

5. Teach us to look in all our ends,
On Thee for judge, and not our friends,
That we, with Thee, may walk uncowed
By fear or favor of the crowd.

6. Teach us the strength that cannot seek,
By deed or thought, to hurt the weak,
That, under Thee, we may possess
The strength to succour our distress.

7. Teach us delight in simple things,
And mirth that has no bitter springs,
Forgiveness free of evil done,
And love to all beneath the sun!

8. Land of our birth, our faith, our pride,
For whose dear sake our fathers died;
Jamaica-land, we pledge to thee
Head, heart and hand through the years to be!

The Dismissal

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

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

President: Gwaan nou wid piis ina unu haat, go sorv di Laad.
/ *Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Please join us for a social in the
fellowship court.**

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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR: A Call to Intentional Discipleship,

CLERGY

Rector/Curate	The Very Revd. Canon Sirrano Kitson, D. Min.
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The Rector is currently on leave.

Faith Formation and Christian Education

DID YOU KNOW

The Anglican Church has played a significant role in the development of Jamaica, intertwining faith and social progress. For example, since its establishment on the island, the church has been a cornerstone of education, providing essential schools and promoting literacy among the population. To date, our church remains one of the primary stakeholders in our education system.

QUOTE FOR REFLECTION

“David determined who he was in a moment of exaltation. We need to determine ours in a moment of anxiety and pain because part of our confusion in this land is just that question: who are we, who am I individually, and who are we collectively?...We need to ask that question, particularly in times of national crisis such as we are in, because we are a people who have lost our way in the search for identity, unity and nationhood...[there is no] effort for us to look for the answers...because those questions lie deep in our psyche and the answers lie deep in our history as a people, and until we know who we are and accept it, we will never be able to determine where we are going.” *Bp Neville deSouza in “Journey to the Promised Land .”*

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

- How can we actively engage with our collective history and cultural heritage to seek meaningful answers to the essential questions of who we are as a people and what it means to be united?

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**Readings for August 11, 2023: 2 Samuel 18:5 - 9, 15, 31 - 33;
Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41 - 51.**

THE BLESSING

President: Be of good courage
Hold Fast to that which is good
Never pay back wrong with wrong
Support the weak
Help the afflicted
Love one another
Love yourselves.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev'd Bertram Gayle

The National Anthem

RECESSIONAL: Land of our birth, we pledge to thee

1. Land of our birth, we pledge to thee
Our love and toil in the years to be;
When we are grown and take our place
As men and women with our race.

2. Father in Heav'n, who lovest all,
O help Thy children when they call;
That they may build from age to age
An undefilèd heritage!

3. Teach us to bear the yoke in youth,
With steadfastness and careful truth;
That, in our time, Thy grace may give
The truth whereby the nations live.

4. Teach us to rule ourselves alway,
Controlled and cleanly night and day,
That we may bring, if need arise,
No maimed or worthless sacrifice.

3. I come to the cross like a small boat

1. I come to the cross like a small boat
sailing across the reef,
and the calm of my Christ is waiting
behind the waves of grief.
Coming home, Jesus, coming home,
not going to sail no more.
Coming home, Lord, into heaven,
sailing to the promised shore.

2. I come to the cross like a sea-stone
wet in the Saviour's hand;
he will polish me for his glory
safe in the promised land.
Coming home, Jesus, coming home!
Not going to drown no more;
Coming home, Lord, into heaven,
home and dry on the shore.

3. I come to the cross like a river
folding down to the sea,
and the tide of love washes red-red
down from the cross to me.
Coming home, Jesus, coming home!
Not running down no more;
coming home, Lord, into heaven,
singing on the promised shore.

ABLUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All: Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live His risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your Name, though Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

We welcome all visitors to our worship and fellowship

Birthdays for this week Shannon Nehemiah 01/08, Alfred McPherson 05/08, Rev. Denston Smalling, 05/08, Rev. Opal Beharie and Merna Dixon 6/08, Andrea Goldson and Dominic McPherson 08/08, Rev. Javanie Byfield, Winston Bayley and Geraldine Rose 09/08, Rev. Whitson Williams, Alex Baugh, Mignonnette Reynolds, Roxanne Young Ford and Myrtle Weir 10/08.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversary To Vince & Suzanne Henry on their 19th on the 6th. To Alfred and Margaret McPherson their 49th on the 9th.

