

PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026 - Year A

We are Baptised to Proclaim the Goodness & Grace of God

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a Afeef Lazarus
Psalm 31:9-16 **Refrain:** "Father, I put my life in your hands."
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Epistle Philippians 2:5 - 11 Marcia Hendricks
Gospel Matthew 27: 11 - 54
Prayer of Intercession page 3

8:00 a.m. SOLUMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON (Corporate for the Women's Auxiliary)

Introit The Palms (Faure) The choir
Processional 127 All glory, Laud, and honour
Old Testament Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a Vincent Lawrence
Psalm 31: 9-16 BCP page 503 **Chanted** (All stand)
Epistle Philippians 2:5 - 11 Carol Hamilton
Gradual Meekness and majesty (page 5)
Children leave for Sunday School
Gospel Matthew 27: 11 - 54
Sermon Rev. Canon Serrano Kitson
Intercession page 3
Offertory Hymn 501 I will sing the wondrous story
During Communion 571, 519
Recessional 143 Praise to the holiest in the height

Prayer for Reconciliation and Renewal

Almighty and merciful God, in your goodness, look with compassion on us as we seek to be transformed and changed by turning away from selfishness and sin with contrite and penitent hearts, to live in holiness and according to your will and bear the fruit of the Spirit, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer. 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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Chapel of Ease:

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



"Hosanna in the Highest. . . ."

Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord."

CLERGY

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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

PARISH NEWS**We welcome all visitors to our worship and fellowship**

Today we begin Holy Week. It starts with Palm Sunday when our Lord was welcomed by a crowd in Jerusalem with palm branches and shouts of Hosanna. At the end of the week, on Good Friday, another crowd shouted "Crucify him."

Our Lord entered Jerusalem, knowing that he would face false accusations, an unfair trial and be crucified. But there is a note of hope underlying the week, that even as our Lord lay in the grave on Holy Saturday, that God was at work, transforming the defeat of the grave into the glory of resurrection.

The theme of the hope of vindication after suffering is present in the readings for today.

In the first lesson from Isaiah, we hear the third Servant Song, when Isaiah tells us of the suffering that the servant endured for being obedient to God's will. Yet he remained faithful. He was sure that God would declare him innocent in the end.

The psalmist lamented that he too faced trouble. His enemies, neighbours and friends abandoned him but he knew he could call on God to save him.

The epistle tells of the humility that Christ took on for the sake of humanity, even to die on a cross. But God raised him from the dead in the end, and we are invited to join all creation in confessing that Jesus Christ, once crucified, is Lord.

Therefore as we hear again the story of our salvation, may we hear in it, the hope that has been won for us, the hope that could not be defeated by the worst suffering the world could give, the hope that is ours today, if we choose to place ourselves in God's hands and trust God to save us even when all hope seems lost.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and friends. May God continue to bless you all.

Birthdays for this week: Rev. Ulit Brackett, Viola Clarke and Marcia Haughton, Rev. Milton Russell, Gloria Reid and Deanne Logan-Johnson, Tameka Jordan and Mariann Greaves, Neville Miller and David Aarons, Maxine Hutchinson and Patrice Whitely.

The Women's Auxiliary will be having their annual 'Fish-Fry' lunch on Friday 17th April, from 11:00am. to 2:30pm. Cost \$3,000.

St. Andrew Settlement is having their bun sale from March 16- April 2. Please place your orders, forms are at the back.

The Diocesan Festival Choir under the Patronage of Rt. Rev. Leon Golding, Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and Mrs. Golding, presents "Hosanna to Hallelujah" today, Palm Sunday, at St. Augustine Chapel, Kingston College, at 4:30pm. Cost \$3,500.

Flowers for Easter - Persons wishing to donate flowers are to contact the Altar Guild or the Church Office.

Please support our Dorcas Basket/Tuesday Charity Ministry - Gifts of all kinds especially toiletries and non-perishables.

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR...

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| Alvin Stone | (Priest) | Xesus Teape Johnston | Carol Lawla |
| Percival Lynch | (Priest) | Gaye Mitchell | Lois Owen |
| Shirley Deavers | | Horace Creary | Cynthia Small |
| Joshua Slack | | Cynthia McFarlane | Carole Haughton |

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you Know?

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy week, which focuses on the last days of Jesus' life, and an anticipation of His triumph over death - the means through which we have everlasting life.

