

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024 Lectionary Year B

360th Anniversary Celebration of the Mission and Ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

The Canticle	Christ our Passover BCP pg 37
First Reading	Acts 10:44 - 48 Jennifer Goodison
Psalm 98	<b>Refrain:</b> (all sit) <i>“Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things . Alleluia”</i>
BCP page 596	
Epistle	1 John 5: 1 - 6 Faith Harker
Gospel	John 15: 9 - 17
Prayer of Intercession	BCP Form B page 107

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	660 Members of Christ are we
Canticle	God’s Paschal Lamb - see insert
First Reading	Acts 10:44 - 48 Gervaise McLeod
Psalm 98	BCP page 596 <b>Chanted</b> (all stand)
Epistle	1 John 5: 1 - 6 Sonya Hamilton
Gradual	542 A new commandment I give unto you
Gospel	John 15: 9 - 17
Sermon	Rev. Canon Sirrano Kitson
The Apostles’ Creed	BCP 106
Intercession	page 4
Offertory	672 O Jesus, I have promised
During Communion	597, 664, 539
Recessional	416 I, the Lord of sea and sky

A 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, enable us to tithe and present our offering, 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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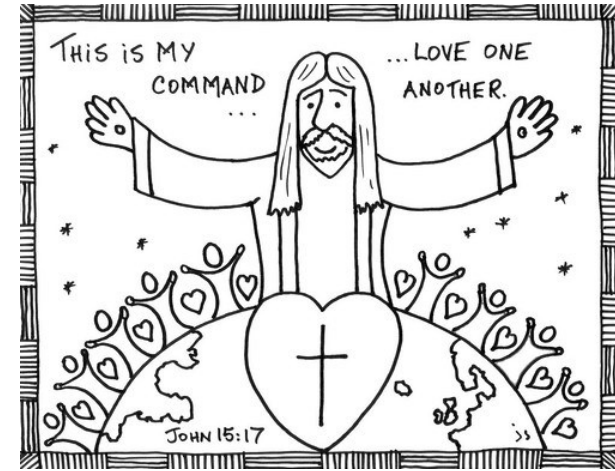
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Chapel of Ease:

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



**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:**

**360th Anniversary**

**CLERGY**

Rector/Curate	The Very Revd. Canon Sirrano Kitson, D. Min.
Assistant Curate	Revd. Fr. Bertram Gayle
Supplementary Clergy	Revd. Fr. Claude Campbell
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**The Rector is out of Office on Mondays**

*The Archbishop's Message for Children's Sunday, May 5, 2024*

Annually the Diocese of Jamaica and The Cayman Islands celebrate Children's Sunday on the first Sunday in the month of May. Mothers' Day and Teachers' Day are also celebrated in the month of May. Both mothers and teachers are nurturers based on the roles they play in our society.

This year the Education and Youth Department's focus on **"Promoting Safe Church and School For All"** is timely especially since our children are at risk in so many ways. The theme **"Nurturing Children For Holistic Development"** is aimed at creating the awareness among adults in our society that our children need to be nurtured and allowed to enjoy safe places/spaces both at church and school.

It is of extreme importance that our children are developed holistically in order to shape their overall wellbeing. This entails providing for their physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual development. It is our hope that parents and teachers will create the environment for the students to maximize their potential.

Parents should pay attention to the needs of the children and support them at every stage of development. The early years are the most important period of a child's development since it lays the foundation for future growth and wellbeing.

Educators should design learning environments that offer diverse and engaging experiences catering to children's interest and individual needs. Since different types of development take place at the same time, various objects, events and people must be available to support brain development and enhance the capacity to learn and adapt to the environment.

According to UNICEF Scientific Research, "The quality of a child's early experiences makes a critical difference as their brains develop providing either strong or weak foundations for learning, health and behaviour throughout life.

Children, you are the future. The nation is depending on you to develop your skills and talents for the benefit of yourself and those around you. Enjoy your environment. Stimulate your brain. Develop good morals and values. Participate in play, both indoors and outdoors. Build social and emotional security by relating well with those around you. Read and share stories.

