

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7, 2025 Lectionary Year C
Proper 18

We are Called to Proclaim the Goodness & Grace of God

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson Jeremiah 18:1 - 11 Douglas Folkes
Psalm 139:1 - 5, 13 - 17 **Refrain:** *"Search me out, O God, and know my heart. Alleluia"*
BCP page 654
Epistle Philemon 1 - 21 Betty-Ann Jones
Gospel Luke 14:25 - 33
The Creed
Prayer of Intercession BCP Form B page 107

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional 363 Angel-voices, ever singing
First Lesson Jeremiah 18:1 - 11 Vivienne Jones
Psalm 139:1 - 5, 13 - 17 **Chanted** (All stand) BCP page 654
Epistle Philemon 1 - 21 Lilieth West
Acclamation Alle, Alle, Alle, Alleluia (Children leave for S.S)
Gospel Luke 14:25 - 33
Sermon Rev. Canon Dr. Sirrano Kitson
The Creed 561
Intercession BCP Form B page 107
Offertory Hymn 502 I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold
During Communion Eat this bread and drink this cup (see insert), 597, 500, 668
Meditation Prayer BCP page 76 - 77
Recessional 672 O Jesus, I have promised

5:00 Evening Song and Praise

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. ©

Connecting to the streaming link for 8:00 a.m. Service

<https://www.facebook.com/sapc.jamaica>

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.



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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know ?

St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and the environment. He expressed his devotion to God through the attention and care he gave to all of God's creatures. Francis insisted that everything God made are siblings – members of a single-family – and, as such, they should be treated with respect, dignity and care. Francis' love for the environment is shared by many of the saints.

Quote for reflection

“The saints...participate in the energies of God; that is to say, in his life, power, grace and glory. The energies...are not to be ‘objectified’ or regarded as an intermediary between God and man, a ‘thing’ or gift which God bestows on his creation. He who participates in God's energies is therefore meeting God himself face to face, through a direct and personal union of love, in so far as a created being is capable of this.”

Father Kalistos Ware in The Orthodox Way

Question for reflection.

- How can I express my devotion to God in the ways I treat the environment?

The Office is in need of a printer.

Father Ho Lung & Friends presents **JESUS 2025** (25th Jubilee year of Hope) at the National Stadium 4th & 5th October 2025. Tickets are available at the Church Office.

The Rt. Rev. Leon Golding, Diocesan Bishop's Service of Investiture and Seating will be on the 28th September at 3:30p.m at the Cathedral, Spanish Town.

Moreton Park "Take Out Fish Fry & BBQ" will be on the 19th of Sept. Cost \$2,700. Tickets are available from committee members.

Readings for Sunday, September. 14, 2025: Jeremiah 4:11 - 12, 22 - 28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12 - 17; Luke 15: 1 - 10.

We welcome all visitors to our worship and fellowship

Birthdays for this week: Esther Gooden, Omar Dallen, Diahann Hinds and Shamar Jack 7/09, Hopeton Fraser and Damany Grodger 08/09, Pauline Fairclough, Patrick Dunn, Kristen Hunt and Terrence Forrester 09/09, Charmaine Thompson 9/09, Zoe Harris, Shridath Sean Brown and Hilary Marsh 10/9, Penelope Morgan, Zadha Tulloch, Vaneter Mott and Tanya McKenzie-Marley 11/09, Rev. William Willis, Gay Mitchell, Beverley Lawrence and Karen Scott 13/09.

Condolence is extended to Vernon Saunders and family on the passing of his brother, George Saunders. To Derrick Cornwall and family on the passing of his sister Numlyn Cornwall in Virginia.

Congratulations to Audley Davidson who today, the 1st Sunday in September, is celebrating 25yrs as Choir Director at St. Andrew Parish Church.

Auditions for persons who are interested in joining the choir, please contact the Choir Director.

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.

Electronic payment instruction JAMAICAN DOLLARS

Bank Name: NCB - Half-Way-Tree

Beneficiary Name: St. Andrew Parish Church

Beneficiary Account #: 301045077

Account Type: Current Account

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SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK Sept. 7 - 13

Sept. 9	Tuesday	- 9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sept. 10	Wednesday	- 6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sept. 12	Friday	- 9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR...

Percival Lynch (Priest)	Cynthia Small	Pauline Bryan
Vivette Jennings	John Lopez	Lois Owen
Jordan Seaton	Dana Harris	Lloyd Bryan
Enid Lawrence	Kingsley Goodison	Rema Watt

Liturgy for Sundays after Pentecost

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025

SEASONAL SENTENCE

President: "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!

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 (Lisa Narcisse)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks, for your great glory.

O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty, Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You who take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You who take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer: You who sit at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.

For you only are Holy; You only are the Lord: You only O Jesus Christ are most High, together with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father, in the glory of God the Father, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen, Amen, Amen

The Collect for the Day & Ministry of the Word

D.C Eat this bread

Refrain:

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

1. I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father. **R**
2. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven. **R**
3. Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
and I will raise you up on the last day. **R**
4. Anyone who eats this bread,
will live for ever. **R**
5. If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life. **R**

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Our theme for this week is: Considering the Cost of Following Christ
The reading from Deuteronomy calls us to consider the weight of our choices in following God. Just as Moses set before Israel the choice between life and death, blessing and curse, we too are invited to reflect on what it means to truly follow Christ. Choosing life means loving God wholeheartedly, obeying His voice, and remaining faithful, even when the path is costly.

In the letter to Philemon, Paul urges Philemon to consider the cost of what it means to be a true brother in the Lord. In doing so he should extend a loving hand to Onesimus his runaway slave, by welcoming him back not just as a slave but as a brother in the Lord. Philemon is being encouraged by Paul to show that as a fellow believer he is able to put in action what it means to be a disciple who has considered the full cost of discipleship.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the crowds to count the cost of what it means to become a disciple. For no one begins to build a tower unless he/she knows the full cost to complete it. Jesus also says the same is true for a king going to war, he will assess his manpower and if he believes he is lacking, will call for peace. In the end, Jesus says they must give up their earthly possessions to become a true disciple. As we walk in discipleship, may we be mindful of the cost, but even more so of the eternal life and blessing found in choosing Jesus daily.