

THE BLESSING

President: The creative love of God our Father, who brought into existence a world of boundless beauty, enfold you. The unfathomable wisdom of God the Son, who fashions and upholds the creation guide you. The limitless power of the Holy Spirit, who infuses life and renews the earth fill you.

And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Choral Amen: A-men!

Welcome & Announcements

Rev'd Bertram Gayle

We join as our youths recess from the church with their symbols of the environment.

Recessional: 321 Jesus Shall Reign

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on His love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on His Name.

3. Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

4. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

President: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

President: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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



A Mighty River

Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

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?

The theme for this year's Season of Creation is "Let Justice and Peace Flow." It's inspired by the words of the prophet Amos who cried out: "*But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!*" (Amos 5: 24). This year's theme reminds us that we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

Quote for reflection

"The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our creator God, and to renew our relationship with all of God's creation, and to join with our brothers and sisters in the worldwide family of God in thinking and praying about our common home and in taking action, too."~
Ruth Valerio, Canterbury Cathedral

Question for reflection

- In the upcoming new church year and beyond, what actions or changes can we (as individuals and as a church) make to better steward and care for the environment?

The Church Army is accepting applications for the 4th cohort of Associate Evangelists. If interested, please speak to the clergy staff.

Birthday Groups - Rally of the Twelve Prophets. Coordinators please contact the wardens. Admission free.

Gift Day: is December 10 – 17.

Electronic payment instruction JAMAICAN DOLLARS

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Account Type: Current Account

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Readings for December 3, 2023: Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

Hymn 501 I will sing the wondrous story

1. I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me —
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me —
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

2. I was lost: but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.

3. He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me —
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All: Eternal God and heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to care for the earth and to love and serve you, and all persons in you, with gladness and singleness of heart, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMNS DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn: 607 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead.
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia! alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.

2. Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now,
Alleluia! alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

4. Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

5. Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified.

PARISH NEWS

We welcome all visitors to our worship and fellowship
November focus: Stewardship of Creation and the Environment

Birthdays for this week:- Robin Perkins 26/11. Jean Spence, Jennifer Goodison and Ashleigh Davis 27/11, Shaun James, Donna Evelyn, Dwayne McKenzie and Julianne Teape 28/11, Kaye-Anne Parke 29/11, Rev. Barrington Soares, Rev. Collin Reid and Jacqueline Mighty 01/12.

Condolence is extended to the family of Rev. Canon Abner Powell. To the family of Roy "Bull" Thompson. To Kathrine Williamson-Teape and family on the passing of her brother, Steven Williamson. The funeral service for Aston Daley will be on Tuesday 28th at 11:00.

Faith formation Training for Christian Discipleship - Contact the Church Office to indicate your interest. 968-9366, 926-6692.

Ministry & Leadership – If you're interested in deepening your faith and training for leadership or Lay Ministry, do visit the Diocesan Website.

No Monday Bible Study this week. It resumes December 11 at 5:30pm

Harvest Supper Committee: Thanks everyone for supporting the take out luncheon.

The Parish Planning Retreat will be on Saturday, December 2, 2023 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Patronal Sunday: Next week is patronal Sunday, and the guest celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Garth Minott.

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 Nov. 26 - Dec. 2

Nov. 28	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Nov. 29	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 1	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - St. Andrew

SICK ND SHUT - IN

Alton Tulloch (Priest)	Lloyd Bryan	Pauline Christie
Percival Lynch (Priest)	Pamela Neilson	Ellonia Gordon
John Greaves	Muriel Smith	Clover Chung
Neville Hendricks	Emily Hemmings	Mildred Johnson

Order of Service

Opening Hymn: 246 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
2. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every tribe and every tongue
before him prostrate fall,
and shout in universal song
the crownèd Lord of all.

President: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
And God saw that it was good. (Gen 1:1a, 9c)

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

President: God the Father, the Source of Creation

All: We praise you for all that you have made.

President: God the Son, the Wise One that established the world

All: You came to earth and made it your home.

President: God the Spirit, who hovered over the water and breathed
life into all Creation

All: Come, now and renew the earth.

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

President: And so, heavenly Father... in songs of everlasting praise.