As you bask in the attention paid to you on this Children's Sunday, remember to strive to be your very best. Let your behaviour reflect the morals and values taught at home and school. Remember we are depending on you. Christ is depending on you.

**The Most Rev. Dr. The Honourable Howard K. A. Gregory O.J.** 2.

**Birthdays for this week:** Revd. Beverley Noble-Donald 05/05, Revd. Lorraine Geddes McDonald and Michael Lawe 06/05, Revd. Annette Brown, Rev. Charmaine 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, Andron Findley 10/05, Revd. Dwane Blackwood and Christopher James 11/05.

**The Anglican Women's Auxiliary** expresses sincere appreciation for your kind support of their Fish Fry fundraiser.

**Healing Conference** will be on June 1 - 'Healing for a Hurting Nation' at the Jamaica Conference Centre. The liturgy of Holy Communion and the laying on of hands will be at St. Luke's on the 2nd at 8:00am. For further information call the Church Office.

**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 continue to write the word PAINT on the envelope.

**Help Needed** - We crave your support for ministry at our missions in Majesty Gardens and Kencot. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Church Office.

**We welcome** items that are non-perishable for our Dorcas Basket. Our Tuesday charity ministry will be on Tuesday May 7th.

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

**SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK May 5 - May 11**

May 7	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
May 8	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
May 10	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

**WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR**

Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Olga Whyly	Mavis Bogle
Hector Hamilton		Gloria Laing	Daphne Martin
Nicola Carney		Veneta Mott	Reginald Taylor
June Spence		Daphne Whitely	Trevor Blake

### Faith Formation and Christian Education

**Did you know that?** In the 20th century,

- ♦ as part of the human development thrust, The Rev. Henry Clarke, a Rector in Westmoreland, established the Westmoreland Building Society which grew to become The Jamaica National Group; and Archdeacon Downer founded the Victoria Building Society in Kingston, both intended to provide housing;
- ♦ the structure of the Diocese was modified since the late twentieth century. One of the most significant changes in this respect was the admission of women to ordained ministry as of 1996;
- ♦ both Mandeville and Montego Bay joined Kingston as Regional Centres, with Kingston and Montego Bay being led by Suffragan Bishops.

#### Quote for reflection

Anglican theology is *Christ-centred* – Anglicans affirm with the apostle Paul, ‘He [Christ] was before all things and in him all things hold together’ (Colossians 1:17). Second, Anglican theology is *Trinity-shaped* – Anglicans understand that God is three in one and one in three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Third, Anglican theology is *Spirit-fuelled* – Anglicans believe that God’s work on earth is made possible by, and in the life-giving power of, the Holy Spirit.” ~ *Marcus Throup in All Things Anglican*

#### Question for reflection

- Which of the above essentials of what it means to be Anglican will I give special attention to this week?

**Rally of the Saints - Celebrating 360th Anniversary**

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

#### Electronic payment instruction JAMAICAN DOLLARS

Bank Name: NCB - Half-Way-Tree  
Beneficiary Name: St. Andrew Parish Church  
Beneficiary Account #: **301045077**  
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**Readings for May 12, 2024: Acts 1: 15 - 17, 21 - 26; Psalm 1;  
1 John 5:9 - 13; John 17:6 - 19.**

### Liturgy for the Fifth Sunday of Easter - 8:00 am

#### Easter Greeting

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!**

Celebrant: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!**

Celebrant: Alleluia! The Lord has rescued and saved his people:

**People: Who for our sake is risen for our redemption. Alleluia**

Celebrant: Behold a new creation. The stone is rolled away. Alleluia

**People: Salvation belongs to the Lord our God. 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.*

#### Canticle : God’s Paschal Lamb (Pascha Nostrum)

1. God’s Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die again;  
death has no more dominion over him;  
Through him we die to sin and live to God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:  
though Adam’s sin had doomed all flesh to die,  
in Christ’s new life shall all be made alive.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

