

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023 - Year A

Living in the Spirit in a culture of diversity

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson	Acts 7: 55 - 60	Franklin Williams
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	Refrain: (all sit) “ O Lord, you are my rock and my stronghold. ”	
BCP page 503		
Epistle	1 Peter 2:2 - 10	Betty Ann Jones
Gospel	John 14: 1 - 14	
Prayer of Intercession	BCP Form B page 107	

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Opening	Now is Christ risen from the dead (see flysheet)	
Canticle	God’s Pascal Lamb	
First Lesson	Acts 7: 55 - 60	Alwyn Smith
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	BCP page 503	Chanted (all stand)
Epistle	1 Peter 2:2 - 10	Sonya Hamilton
Gradual	263 Thou art the way: by thee alone	
Gospel	John 14: 1 - 14	
Sermon	Canon Serrano Kitson	
The Creed	BCP page 278	
Intercession	Form B page 107	
Offertory	471 Put thou thy trust in God	
During Communion	628, O, love that wilt not let go	
Meditation	Love ye the Lord	Soloist Byron Bellamy
Recessional	175 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now	

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.

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Chapel of Ease:

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



INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
*Living in the Spirit in a culture of diversity***

CLERGY

Rector/Curate	The Very Revd. Canon Serrano Kitson, D. Min.
Assistant Curate	Revd. Fr. Bertram Gayle
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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know

For the past 49 years, our Church has been operating a Home for Girls. The Home has a capacity for 21 girls, aged 9 to 18 years. The girls are cared for in an atmosphere of Christian love and are encouraged to become involved in our Church activities. They are placed in the Home by the Child Protection and Family Services Agency. Shortly after a girl enters the Home, every effort is made to place her in an appropriate learning institution where her education is carefully monitored. Through initiatives such as these, the Church demonstrates, in a tangible way, its commitment to the society and to the welfare of those groups in the community who are in the greatest need of love and assistance.

Quote for reflection

“Whatever I had read as a child about the saints had thrilled me. I could see the nobility of giving one's life for the sick, the maimed, the leper. But there was another question in my mind. Why was so much done in remedying the evil instead of avoiding it in the first place? Where were the saints to try to change the social order, not just to minister to the slaves, but to do away with slavery?” *Dorothy Day*

Question for reflection

- What time will I set aside this week to pray for the ministry of the SAPC Home for Girls?

Monday Bible Study is at 5:30 p.m, Meeting ID 854 9239 9132 Passcode 367264. **Birthdays Groups and All Fellowship Groups** are invited to join the Bible Study group. Theme “Baptism as the gateway to Holy Communion.

Electronic payment instruction JAMAICAN DOLLARS

Bank Name: NCB - Half-Way-Tree

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Beneficiary Account #: **301045077**

Account Type: Current Account

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Readings for May 14, 2023: Acts 17:22 - 31, Psalm 66:7 - 18, 1 Peter 3:13 - 22, John 14:15 - 21.

PARISH NEWS

We welcome all visitors to our worship and fellowship

Birthdays for this week Revd. Annette Brown, Revd. Alton Tulloch and Yvonne Hall 07/05, Gail Lue Lim and Louise Wilson 08/05, Sister Myrel Moss, Blossom Williams, Barbara Briggs and Brandon Mighty 09/05, Revd. Rita White and Andron Findley 10/05, Revd. Dwane Blackwood 11/05, Lois Owen and Sean McDonald 12/05.

Condolence is extended to the family of Louisa Hanson. To Tryphena ‘Tiny’ Goldson on the passing of her nephew, Richard Williams in Canada. To Nicola Johnson and family on the passing of her father, Dennis Johnson. His funeral service will be on Saturday 13th at Race Course.

The funeral service for Rev. Jean Forbes will be Tuesday 9th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke’s Church Cross Roads; for Millicent Fagan on Wednesday 10th at 10:00 a.m. at New Forrest, Arthur Newland will be held at UWI chapel on the 15th at 9:00 a.m

Sunday School: "The St. Andrew Deanery Sunday School Festival is scheduled for May 21, 2023 at 3:30 PM here at St. Andrew Parish Church. We are expecting to have **over 300** persons in attendance. *All Sunday School aged students are expected to be in attendance.*"

We are soliciting donations, in cash or kind, for bottled water (small) and juice for the Sunday School Festival. Please contact the Church Office with your donations.

Confirmation Class continues on Wednesdays. Juniors at 6:30-7:30 ID:81077690144 Passcode ConfirmJu and the Seniors 6:30-7:30 ID 72347897500 Passcode ConfirmAd.

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.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK May 7 - May 13

May 9	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
May 10	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
May 12	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

SICK AND SHUT - IN

George Thomas	(Priest)	Leslene Davis	Linda Mahon
Alton Tulloch	(Priest)	Nancy Baugh	Lola Neckles
Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Margaret Green	Richard Neckles
Stanley Thompson		Ilene Henry	Gwen Waugh

Hymn for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Processional: Now is Christ risen from the dead

1. Now is Christ risen from the dead,
now are the powers of darkness fled,
Alleluia, alleluia
Gone is the night of sin and gloom,
Jesus is risen from the tomb.
Alleluia, alleluia

2. Now is Christ risen from the dead,
empty there lies his narrow bed,
Alleluia, alleluia
Christ and his cross have won the day,
come, see the grave in which he lay.
Alleluia, alleluia

3. Now is Christ risen from the dead,
he who his blood for sinners shed,
Alleluia, alleluia
In him who died to bear our sins
our resurrection-life begins.
Alleluia, alleluia

4. Now is Christ risen from the dead,
risen and reigning as he said,
Alleluia, alleluia
Praise him who light and life restored,
praise him, our ever-living Lord!
Alleluia, alleluia

Baptism

The Book of Common Prayer defines baptism as “the Sacrament by which God unites us with Christ, adopts us as His children and makes us members of Christ’s Body, the church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God” (pg 404).

The ancient form of initiation involved one rite with three elements: the water bath, the hand laying, and the anointing (Chrismation). The first communion then followed. Infants and children were included in all of these.

The Eastern Orthodox Churches have retained this single rite of initiation, with no separate service of Confirmation. In the Western Church, the Rite of Baptism initially followed the pattern outlined above.

According to the Didache (one of the oldest Christian documents), the form of Baptism is to be that which utilizes the Trinitarian formula; thus, water was to be poured "thrice upon the candidate's head in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

James White identifies within the baptismal liturgy what he calls "five New Testament metaphors of initiation." These metaphors are 1) Union with Jesus Christ, 2) Incorporation into the church, 3) New birth, 4) The forgiveness of sin, and 5) Reception of the Holy Spirit. Bible passages that speak to these include Rom 6:3-5, Gal 3:27-28, Jn 3:5, 1 Cor 6:11, and Acts 2:38.

Baptism initiates the reality of the new life given amid the present world. It provides participation in the community of the Holy Spirit. It is a sign of the Kingdom of God and of the life of the world to come. Through the gifts of faith, hope, and love, Baptism has a dynamic that embraces the whole of life, extends to all nations, and anticipates the day when every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.