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2021 Diocesan Theme: “Reigniting True Worship”

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Worshippers are kindly requested to turn off or mute all electronic devices
INTROIT HYMN: 131 “GLORY BE TO JESUS”
(TUNE: CASWALL)

1. Glory be to Jesus, who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the life-blood from His sacred veins.

2. Grace and life eternal in that Blood I find;
blest be His compassion, infinitely kind.

3. Blest through endless ages be the precious stream,
which from endless torments did the world redeem.

4. Abel’s blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies;
but the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.

5. Oft as it is sprinkled, on our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion terror-struck departs;

6. Oft as earth exulting wafts its praise on high,
angel-hosts rejoicing make their glad reply.

7. Lift ye then your voices;
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood.
OPENING SENTENCE:
Celebrant: “Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (Ephesians 5:1,2)

OPENING ACCLAMATION:
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All: And Blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.

KYRIES :
All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECTS - Let us pray:
Fifth Sunday In Lent - Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Ash Wednesday - Ash Wednesday—(Said By All) Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Diocesan Reigniting True Worship—(Said By All) O God, our Father, You are great and above You there is no other. We, your children, humble ourselves before You. We turn from selfishness, pride and apathy and we earnestly seek Your face. Bless, strengthen and renew Your church. Reignite our desire to worship You and You alone. Forgive us for those times when we have wounded You and wounded others. May Your Holy Spirit strengthen us to achieve great things for you now and always through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
THE FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

{In our opening reading the prophet Jeremiah foresees a new covenant which God will make with the people, a covenant written not on tablets of stone but on human hearts. Israel and Judah have broken the covenant made when the Lord brought them out of slavery in Egypt. Now they are about to go into exile. Yet the days are coming when their sins will be forgiven, and God will establish a new relationship with them. This covenant will be based not on external law but on an inner knowing of the Lord.}

Reader: A reading from the Book of Jeremiah the 31st Chapter, beginning at the 31st Verse.

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Proper Psalm

Psalm 51:1-13 (to be read responsively) 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. only

{A confession of sin and guilt and a prayer for a clean heart.}

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *and cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I know my transgressions, *and my sin is ever before me.
4 Against you only have I sinned *and done what is evil in your sight.
5 And so you are justified when you speak *and upright in your judgment.
6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *a sinner from my mother’s womb.
7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins *and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence *and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever, Amen.

ORGAN IMPROVISATION

THE EPISODE: HEBREWS 5:5-10

{In this New Testament lesson we hear how through his obedience and suffering Christ reached the perfection of his destiny and was designated by God to be the eternal high priest. The high priesthood of Jesus is the great theme of the Letter to the Hebrews. Like the high priests of the old covenant, Christ is chosen from among human beings and so has sympathy with human weakness. But he is the Son and has now been named high priest forever. He succeeds Melchizedek, a royal and priestly figure from antiquity.}

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews the 5th Chapter, beginning at the 5th Verse.

5 Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’; 6 as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’ 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.
THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20–33

{In this gospel passage Jesus presents teaching concerning the meaning of his death. After his prayer to God a voice from heaven is heard. Greeks wish to see Jesus, but he will not draw all others to himself until after he has died and has risen. Then, like a seed which falls into the earth, he will bear much fruit. Disciples must also learn to serve Jesus by following him in this way. Now is the hour for the Son of Man to be glorified — both by his willingness to be lifted up on the cross to die for others, and afterward to be lifted up to heaven.}

Gospellor: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Gospellor: A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, the 12th Chapter, beginning at the 20th verse.
All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever
serves me, the Father will honour.\(^{27}\) Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.\(^{28}\) Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’\(^{29}\) The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ \(^{30}\) Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.\(^{31}\) Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.\(^{32}\) And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ \(^{33}\) He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**Gospellor:**  This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All:**  **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**HOMILY: DEAN HARRY BAIN**

**ORGAN IMPROVISATION**

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED (SAID)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He arose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  *Amen.*

**INTERCESSIONS--FORM H**

**Leader:**  Let us pray for the Church and for the world: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess Your Name may be united in Your truth, live together in Your love, and reveal Your glory in the world.  *Lord, in Your mercy,*

**All:**  **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:**  Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.  *Lord, in Your mercy,*

**All:**  **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:**  Give us all a reverence for the earth as Your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to Your honour and glory.  *Lord, in Your mercy,*

**All:**  **Hear our prayer.**
Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with our, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their trouble, and bring them the joy of Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to Your mercy all who have died, that Your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all Your saints in Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant: 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 AND ABSOLUTION:

Celebrant: 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 John 1: 8-9}

A period of silence shall be kept.

