

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 8, 2026 Lectionary Year A

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

O. T. Lesson	Isaiah 58: 1 - 9	Afeef Lazarus
Psalm 112:1 - 9	Refrain: (all sit) “ <i>O Lord of Hosts, happy are they</i>	
BCP page 620	<i>who dwell in your house.” Alleluia!</i>	
Epistle	1 Corinthians 2:1 - 12	Gail LueLim
Gospel	Matthew 5:13 - 20	
Prayer of Intercession	BCP Form B page 107	

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness	
O. T. Lesson	Isaiah 58: 1 - 9	Rohan Scott
Psalm 112:1 - 9	BCP 620 Chanted	(all stand)
Epistle	1 Corinthians 2:1 - 12	Monique McIntosh
Acclamation	Alleluia	
	<i>Children leave for Sunday School</i>	
Gospel	Matthew 5:13 - 20	
Sermon	Rev. Canon Sirrano Kitson	
The Creed	Hymn 561	
Intercession	BCP Form B page 107	
Offertory	294 Spirit of God within me.	
During Communion	594, 604	
S.S	322 It only takes a spark to get a fire going	
Recessional	358 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim	

5:00 pm Evening Song and Praise

Prayer For Spiritual Growth and Wholeness

Living Lord, Your Love has sustained us through the challenges and crises of life. We come to you in trust, for you alone are our hope and joy. May your presence in our lives enable our faith to grow stronger and your bountiful Grace fill our hearts with your abiding Peace, through the indwelling of your Holy Spirit and the power of the Incarnate Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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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St. Thomas - Majesty Gardens 10:30 a.m. and St. Clement's - Kencot 10:30 a.m.



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Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

Epiphany is a festival of manifestation. What is being manifested in this gospel? First of all, the gospel manifests God’s revelation of the person of Christ, the dawning of salvation, and God’s universal love as well as human response to God’s overtures on behalf of humanity, which begins with creation itself. Isaiah announces, “Your light has come” (first reading). Christ is that light. In Christ, God’s light of salvation shines forth (is manifested) even on Gentiles (see second reading). But what is also being manifested is the refusal of some humans to see God’s signs of revelation and respond faithfully. When the light of Christ shines in the world, the truth in human hearts stands starkly revealed.

Quote for reflection

“We must not limit our celebration of Christ’s Presentation in the Temple merely to the remembrance of an event long ago, for we commemorate the feasts of the Church by entering into the eternal truths we celebrate in them. We cannot truly celebrate this feast without uniting ourselves more fully to the Lamb of God Who is also our Great High Priest. Our celebration must extend beyond this service to how we live each day, especially in offering ourselves fully to Him for greater participation even now in the life of the Kingdom of heaven. As with just about anything else, doing so is a process, a journey of reorienting our lives to God that does not find completion in an instant.” – Fr. Philip LeMasters.

Question for reflection

- What time can I set aside this week to encounter Christ in the Scriptures?

Mothers’ Union ‘Take Out’ Lunch will be on February 20, 2026, cost \$2,500. Tickets are available from their members.

Dates to remember in February 2026 - Feb. 8, Provincial Sunday, and Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday.

The floral arrangement at the foot of the altar is in loving memory of Neville Hendricks given by his wife and the rest of the family.

Post Communion Acclamation

Jesus Christ, Son of God, make yourself known to me;
Jesus Christ, Son of God, make yourself known through me ;
Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, speak through me to others.
Lord renew your Church beginning with me.

Readings for February 15, 2026: Exodus 24: 12 - 18, Psalm 2,
2 Peter 1: 16 - 21, Matthew 17: 1 - 9.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Rev. Monique Campbell, Arlene Bell, and Nicole Davis 08/02, Daeja Bent, Calab Ottey Brown and Shakerea Lawla 09/02, Myrna Brown and Nathaniel Williams 10/02, Margaret Newman and Brandon Nam 11/02, Barbara Cardoza and Christine Dale 12/02, Rev. Louis Hurst, Sonia Cornwall, Danisha Morrison and Franklin McKenzie 13/02, Eileen Stewart, Mavis Bryan, Hyacinth Whitelocke and Cheri Leake 14/02.

