

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 16, 2023 - Year A Proper 10

Living in the Spirit in a culture of diversity

July focus: Stewardship of Time, Talent and Spiritual gifts and Resources

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

O. T. Lesson	Genesis 25:19 - 34	Douglas Folkes
Psalm 119:105 - 112	Refrain: (all sit) <i>“O Lord, your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path. Alleluia.”</i>	
BCP page 635		
Epistle	Romans 8:1 - 11	Gail Lue Lim
Gospel	Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23	
Prayer of Intercession	BCP Form C page 108	

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	360 All creatures of our God and King	
O.T Lesson	Genesis 25:19 - 34	Jhanelle James
Psalm 119:105 - 112	Refrain: (all sit) <i>“O Lord, your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path. Alleluia.”</i>	
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Epistle	Romans 8:1 - 11	Brandon Smith
Gradual	Word of God come down on earth (see insert)	
Gospel	Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23	
Sermon	Sister Andrea Taylor-Smith	
The Creed	Hymn 561 (Tune Hyfrydol)	
Intercession	Form C page 108	
Offertory	The Spirit lives to set us free. (See insert)	
During Communion	Thy Word is a light unto my path, You are my strength when I am weak. (see insert)	
Recessional	You shall go out with joy. (see insert)	

Prayer for the right use of God’s gifts as stewards

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honour you with our substance of time, talent and treasure, remembering the account which we must one day give, and be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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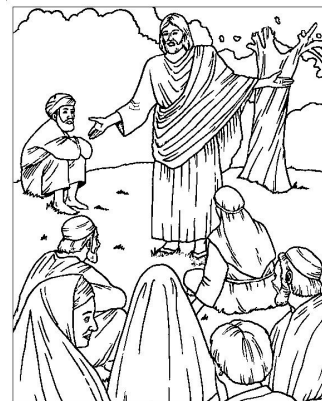
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Chapel of Ease:

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 Sirrano Kitson, D. Min.
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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know ?

“God has given you unique abilities, talents, and gifts...They represent a person’s SHAPE: **S**piritual gifts, **H**eart, **A**bilities, **P**ersonality, and **E**xperiences. This bundle of talents is the thing God has given you that makes you who you are and sets you apart from other people...God gave you talents to benefit others, not yourself. And God gave other people talents that benefit you... In the body of Christ, each part matters. There are no insignificant people in the family of God. You are shaped to serve God, and he wants to see how you are going to use the talents he gave you.” *Pastor Rick Warren*

Quote for reflection

“Your talent is God’s gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.” — *Leo Buscaglia*

Question for reflection

- How will I use my talent(s) this week to benefit others and improve the spaces I find myself in?
- Where have I seen God bless my life as I’ve grown more faithful in using my S.H.A.P.E.?

Monday Bible Study is at 5:30 p.m, Meeting ID 854 9239 9132 Passcode 367264. **Birthday 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

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Readings for July 23, 2023: Genesis 28:10 - 19a, Psalm 139:1 - 11, 22-23, Romans 8:12 - 25, Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43.

PARISH NEWS

We welcome all visitors to our worship and fellowship

Birthdays for this week Althea Banbury 16/07, Headley Clarke and Natalie Dennis-Dailey 17/07, Rev. Hollis Lynch, Kimberley Lue Lim, Suzanne Hendricks and Manna Marley 18/07, Tanya Watson-Francis 19/07, Sandra Bailey 21/07, Rev. Melvin Newsome 22/07.

Wedding Anniversary congratulations to Lloyd and Pauline Bryan 69yrs on the 20th and Noel and Ruby Anderson 45yrs on the 22nd.

Condolence is extended to Tamar Moore and family on the passing of her husband Rev. Sydney Moore. The funeral service for Winston Johnson will be on Tuesday the 18th at 11:00am. For Christine Chambers will be on Saturday 22nd, at The Church of Ascension at 10:00 am; And Marcia Green will be on Saturday 22nd, at Holy Trinity, Old Harbour at 10:00am.

Ministry & Leadership – If you are interested in deepening your faith and training for leadership or Lay Ministry kindly visit the Diocesan website for more information.