Celebrant: Let us therefore confess our sins.

All: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.
THE GREETING OF PEACE: FORM A

Celebrant: We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all Baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

All: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

(Kindly remain in your seats)

Those celebrating Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries are invited to remain in place and stand for Special Prayers and a Blessing.

The Liturgy Of The Eucharist

Offertory Sentence: Brothers and Sisters, “I appeal to you by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” [Romans 12:1]

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

The Servant’s Song
David Hass

For I have come not to be served but to serve
To give my life.
If you wish to be the first you must seek
To be a servant, to be a servant.

Can you drink the cup that I must drink;
Are you willing?
Can you be baptized like I have been baptized?
Are you able? Are you able?

For to sit at my right hand or at my left,
Is not for me to give.
But for those for whom it has been prepared,
It will be given. It will be given.
OFFERTORY HYMN: 455 “MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE”
(TUNE: OLIVET)

1. My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine.

2. May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be
a living fire.

3. When life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Saviour, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Father Almighty, everlasting God: For you bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.
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:

THE SANCTUS:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Sovereign Lord and Father, to You be glory and praise for ever. In Your boundless wisdom You brought creation into being; In Your great love You fashioned us in Your image; In Your tender compassion You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, to share our human nature; In the power of the Holy Spirit, He overcame the power of sin and death and brought Your people to new birth as first fruits of Your new creation.

On the night that He was betrayed He took bread, and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take this, and eat it: This is my Body which is given for You, Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And after supper He took the cup of wine: and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Celebrant: Therefore, Father, according to the command of Your dearly beloved Son:

All: We remember His death.
We proclaim His resurrection.
We await His coming in glory.

Celebrant: And we offer You, Father, our sacrifice of thanks and praise. Send Your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become the Body and Blood of Your Son, Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer. As we partake of this holy food of new and unending life, may Your Holy Spirit establish us as a royal priesthood with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, her spouse, St. John the Baptist and all your sons and daughters who share in your eternal inheritance; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 and glory and power be Yours for ever and ever. 

Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER: TRADITIONAL VERSION

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

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. 

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

Celebrant: 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.

THE INVITATION:

Celebrant: 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.

THE AGNUS DEI:

All: Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

ORGAN MEDITATION

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Celebrant: Let us pray

All: Almighty Father, 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, through Christ our Lord. Amen.
THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL:

Celebrant: Christ, give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow Him; and the † Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the Name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 506 “MAN OF SORROW! WHAT A NAME”
(TUNE: GETHSEMANE)

1. Man of sorrows! What a name
   for the Son of God, who came
   ruined sinners to reclaim!
   Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
   in my place condemned he stood;
   sealed my pardon with his blood;
   Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

3. Guilty, vile and helpless we;
   spotless Lamb of God was he:
   full atonement - can it be?
   Hallelujah, What a Saviour!

4. Lifted up was he to die,
   ‘It is finished!’ was his cry;
   now in heaven exalted high:
   Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

5. When he comes, our glorious King,
   all his ransomed home to bring,
   then anew this song we'll sing:
   ‘Hallelujah! What a Saviour!’

Members are kindly reminded to refrain from congregating after services.
The Bible Study Group will produce reflections of the "Our Father Prayer" that was studied in The Epiphany Series for the past few weeks. This week’s reflection is:

**The Interpretation Of The Fifth Line Of The "Our Father Prayer"
By: Mrs. Carolyn Hanna**

"And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" Matthew 6:12

This Verse I find to be the most powerful verse in the entire Our Father Prayer. Why? Because Matthew 6:14-15 says in paraphrase, "if you do not forgive men their trespasses your Heavenly Father will not forgive you your trespasses".

So imagine, if we have held a grudge for the past twenty years, all the wrong doings in all those years are not forgiven by our Heavenly Father. This would be a travesty to say the least!

To forgive is a process, it is not automatic. It is an act of will - a learned behaviour, which is the key to a rewarding and successful Christian life; a life unencumbered, not having any burden or impediments.

It is often said that forgiveness is not for the offender, but for the one who has been offended. When we forgive, we add value and worth to the person who offends us. Sometimes that person does not even understand or realize that their behaviour is offensive – Why carry around the burdensome baggage of grudge, when there is the option of living a great spiritual filled life – a life unencumbered?

We must pray for the courage to forgive men their trespasses, and in so doing, our Heavenly Father will also forgive us.