Condolence is extended to the family of Calvin Wright, also to Charmaine Francis and family on the passing of her brother., Keith Valentine

The Funeral Service for Laceta Brown will be on Saturday 14, at 11:00am

Faith Formation Training for Discipleship will be on Wednesdays at 5:30-6:30pm via Zoom. This is for youths (grade 9 and above) and young adults (under 23 yrs). Be advised that this is not a Confirmation Class. The Rite of Confirmation is for persons who feel a sense of call to any ministry of our church. Those who are baptized as infants, children and adolescents are entitled to receive Holy Communion with the permission of their parents, who will facilitate their training to know the Apostles’ Creed and to pray the Lord’s Prayer. Also, they are to subsequently contact the Rector to express their desire to receive Holy Communion. The participants in the Faith Formation training will be presented, by the Rector, to the congregation at the end of the course. Meeting ID: 854 5771 9803 Passcode: 852450

Sigma Run – this will take place on February 15th.

Deanery Council Meeting will be on 12th February at 12:30pm here at St. Andrew Parish Church.

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 Feb. 8 - 14

Feb. 10	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Feb. 11	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Feb. 13	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR...

Percival Lynch	(Priest)	George Levy	Ermine Williams
Alvin Stone	(Priest)	Gaye Mitchell	Cynthia Small
Winnifred Johnson		Carol Lawla	Dana Harris
John Lopez		Carroll Haughton	Kingsley Goodison

SEASONAL SENTENCE

February 8, 2026

President: For the God who said...

President: (+) Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

**People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

President: O Christ, you have manifested yourself and enlightened the world.
Alleluia!

**All: We are baptized to proclaim your light of Salvation to all
people. Alleluia!**

President: Our Saviour is made manifest for the redemption of the world.
Alleluia!

All: All nations of the world will gather to worship you, Alleluia

President: Come let us worship the Lord who is proclaimed as the Beloved
Son of God. Alleluia!

**All: Christ is anointed to deliver the afflicted, emancipate the
enslaved and to bind up the broken hearted. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The 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.

The Kyrie Andrew Marshall

Gloria In Excelsis (Andrew Marshall)

Refrain:

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

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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 of the day

Message for Meditation and Reflection

In the first reading, Israel was practising false worship as opposed to offering true worship to God. This kind of worship would have prevented God from responding to their many requests. The servant of God told the people that what God truly desires is faithful worship. Faithful worship is marked by service to others, and anyone who practises this would have the light of God shine on them.

In the epistle reading, Paul recounts what lead him to Corinth and the essence of his ministry there. He reminded the Corinthians that his goal was to preach Christ crucified, noting that all he did was possible by the power of God. He also informed the believers that the mysteries of God are revealed only to those who love God. Those who love shine God's light and show God's wisdom.

In the gospel reading, Jesus tells His audience that true disciples are called to be salt and light in the world. Disciples are those who shine the light of God's presence for others to see and give glory to God. Jesus also taught them saying, He is not in opposition to the law or the prophets. Rather he came to fulfill them and those who keep them are likewise great in the kingdom of God.

Disciples as the salt of the earth serve to bring purity, flavor and preservation. While disciples who are the light of the world should be an instrument of hope and to expose the darkness of the world. Disciples of Christ should always allow their light to shine so others can see it and be led to become a disciple, thereby giving glory to God.

Jesus tells the disciples His mission is not to bring an end to the laws, but He came to ensure what was spoken by the law was being fulfilled. The people felt that he did not properly observe the sabbath, fast or practise many of the other rituals of the faith. One of their greatest challenge with Him was his association with sinners. Jesus rejected the charges, citing that he stands by the laws given to Moses and what was spoken by the prophets. He warns his listeners to be careful not to go against what was spoken by the forerunners, for to do this is to become the least in the kingdom of heaven. The reading ended with Jesus declaring to the audience that righteous living which exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees is required to be a part of God's kingdom.