Condolence is extended to Reginald Taylor and family on the passing of his brother, Terrence Taylor. To Dawn Brown and family on the passing of her sister-in-law, Shermain Brown in Florida.

Flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of E.V. and Elsie Webber, at the pulpit in memory Brian Cuffe on the anniversary of his birth, at the Lectern in memory of Evon Webber and at the Choir Stall for Independence given by Maureen and Yvonne.

Mid-week services and Monday Bible Study are discontinued for the month of August. The Church will be open for prayer on Tuesdays and Fridays, beginning at 9am.

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/cheque.

Tuesday Charity will be on Tuesday the 3rd of September.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

No Mid-week Services during the month of August

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR...

Percival Lynch	(Priest) Dana Harris	Donald Smalling
June Spence	Vernon Saunders	Rema Watt
Juliet Gordon	Isla Salmon	Lois Owen
Jean King	Cynthia Small	Norma Allen

At the sound of the drum-call, the congregation stands

Opening Hymn: 309 Gather, Christians, Let's Now Celebrate!

Refrain

*Gather Christians, Let's now celebrate;
Gather Christians, the Lord we now await
Gather Christians, Behold He comes,
Rejoice and sing for the Lord is King.*

1. To God the father, let's give him praise;
To God the Father our voice we raise.
To God the Father who reigns above
Praise the Lord for his mercy and his love. **R**

2. As we stand before our God,
With Christ Jesus our saving Lord.
We'll break his word now
And break the bread as we proclaim
he's risen from the dead. **R**

3. Let us all now, as one community,
Praise and honour the Trinity,
Let us all now with one accord,
Sing out our praise to the living Lord. **R**

President: Mek di piipl dem ina evri konchri api op demself, sing
an priez Gad, ka Gad joj piipl fier fier an im ruul uova
evri konchri ina di worl. / *"Let the nations rejoice and sing;
for God judges the people with righteousness and governs the
nations upon earth." (Ps 67:4)*

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

ALL: Worthy of Praise forever & 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 for ever. Amen.
Alleluia!**

Refrain:

*And I know that we will rise again, again;
and I know we'll die but rise again.*

*For I know he is the living yeast of life
and I know that life will rise again.*

Father, take our lives so small we give to you;
Father, take the bread we offer you;
Father, raise the banquet which the priest is now giving;
Father, take the love we offer you. **R**

Father Lord, we know the time to die will arise;
Father God, you gave us living life;
Father Lord, you offer us eternal love;
Father Lord, you gave us Jesus Christ. **R**

Hymn 605 Let us talents and tongues employ

1. Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2. Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

The Lord's Prayer (Kum ba ya)

1. Father God in heaven,
Lord most high:
hear your children's prayer,
Lord most high:
hallowed be your name,
Lord most high
O Lord, hear our prayer.

2. May your kingdom come
here on earth;
may your will be done
here on earth,
as it is in heaven so on earth
O Lord, hear our prayer.

3. Give us daily bread. Day by day
And forgive our sins. Day by day.
As we too forgive. day by day.
O Lord hear our prayer

4. Lead us in your way. Make us strong
When temptations come. Make us strong
Save us from all sins. Keep us strong.
O Lord hear our prayer

5. All things come from you. All are yours.
Kingdom, Glory, Power. All are yours.
Take our lives and gifts. All are yours.
O Lord hear our prayer.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

**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.**

Hymns During the Administration of Holy Communion

Hymn: 586 Father Lord, we offer you our daily life;

Father Lord, we offer you our daily life;
Father God, we offer you our flesh;
Father Lord, we give you all our daily works;
Father God, we give you all as prayers.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All: **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.**

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy
have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy
have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy
have mercy on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Refrain:
**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth**

Lord God, heav'nly King; to you O God we sing.
We worship, thank and praise you for your glory. **R**

Christ, the Father's Son, the lamb, God's chosen one.
You cleanse and take away our sin, have mercy. **R**

At your Father's side, you sit with pow'r and might.
You take away our sin, receive our prayer. **R**