Feast of Music Committee: ‘Save the date for ‘Feast of Music Encore’, Sunday, October 1st, at Campion College’

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 July 16 - 22
The church is open from 9:00 - 5:00 during the week for prayers

July 18	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
July 19	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
July 21	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Alton Tulloch	(Priest)	Trevor Blake	Lola Neckles
Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Olive Lawrence	Aston Hobbins
Nancy Baugh		Ilene Henry	Gwen Waugh
Linda Mahon		Richard Neckles	Karlene Ruddock

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

1. You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising up again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God Worthy is Your name
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Recessional: You Shall Go Out With Joy

1. You Shall Go Out With Joy
And Be Led Forth With Peace
The Mountains And The Hills
Will Break Forth Before You
There'll Be Shouts Of Joy,
And All The Trees Of The Field
Will Clap, Will Clap Their Hands

Refrain:

And All The Trees Of The Field
Will Clap Their Hands
The Trees Of The Field
Will Clap Their Hands
The Trees Of The Field
Will Clap Their Hands
While You Go Out With Joy

Repeat Verse 1 and refrain

Hymns for Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (16 July 2023)

Gradual: Word of God Come Down on Earth

1. Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heaven descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

2. Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die,
crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.

3. Word that speaks God's tender love,
one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

The Creed

I believe in Jesus
I believe He is the Son of God
I believe He died and rose again
I believe He paid for us all

And I believe He is here now
Standing in our midst
Here With the power to heal now
And the grace to forgive

I believe in You, Lord
I believe You are the Son of God
I believe You died and rose again
I believe You paid for us all.

And I believe You're here now
Standing in our midst
Here With the power to heal now
And the grace to forgive.

Offertory: The Spirit Lives to Set Us Free

1. The Spirit Lives To Set Us Free,
Walk, Walk In The Light.
He Binds Us All In Unity,
Walk, Walk In The Light.

Refrain:
*Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light Of The Lord.*

2. Jesus Promised Life To All,
Walk, Walk In The Light.
The Dead Were Wakened By His Call,
Walk, Walk In The Light.

*Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light Of The Lord.*

3. He Died In Pain On Calvary,
Walk, Walk In The Light.
To Save The Lost Like You And Me,
Walk, Walk In The Light.

*Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light,
Walk-In The Light Of The Lord.*

Repeat Verse 1 and refrain

During Communion

Thy Word is a Light Unto My Path

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
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1. When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path*

2. I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path*

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path*

A Meditation on Stewardship

The Christian is responsible for his own personal capacities and abilities, the physical, mental, and spiritual gifts that enter into one's efforts toward responsible living and effective Christian services in the world. The Christian faith is wholistic and is therefore concerned with our bodily existence, our emotional and mental health, the use of our intelligence, our private and public conduct and the productive use of our natural and spiritual abilities.

Body. As a living soul, man is both body and spirit. Like other biological organism man's body is essential to life. His biological needs and functions that must be met include nourishment, exercise, rest, relaxation and sleep. The body is so vital to human existence that the biblical hope is for a future resurrection of a spiritual body before the redeemed enjoy the fullness of eternity (see 1 Cor. 15). The good steward will keep his physical organism functioning at peak efficiency through proper diet, exercise, rest and relaxation, adequate sleep, weight control, and intelligent health habits.

In urging care and discipline of the body, Paul calls the Christian's body the temple of God or of the Spirit (see Rom. 8:11). We are to glorify God in our bodies (see 1 Cor. 6:19-20) by presenting them as a living sacrifice to God (see Rom. 12:1)

Mind. The great commandment charges us to love God with the mind. The mind partly distinguishes man from other animals. It is integral to obeying God's command to manage the earth and to responding to the claims of the kingdom of God. The Christian should develop his intelligence to the limits of his own capacity and the opportunities available in his society. In a time of exploding scientific and technological knowledge, the Christian should utilize his intellectual gifts in the total pursuit of the knowledge that

enriches life. That should include Christian education. Knowledge should lead to the wisdom that enables human being to cope with the practical stuff of living, to know and do the will of God, to live as responsible steward.

Abilities. The steward's abilities fall into two categories corresponding with creation and redemption. We have natural abilities we are born with and develop in the maturing process. They may be intelligence, technological skills, musical or other artistic abilities, managerial qualities, personality, leadership gifts, manual abilities, or other skills. The Christian steward is responsible for discovering and developing his best aptitudes and abilities in ways that allow him through his vocation to make a maximum contribution to humanity and the present world, and not merely to make a living or to attain prominence or wealth.

The Christian also receives spiritual gifts that God confers on all members of the body of Christ (see 1 Cor. 12:4-6). His gift is essential to the healthy functioning of the church and is to be used in the internal life of the church and in the church's ministry and mission in the world (see 1 Cor. 12:7; Rom. 12:6). First Peter 4:10 specifically links the steward's role with the use of his spiritual gift in the life of the church and in service to the world.

Creative Stewardship Richard B. Cunningham

Question for meditation

Since whatever we have comes to us through the grace of God, what portion can we give back to God of our time, talent, and resources for God's purposes and mission?