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

President: As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

President: This is the true bread which comes from heaven..

All: Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

THE INVITATION

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.**

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

President: Through your goodness, Lord, we have this bread and wine to offer, the fruit of the earth, made possible by endangered pollinators and the work of human hands. They will become our spiritual food.

All: All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you. Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 everywhere to give you thanks, Father Almighty, everlasting God:

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

President: All holy and glorious Father, our creator God....
Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Jesus is Lord. He has reconciled us to himself.
Christ makes all things new.**

KYRIE ELEISON

President: Help us to celebrate our common home, Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

President: Help us to love our common home,
Christ, our King, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

President: Help us to preserve our common home,
Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Refrain:

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **R**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **R**

For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **R**

THE COLLECT:

Priest: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Rohan Scott

Psalms 100 Chorale speaking (Sunday School) All sit

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15 - 23 Paulette Wright

Gradual : 242 This is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world,
Oh, let us not forget
that though the wrong is great and strong,
God is our Father yet.
He trusts us with His world,
to keep it clean and fair,
all earth and trees, all skies and seas,
all creatures everywhere.

Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Lord God almighty reigns,
Let us rejoice and sing
And give him glory, all the glory
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel: Matyu / Matthew 25:31-46

Priest: Di Laad de ya wid unu. / *The Lord be with you.*

All: An wid yu tu. / And also with you.

Priest: Di Gud Nyuuz bout wi Laad Jiizas Kraiss azkaadn tu Matyu /
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Gluori tu Kraiss wi Sievya / Glory to Christ our Saviour.

awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail,
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

President: Let us, therefore, confess our sins to Almighty God.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought; through our actions of waste and pollution, we have failed to love the earth as we ought, and have demonstrated a lack of concern for the wellbeing of future generations. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

President: Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in life eternal; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE *All stand*

President: The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit (Rom 14:17)

All: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life. (Rom 14:19)

President: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

At the beginning of the hymn, the youth of the church will present the elements of bread and wine, along with other symbols of creation, to be placed at the foot of the altar.

Offertory: 190 Crown him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:

After the reading of the Gospel

Priest: Di Guud Nyuuz bout Krai. / *The Gospel of Christ.*

All: Priez Krai wi Laad. / Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon Fr. Bertram Gayle

THE CREED: The Nicene Creed (Adapted) - All stand

President: Let us affirm our faith together

Females: We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things and celebrates all things.

Males: We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with
God's presence, a home we share with all God's creatures.

Females: We believe that God became flesh and blood, became a
piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who
lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died
on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation.

Males: We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of
creation reconciling all things to God, renewing all
creation and filling the cosmos.

Females: We believe the Spirit renews life in creation groans in
empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for
the rebirth of creation.

**All: We believe that with Christ we will rise and with
Christ we will celebrate a new creation.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS:

President: Let us pray for the world that God has entrusted to our
care, as well as for the Church and our local community.

Leader: Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into
covenant with you, and who puts in our hands
responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we
pray for all to whom you have given life and being,
saying,

All: Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creation, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and small, that we and they may thrive in harmony with one another, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures of the earth that do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as your beloved creatures, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures [especially for Andrew, Floyd Green, Everaldo Warmington, and our local leaders and environmental agencies], that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture, aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For your Church, that we your people may use our gifts and resources thoughtfully and responsibly and shine as your light in the world, thankful for those of your servants who minister to us, giving thanks especially for the work in ministry of our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Church workers and lay-leaders, we pray:

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of our homeland and of this planet

Merciful God, sustain your planet and people in peace.

A Prayer for Stewardship of Creation and the Environment

O God our creator, your beauty is beyond our imagining, all things look to you. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation, and teach us to have a reverence for the earth and its resources. Enable us, O Lord, to care for the environment, to cherish its gifts that surround us, and experience the joy of life in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen. ©

President: Eternal God, hear our prayers and grant that we may be faithful stewards of the world you have entrusted to us. May we appreciate the beauty, cherish the life, and uphold the sanctity of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the King of the universe, who redeems and restores all things. Amen

ACT OF PENITENCE:

President: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 Jn 1:8-9)

(Silence is kept)