Spirit, Father, Son all holy, you are One.
To You be all the glory, praise and honour. **R**

THE COLLECT:

Priest: Let us pray:

O God our Father, whose will it is that your people should live in ordered societies; inspire the people of this nation with the spirit of justice, truth and love; and so guide our leaders, and all who make decisions on our behalf, that they may direct our affairs in righteousness and peace; that we may live in peace and harmony and to Your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. *Amen.*

The Collect for the day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Deut. 8:11 - 20 Victor Elliott

PSALM 146 : 4 - 9 All stand (*Men read to the asterisk; women read Bold text*)

Men: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!*

Women: whose hope is in the Lord their God.

5. Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;*
who keeps his promise for ever;
6. Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,*
and food to those who hunger.
7. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;*
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
8. The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;*
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
9. The Lord shall reign for ever,*
your God, O Zion, through out all generations. Hallelujah!

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 - Poulle

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

President: All holy and glorious Father, our creator God....
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: And so, heavenly Father...
With him and in him and through him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father Almighty,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
in songs of everlasting praise.

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

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

2. With shackles they did bind us
With whips they brought us pain
With ropes they hanged us high
And they bound us with their chain
But truth and justice conquered;
Right triumphed over wrong
So that today we can rejoice
And sing our freedom song. **R**

3. We ne'er forget the struggles
Of those who've gone before;
Who fought for peace and justice
And opened freedom's door.
May we still keep the vision
of justice in our land
and walk into a future bright
our heads high, hand in hand. **R**

4. The struggle is not ended
Full freedom we must find
For though they've freed the body
Only we can free the mind
The game is not yet over
We've merely won the toss
And there're more mountains we must
climb and many rivers to cross. **R**

5. Some bring Jamaica glory
Some bring Jamaica fame
Some her such distress
That we hang our heads in shame
Today we stand before you
And pledge with heart and hand
Our selves in loyal service now
To you our dear homeland. **R**

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

All: Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EUCHARISTIC 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.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit *
As it was in the beginning is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11: 8 - 16

Kaylor Scott

ACCLAMATION

Alle, alle, alle, alleluia !
Alle, alle, alle, alleluia !
Alleluia ! Alleluia !

HOLY GOSPEL: Maak 12: 13 - 17

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 Krai azkaadn tu
Maak / *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

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

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 NICENE CREED: - All stand

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS:

The following is sung at the beginning and the end of the prayers:

*Thank you Lord, thank you Lord that you ever thought of us
Thank you Lord, thank you Lord that you ever thought of us
Many are the blessings that you give unto us
Blessings overflowing like a mighty sea
Lord we want to thank you for your love to us.
Thank you Lord, thank you Lord
Thank you Lord, thank you Lord that you ever thought of us.*

To the bidding, "Father in heaven," the response is, "We give you thanks."

*Leader: Father in heaven
All: We give you thanks.*

President: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Act of Penitence:

President: Ef wi taak se wi neva sin wi onggel a fuul wiself an no chuut no iina wi. Bot ef wi si se wi sin an beg Gad paadn, wi kyan nuo fi shuur se Gad wi paadn wi an wash we aal a wi sin dem. / *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)

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** 8

neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. 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: Gad kindom a bout ou piipl liv; ef dem a liv rait, ef dem av piis iina dem aat, an ef dem aat api — an aal a dem sitn de kom fram di Uoli Spirit / *The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit (Rom 14:17)*

All: **So den mek wi always try fi du di sitn dem weh cause people fi liv iina peace an weh wi help fi bil up wi wan aneda.** / *Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life. (Rom 14:19)*

President: Di piis weh kom fram di Laad, aalwiesz de ya wid unu. / *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

All: **It always de ya wid you, tu.** / *And also with you.*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY: Our Freedom Song Words and Music by Noel Dexter

1. Today in sweet Jamaica
A joyful song we raise
We count our many blessings
We lift our voice in praise,
For God has brought us thus far
And He still hold our hand
To bring us to brighter day
In this our native land.

*Refrain
We are proud Jamaicans
And our past we can't forget
For the pow'r which brought
our fathers through
Lives strong within us yet.*