

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23, 2023 - Year A Proper 11

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 28:10 - 19a	Franklin Williams
Psalm 139:1 - 11, 22-23	Refrain: (all sit) <i>“O, Lord search me out and know my heart. Alleluia.”</i>	
BCP page 654		
Epistle	Romans 8:12 - 25	June Rose
Gospel	Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43	
Prayer of Intercession	BCP Form H page 120	

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	708 Come ye thankful people	
O.T Lesson	Genesis 28:10 - 19a	Gervaise McLeod
Psalm 139:1 - 11, 22- 23	Chanted: (all stand) BCP page 654	
Epistle	Romans 8:12 - 25	Yvonne Sterrett
Gradual	407 As the deer pants for the water	
Gospel	Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43	
Sermon	Rev. Canon Siranno Kitson	
The Creed	Hymn 561 (Tune Hyfrydol)	
Intercession	Form H page 120	
Offertory	473 In heavenly love abiding	
During Communion	576, 380	
Recessional	618 Sent forth by God’s blessing	

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

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know ?

Christian worship in denominations like ours is influenced by Judaism, particularly in the liturgy and prayers used during the Eucharist or Holy Communion. An example of this influence is seen in the first prayer (prayer A) for presenting offerings, which originated from a Jewish meal prayer. Early Jewish Christians integrated elements from their Jewish heritage into their Christian practices, adapting the Offertory Prayer for the Eucharistic liturgy. This prayer acknowledges God as the source of everything we offer, as everything we have has been given to us by God.

Quote for reflection

“Stewardship isn't a subcategory of the Christian life. Stewardship is the Christian life. After all, what is stewardship except that God has entrusted to us life, time, talents, money, possessions, family, and his grace? In each case, he evaluates how we regard what he has entrusted to us and what we do with it.” — *Randy Alcorn*

Question for reflection

- When will I schedule time this week to memorize Form A of the Presentation of the Offerings?

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”.

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Readings for July 30, 2023: Genesis 29:15 - 28, Psalm 105:1 - 11, 45b, Romans 8:26 - 39, Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 - 52.

PARISH NEWS

We welcome all visitors to our worship and fellowship

Birthdays for this week Barbara Potter, Beulah Sconce-Reid and Tanya Cohen 23/07, Claudette Johnson and Afeef Lazarus 24/07, Stella Walker, Twanya Sutherland and Peter Thwaites 25/07, Rev. Veront Satchell and Kyle Foote 26/07, Demitri Smith-Wint and Lesly-Anne Owen 27/07, Marva Greig and Norman Davis 28/07, Maureen Allen and David Goldson 29/07.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversary - Congratulations to Alwyn and Yvette Smith who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 28th.

Condolence is extended to the family of Helen Cuthbert, to Owen Streete and family on the passing of his sister, Uvalyn Streete-Leslie and to the family of Obraghi (Dorothy) Stewart. The funeral service for Cyril Bridge will be on Thursday 27th at 11am.

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’

Birthday Groups Rally of the Twelve Prophets

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 23 - 29
The church is open from 9:00 - 5:00 during the week for prayers

July 25	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	James the Apostle
July 26	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
July 28	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Carol Lawla	Donald Smalling
Alton Tulloch	(Priest)	Beryl Gillies	Rema Watt
Heron Wright		Veta Coke	Lois Owen
Myrtle Young		Carroll Haughton	Norma Allen

The 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 DON'T TAKE AWAY!

Hymn: For everyone born

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

***And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators***

Liturgy for Sundays after Pentecost

President: The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. (John 4:23)

President: + Praise the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Worthy of Praise forever and ever Alleluia! Alleluia!

President: Alleluia. Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness

All: Come let us adore the Lord. Alleluia!

President: Alleluia The Lord has shown forth His glory

All: Come let us glorify the Lord. Alleluia!

President: Alleluia. Our God shall reign forever.

All: Let us praise and exalt the Lord forever. Amen. 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.*

Glory to God on High (Darwall's 148th)

Glory to God on high and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King
We give you praise,
Almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only son
The sacrificial lamb, who saves the world from sin,
Have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ
And now you reign
With Father and with Spirit one in glorious light

The Collect for the Day

The Ministry of the Word

A Reflection on Time, Talent Material Possession

A Christian steward recognizes that he is the recipient of God's gift of kindness, generosity and benevolence through God's saving grace in Jesus Christ, and God requires him to respond with gratitude, cherishing and nurturing what he has received in a responsible and accountable manner, returning the gifts with increase to the Lord. Our response is a lifelong responsibility and as God keeps giving to us and in particular, the gift of *time*, we are called to respond through the use and management of our *time*, abilities, health, resources, relationships and the environment.

Are we the author of *time*, our talents, abilities and material *possessions*? If we were *not* given the *time* and the opportunity and endowed with cognitive faculties, would we be able to achieve and acquire? We are caretakers, custodians, proprietors and stewards of what exclusively and entirely belong to God. For it is God who has given us the breath of life, endowed us with mental faculties, given us the gift of *time* and clothed us in His image so that our lives can have a sense of purpose. When the giver is acknowledge as the source and author of what we have received, there is joy and peace within the heart of our soul. (Read Deuteronomy 8:1-20). For us to do otherwise is idolatry. "All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you. Blessed be God forever". (BCP page 126).

We may be inspired by different motives to make the *time* for worship and prayer, and the use of our abilities and resources in daily living, however we must always remember that each passing moment beckons us as disciples of Jesus to acknowledge and appreciate that God in Christ died for us and has given us *new life* and *spiritual gifts* and material resources for us to care and share for the building up of His kingdom. ©

- As 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?