowers in the Sanctuary** are in memory of her parents and brother from Janet Shaw and family. **Flowers at the Lectern** are in loving memory of Oswald and Manuella Seymour given by Sharon Northover. **Thanks to** all who gave contribution towards flowers.

The Synod of our Diocese takes place this coming week April 19-22, 2022. Please keep this event in your prayers.

Tuesday Charity Ministry is asking for donations of Bun and Cheese for May 3rd.

170 God sent his son (Because he lives)

1. God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

Refrain

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow;
because he lives all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.*

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
and feel the pride, and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days because he lives. **R**

3. And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain:
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives. **R**

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Welcome & Notices

Recessional Hymn: 172 Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia,

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia,
our triumphant holy day, alleluia,
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia,
unto Christ, our heavenly King, alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains that he endured, alleluia,
our salvation have procured; alleluia,
now above the sky he's King, alleluia,
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

The Dismissal

8:00 a.m. - SOLEMN EUCHARIST & SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 187 He is risen (Edom)

1. He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice: He has burst his three days' prison; Let the whole wide earth rejoice: Death is conquered, man is free, Christ has won the victory.	2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, With glad smile and radiant brow! Lent's long shadows have departed; All his woes are over now, And the passion that he bore -Sin and pain can vex no more.
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3. Come, with high and holy hymning,
Chant our Lord's triumphant day;
Not one darksome cloud is dimming
Yonder glorious morning ray,
Braking o'er the purple east
Brighter far our Easter-feast.

Introit: Christ Has Conquered Arr. Gerre Hancock The Choir

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen indeed:

People: Come, let us adore Him, Alleluia!

Celebrant: †Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

**People: He has given us new life and hope! He has raised
Jesus from the dead!**

Celebrant: God has claimed us as his own:

**People: He has brought us out of darkness! He has made
us light to the world!**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ the Morning Star has risen:

People: He is alive and reigns for ever and ever. Alleluia!

The Collect For Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis *Traditional revival*

Refrain:

Glory to Massa Gad Oh!

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And peace to God's people,

God's people pon di earth

Glory to God on high!

**2. Lord Jesus Christ
Son and Lamb of God
All sin you remove,
Have mercy and hear wi cry. R**

**3. You are the Holy One
You are Lord, most High
With the Holy Spirit,
Glory be to you. R**

**1. Lord God heav'nly king
Mighty God and Father
We worship you
Praise and thanks to you. R**

THE COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 10: 34 - 43 Danielle Sutherland

Psalm 118 **Paraphrased** All sit

Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever." **R**

"The right hand of the Lord has struck with power;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted.
I shall not die, but live, ."
and declare the works of the Lord." **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes. ." **R**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15 : 19 - 26 Kaylor Scott

Gradual : 177 Low in the grave he lay

**1. Low in the grave he lay,
Jesus, my Saviour;
waiting the coming day,
Jesus, my Lord.**

**2. In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

Such Love

**1. Such love, pure as the whitest snow
Such love, weeps for the shame I know
Such love, paying the debt I owe
O Jesus, such love**

**2. Such love, stilling my restlessness
Such love, filling my emptiness
Such love, showing me holiness
O Jesus, such love**

**3. Such love, springs from eternity
Such love, streaming through history
Such love, fountain of life to me
O Jesus, such love**

And lead us not o lord, into temptation

Hallowed, be thy name

Deliver us o Lord, from every evil

Hallowed, be thy name

For thine the kingdom, the pow'r and glory

Hallowed, be thy name

Amen, amen, amen; amen it shall be so

Hallowed, be thy name

COMMUNION

Breaking of Bread

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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 *Traditional revival*

Oh Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God

You take away the sin of the world

Have mercy pon wi soul

(Repeat)

Oh Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God

You take away the sin of the world

Grant us peace

The Invitation Form B

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President: The gifts of God for the people of God

All: Our souls will feast and be satisfied and we will sing glad songs of praise to him.

Hymns during Communion:

In Christ alone my hope is found

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,

He is my light, my strength, my song;

This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All,

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Refrain

Up from the grave he arose,

with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;

he arose a victor from the dark domain,

and he lives for ever with his saints to reign:

he arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed,

Jesus, my Saviour;

Vainly they seal the dead,

Jesus, my Lord. **R**

3. Death cannot keep his prey,

Jesus, my Saviour,

he tore the bars away,

Jesus, my Lord. **R**

The Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel

The Gospel: John 20: 1-18

The Sermon: The Most Rev. Dr. Josiah Idowu Fearon

The 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.

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The aspersion with Holy Water

During the sprinkling of the people with Holy Water the following shall be sung:

Wonderful grace

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That gives what I don't deserve,

Pays me what Christ has earned

Then lets me go free.

Wonderful grace

That gives me the time to change,

Washes away the stain

That once covered me.

Refrain:

And all that I have, I lay at the feet

Of the wonderful Saviour

Who loves me.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Celebrant: *Alleluia! Christ is Risen, seek the things that are above*

People: Where Christ is seated at the right hand of God Alleluia

Celebrant: *The peace of the risen Christ be with you!*

People: And also with you.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: Christ Our Passover Will McFarlane *Choir*

Offertory Hymn: 183 Thine be the glory

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.

President & People:

God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people
and grant that he who is baptized into Christ may be perfected
in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All Amen.

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 every-
where to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God.

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.

Sanctus Traditional revival

Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord
Lord God of pow'r,
pow'r and might
Heav'n and earth are full, oh
Of your glory
Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord.

Blessed is He who comes
In the precious name of the Lord
Hosanna upon high,
Hosanna upon high
Blessed is He who comes.

PRESIDENT: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith

**All: Christ has died. Alleluia
Christ is risen. Alleluia
Christ will come again. Alleluia
Amen! Amen! Amen!**

PRESIDENT.... In songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour. Alleluia
and glory and power. Alleluia
be yours for ever and ever. Alleluia
Amen**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

Our Father Traditional revival

Our father, who art in Zion
Hallowed, be thy name

Thy Kingdom come on earth, thy will be done on earth
Hallowed, be thy name

Give us this day o Lord, our daily Bread.
Hallowed, be thy name

Forgive our sins we pray, as we forgive others
Hallowed, be thy name