(Sine Nomine)

**The Collect for the day**

**The Ministry of the word**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY – MAY 5, 2024

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, as we observe Child's Month as a nation and Children's Sunday as a Diocese, we raise our voices to you in prayer. We thank you for the gift of children, who bring joy, wonder, and hope to our community of faith. We pray for guidance and wisdom as we intercede on behalf of those who may need our love and protection. May our prayers be filled with compassion and understanding, bringing comfort and hope to those in need. Gracious Lord:

**All:** *In the safety of your embrace, may your grace shine bright, protecting all within your care.*

**Leader:** God, of Grace, we give thanks for your church in every place, especially in the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. Help us always to remember that every child is special and made in your image. Guide us in creating spaces where our children and young people can have fun, feel safe, and be happy. Help us mirror Jesus by showing love to all those we encounter. Gracious Lord:

**All:** *In the safety of your embrace, may your grace shine bright, protecting all within your care.*

**Leader:** God of Unity and Support, unite us as a community bound together by love, compassion, and a shared commitment to Safe Church practices. Help us support one another, be vigilant in safeguarding the vulnerable, and stand in solidarity with survivors of abuse. May our actions reflect your love and grace as we strive to create a church community where everyone is valued, respected, and protected. Gracious Lord:

**All:** *In the safety of your embrace, may your grace shine bright, protecting all within your care.*

**Leader:** Guiding God, we pray for our Bishops: Howard, Leon, and Garth, our priests, deacons, and church workers. May they embody the qualities of the Good Shepherd, leading with compassion and care in their commitment to Safe Church practices. Strengthen them in their calling, grant them wisdom, understanding, and the courage to create safe spaces where your children can flourish under their guidance. Gracious Lord:

**All:** *In the safety of your embrace, may your grace shine bright, protecting all within your care.*

**Leader:** We pray for the leaders of our country and the world, especially for, Patrick (Governor General), Andrew (the Prime Minister), Mark (leader of the Parliamentary Opposition), all members of Parliament and all members of the Judiciary. Lord, may they reflect your compassion and justice in their leadership, ensuring the safety and well-being of all,

including within our churches and schools. Help them lead with honesty, integrity, and a commitment to safe practices, serving as role models for your children. Guide them to prioritize the creation of safe environments where all can learn, grow, and thrive. And when they falter, guide them back to the path of righteousness.

**All:** *In the safety of your embrace, may your grace shine bright, protecting all within your care.*

**Leader:** We pray for all our educational institutions, where teaching and learning take place. May these places be filled with knowledge and understanding, providing fertile ground for students to explore and flourish. Grant wisdom to our educators, that they may impart knowledge with clarity and inspire a love for learning in their students. Strengthen our administrators, so they may lead with integrity and compassion, fostering environments that promote growth and excellence. Guide them to create safe and inclusive spaces where everyone feels valued and encouraged to reach their full potential. Gracious Lord:

**All:** *In the safety of your embrace, may your grace shine bright, protecting all within your care.*

**Leader:** God of Healing and Compassion, we bring before you those who have experienced abuse and harm in any form. Comfort them in their pain and bring healing to their wounds. Grant them the courage to seek help and the strength to embark on a journey of restoration. May our church be a place of refuge and healing, where they find support, understanding, and the assurance of your unconditional love. Healing God we pray for ..... Gracious Lord:

**All:** *In the safety of your embrace, may your grace shine bright, protecting all within your care.*

**Leader:** We lift our voices in solidarity with those who advocate for the rights and welfare of children, especially within the Anglican Communion and beyond. May the work of the Anglican Communion Safe Church Commission continue to bear fruit in promoting the safety and well-being of children, young people, and vulnerable adults worldwide.

**All:** *Enable us to love you, our neighbours, and the world, demonstrating the truth of Your gospel through our commitment to safety and well-being for all. We offer these prayers in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to honour and promote safe spaces for all. Amen.*