

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?
- Since the Risen Christ abides with us, what is our experience of His presence?

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.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK March 31 - April 6

No Services - Synod in progress

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR

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| Percival Lynch | (Priest) | Lois Owen | Calvin Murray |
| Brian Goldson | | Norma Allen | Muriel Smith |
| Cynthia Small | | Frederick Green | Emily Hemmings |
| Donald Smalling | | Hopeton Fraser | Pauline Christie |

Kindly inform the Church Office when you become aware of members who are ill at home, in hospital, or absent from Church for a while.

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

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



"I am the light of the world, and of life.
Whoever follows me will not walk in the dark."

Patron Saint Andrew The Apostle

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

Assistant Curate: Revd. Bertram Gayle

Supplementary Clergy: Revd. Claude Campbell

Church Army: Sis. Andrea Taylor-Smith

March 31, 2024 8:00 a.m.

Excerpts from Archbishop's Easter Message

God Has the Last Word Over Evil

The Book of Psalms is a collection of books which fall in different categories. Chief among these are those expressing lament, those expressing trust and confidence in God, and those expressing anger and calling for God's judgement on enemies. This last category is designated as imprecatory psalms; and of course, there are also the psalms of praise and thanksgiving.

Close examination reveals that, whatever the human condition and experience to which the psalmist sought to give expression, he ultimately came toward the end of the particular psalm with an affirmation of God and God's goodness, and entrusted the situation into God's hands, as the ultimate source of light and hope.

There is a sense in which the human condition and experience today are not different from those captured in the Psalms, so there is suffering, injustice, and the evil designs of people and institutions. Across our world, we see the horror and the suffering being inflicted on people in Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti and countless nations where wars are being fought. However, these are no longer being highlighted as they have ceased to be nine-day wonders, or of interest to international and national forces. Who can watch the suffering of children and women of Gaza who face an artificially-induced state of trauma, dislocation, starvation, and death from malnutrition and conditions now defined as famine, and not cringe that a world which claims to be civilized can still perpetuate and watch such inhumanity with dispassion?

++The Most Rev. Dr. The Hon. Howard Gregory, OJ
Archbishop of the West Indies, Primate and Metropolitan
Bishop of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands

We welcome all visitors to our worship and fellowship

Birthdays for this week: Rev. Milton Russell and Deanne Logan—Johnson 31/03, Tameka Jordan and Mariann Greaves 02/04, Neville Miller and David Aarons 03/04, Maxine Hutchinson and Patrice Whitely 04/04, Eurith Martin, Lisa Johnston and Douglas Folkes 05/04, Lilith Jean Ottey and Patrick Casserly 06/04.

Condolence is extended to Lorna Green and family on the passing of her mother, Ena Green in Canada.

Flowers at the foot of the Altar is in loving memory of Marcia Goodall, given by Audley, Judith, and Brian . **The arrangement in Choir Stall** in memory of choristers. **At the Pulpit** in loving memory of Ingrid Pusey given by Mary Bryan and the rest of the family; **And the Lectern** in loving memory of Alvira Ross-Medley given by Dudley McLean 11.

Please support our Dorcas Basket/Tuesday Charity Ministry

The 153rd Synod of our Diocese takes place April 2 - 5, 2024. Please keep this event in your prayers.

Christian formation classes for adults online is on Wednesdays at 5:30 Zoom ID 871 7016 6738 passcode 016762.

Interior Restoration - As we continue the interior painting project with a focus on the Nave, All Souls Chapel and the Choir Area. We would like to thank all who have contributed and encourage continued support to reach our target. **Please indicate paint on your envelope.**

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.

Readings for April 7, 2024: Acts 4: 32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31.

252 He is Lord

1. He is Lord, he is Lord!
He is risen from the dead,
and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord!

3. He is Love, he is Love!
He is risen from the dead,
and he is Love
Every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Love!

2. He is King, he is King!
He is risen from the dead,
and he is King;
Every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is King!

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

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

10.

PROCESSIONAL 179 Rejoice this Easter Day!

1. Rejoice this Easter Day!
The Lord is risen indeed!
Lift up your voice and sing, and worship Christ the King.
He's risen today!
Our Lord now lives! Rejoice, again this Easter Day!

2. Come, see the empty tomb
In which our Saviour lay,
He is not here – the King of king's alive today.
He's risen today!
Our Lord now lives! Rejoice, again this Easter Day!

3. Because you live, O Christ,
We celebrate this day.
O heaven and earth shall never be the same today.
Our Saviour lives!
What joy, this blest assurance, my Redeemer lives!

Introit: Easter Anthem - Christ our Passover

Refrain Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
*therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, neither with leaven of malice and wickedness;
*but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead | dieth no more;
*death hath no more dominion over Him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once:
*but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin,
*but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen | from the dead,
*and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death,
*by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam | all die,
*even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Refrain Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The 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! Alleluia!

Celebrant: **Alleluia!** God has claimed us as his own:

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

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ the Morning Star has risen:

People: He is alive and reigns for ever and ever. 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.**

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!

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

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**

THE COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 10: 34 - 43

Minnette Mitchell

Psalm 118 Paraphrased - all sit

Refrain:

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

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Hymns during Communion:

Hymn 164

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred Blood for wine,
gives his Body for the feast,
Christ the Victim, Christ the priest.

2. Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

3. Mighty Victim from on high,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall:
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

4. Easter triumph, Easter joy,
sin alone can this destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

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**

9.

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

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 page 145

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 page 146

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.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11 Karen Scott

Gradual: I serve a risen Savior

1. I serve a risen Savior,
he's in the world today;
I know that he is living,
whatever men may say;
I see his hand of mercy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him
he's always near.

2. In all the world around me
I see his loving care,
and tho' my heart grows weary,
I never will despair;
I know that he is leading
through all the stormy blast,
the day of his appearing
will come at last. **R**

Refrain:
He lives, he lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him,
the help of all who find,
no other is so loving,
so good and kind. **R**

The Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel

The Gospel: John 20: 1 - 18

The Sermon: The Very Rev. Canon Sirrano Kitson

The Prayers Of Intersession

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.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS Pages 264-266

The aspersion with Holy Water

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

Wonderful grace

Wonderful grace
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.*

*** What can wash away my sin...**

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

Anthem: Come ye faithful raise the strain R. S Thatcher

Offertory Hymn: Christ is ris-en! Christ is ris-en

1. Christ is ris-en! Christ is ris-en!
He hath burst His bonds in twain;
Christ is ris-en! Christ is ris-en!
Alleluia! swell the strain!
For our gain He suffered loss
By divine decree;
He hath died upon the cross,
But our God is He.

3. Glorious angels downward thronging
Hail the Lord of all the skies;
Heav'n, with joy and holy longing
For the Word Incarnate cries,
Christ is ris-en! Earth, rejoice!
Gleam, ye starry train!
All creation, find a voice;
He o'er all shall reign.

Refrain
*Christ is ris-en! Christ is ris-en!
He hath burst His bonds in twain;
Christ is ris-en! Christ is ris-en!
Alleluia! swell the strain!*

Final refrain
*Christ is ris-en! Christ is ris-en!
He hath burst His bonds in twain;
Christ is ris-en! Christ is ris-en
O'er the universe shall reign*

2. See the chains of death are broken;
Earth below and Heav'n above
Joy in each amazing token
Of His rising, Lord of love;
He for-ev-er-more shall reign
By the Fa-ther's side,
Till He comes to earth again,
Comes to claim His Bride. **R**

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. **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 everywhere 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 ever-lasting praise:

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

PRESIDENT: As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray 7.