Quote for reflection

“We will never stand in awe of being loved by God until we reckon with the seriousness of our sin and the justice of his wrath against us. But when, by grace, we waken to our unworthiness, then we may look at the suffering and death of Christ and say, “In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins” (1 John 4:10).” (John Piper, 2006)

Question for reflection

- How can I incorporate spirituality into the non-Church aspects of my life this week?
- What time will I put aside to pray for the upcoming synod of the Church?

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK March 29 - April 4

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| Mon. Mar. 30 | 5:30 pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Tue. Mar. 31 | 9:00 am | Holy Eucharist |
| | 5:30 pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Wed. Apr. 1 | 6:30 am | Holy Eucharist |
| | 5:30 pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Thur. Apr. 2 | 10:00 am | Chrism Mass – Cathedral Sp. Town |
| | 7:00 pm | Maundy Thur. Liturgy, Washing of Feet & Institution of the Supper of the Lord |
| Good Friday | 8:00 am | Good Friday Liturgy |
| Sat. Apr. 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Easter Vigil Liturgy |

Readings for April 5, 2026: Acts 10:34 - 43 or Jeremiah 31:1 - 6; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1 - 4 or Acts 10:34 - 43; John 20:1 - 18 or Matthew 28:1 - 10.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Christ broken on the cross, we draw near to you. We come weak in our mission and evangelising, failing in holiness. We come neglectful in our prayers and insensitive to your presence. We come with insufficient vision, wavering in faith. We remember all who have broken faith, broken vows, broken commitments. We pray for all who seek healing and holiness.
Lord, broken on the cross, we come to you.

All: Only you can make us whole.

Leader: Lord of the church, we pray for the mission of the church, for those in its ministry. We pray for the clergy Leon, Bishop and Garth, Suffragan; for Serrano, Claude, and all church workers. May they be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments.
Lord, broken on the cross, we come to you.

All: Only you can make us whole.

Leader: We pray for leaders of nations, and for our own leaders, Patrick, Governor General; Andrew, Prime Minister; Mark, Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; Members of the House of Representatives and the Judiciary, that they may serve justice and protect and safe-guard our human rights
Lord, broken on the cross, we come to you.

All: Only you can make us whole.

Leader: We come with people broken by conflict, with all divided by fear, with all who are shattered by betrayal of trust, with all who are fractured by oppression. Lord, we come with broken hopes and broken dreams, with broken relationships and broken hearts, with broken promises and broken trust. We come as shattered people in need of the renewal of our faith. We come to you with all our needs.
Lord, broken on the cross, we come to you.

All: Only you can make us whole.

Leader: We come with all your broken people. We come with the broken in spirit, with the despondent and the despairing, with the deeply distressed and the disturbed. We come to you with all who are disturbed about life's problems and we pray for the broken in body, and the emotionally wounded. Those who are injured by accident and all who are sick and shut-in.
Lord, broken on the cross, we come to you.

All: Only you can make us whole.

Leader: We remember all who have been killed through injustice, cruelty or carelessness, all who have died that others might live. We rejoice that now they know the wholeness and holiness of your kingdom. We remember...

Lord, broken on the cross, we come to you .

All: Only you can make us whole.

President: Almighty and eternal God ...

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: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou will not despise. Lord we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

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 neighbors as ourselves. 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 Greeting of Peace

President: The King of Glory, the Prince of Peace comes to you,

All: Hosanna in the Highest.

President: The Peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 501

The liturgy of the upper room BCP pg 126

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR APRIL 2026

Sun. 5 - Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of Our Lord

6:30 Holy Eucharist and Sermon
Renewal of Baptismal vows

8:00 Solemn Eucharist and Sermon
Renewal of Baptismal vows

The 155th Synod of the Diocese will be from April 7 - 10 via Zoom. Pray for the Synod, (BCP page 79 no. 15.and 16) . The Opening Service will be at 3:30pm.

Clergy exchange will be on April 12, 2026

Deanery Day will be at St. Luke's on the 26th of April at 9:00 a.m.

Meekness and majesty

1. Meekness and majesty manhood and deity
In perfect harmony the Man who is God
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity
Kneels in humility and washes our feet

Refrain:

***O what a mystery meekness and majesty
Bow down and worship for this is your God
This is your God***

2. Father's pure radiance perfect in innocence
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross
Suffering to give us life Conquering through sacrifice
And as they crucify prays Father forgive. **R**

3. Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
Love indestructible in frailty appears;
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly
Lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne. **R**