As we approach Good Friday, the greatest day in Christendom, let us remember Jesus’ example of ‘The Ultimate Act Of Forgiveness’ - While on the Cross, our Lord cried out to his Father and said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’

 Forgiveness is not a request; it is a command by our Heavenly Father.
DEAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:  Mr. John Pinder (Christ The King, N.P); Mr. Cameron Saunders (St. Ambrose, N.P.); Mr. Howard Bethel (St. Andrew’s Parish, Exuma) and Mr. Rondeno Rolle (St. Andrew’s Parish, Exuma).

HOW TO RECEIVE COMMUNION:

1. After sanitizing your hands, please lower your mask from your mouth, place your right hand in the left, stretch out your hands to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

2. As soon as it is placed in the palm of your hand, you are to immediately consume it in the presence of the priest.

Remember: Reverence MUST be observed at all times.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held in The Cathedral on Fridays during Lent at 6:00 pm. Each Friday, the Stations will be led by a different Organization. Thank you to the members of the Hospitality Committee, who led the Stations on Friday past. Next week’s Stations will be led by St. Ambrose Guild and Cathedral Choir.

Members are reminded to bring with them each week their copy of the Stations Of The Cross Booklet or follow from an electronic device.

The reflections at Stations of the Cross will focus on the Seven Last Words of Jesus.

February 26th –  First Word – “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” Luke 23:34

March 5th –  Second Word – “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” Luke 23:43

March 12th –  Third Word – “Woman, here is your son…Here is your mother.” John 19:26-27

March 19th –  Fourth Word – “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Matthew 27:46


My brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome back to our worship services. Let us continue to practise, promote and reinforce the protocols such as staying at home if you do not have to go out or if you have cold or flu-like symptoms; wearing a mask to cover both nose and mouth, social distancing; constant washing/sanitizing of hands; sanitizing highly-touched public surfaces; building immune system by using vitamin C, etc.

As we ride out this storm together, we remember that the church’s operations and obligations remain the same. We know that you love your church and are committed to its mission and ministry. In that regard, we are proposing three options with regards to your financial support;

For those who wish to tithe electronically:
Online contributions can be sent to FCIB Christ Church Vestry Account #1247357; Transit #09120 (Branch - Parliament & Bay Streets)

● If you are a customer of FCIB, it will be a third party transfer. Any other bank, it will be a domestic transfer to FCIB Christ Church Vestry Account #1247357; Transit #09120

● Please select that you want the sender’s information to be shared so that our parish records can be updated as well.

For those who wish to pay over the counter:
You can deposit over the counter to FCIB Christ Church Vestry Account #1247357; Transit #01920 (Branch - Parliament & Bay Streets)

If you are not an FCIB Customer and do not have the option to share the sender’s information, kindly email a copy of your transaction or the details of the receipt to: christchurch_offering@yahoo.com Members, who have not received an email acknowledgement of their electronic Offering are asked to telephone the Parish Office.

If neither of these is possible:
The office will be open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for any pastoral matter and to receive stewardship contributions.

Let us together continue to exercise committed and responsible Christian Stewardship in this matter. We continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and for our strength in the Lord as we navigate these unchartered waters.

We thank you for your loyalty and commitment to God’s church. Remember stewardship is a way of life and in all things we give God thanks. Let us continue to observe safe health practices and be constant in prayer as we seek God’s favour.

Dean Harry Bain
THE FLOWER COMMITTEE OF THE ALTAR GUILD advises that there are no floral arrangements in the church during Lent. However, members may mark birthdays, anniversaries, births and special occasions by giving donations for Easter Flowers. Flowers may also be given at Easter in memory of departed loved ones. Acknowledgements will be made on Easter Sunday.

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL: Virtual Sunday School will be held this morning at 10:00 a.m. Join us as we discover “Walking With Christ” and learn about Jesus, the gift of love, who came for all the people of the world. The meeting ID and Passcode are on the flyer.

THANK YOU: The Anglican Church Women express their gratitude to all who purchased Lenten Tea Bags and gave donations for their Zoom Lenten Tea Party that will be held this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. The event is Sold Out! Patrons are kindly asked to use the ID and Passcode on the ticket to log in. The Tea Party begins promptly at 3:00 p.m. Be sure to dress up in your best hat or headpiece, have your place setting ready for tea and have paper and pen or pencil handy to join in the games. It's going to be lots of fun! We look forward to seeing you there.

EVENSONG: has been cancelled due to the ACW’s Lenten Tea Party.

BIBLE STUDY: The Zoom Bible Study topic will be taken from John 12:20-33. All members are encouraged to join in on Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. The Meeting ID: 878 6647 7322 Passcode: 003367. Bible Study notes are emailed weekly. If you have not been receiving the notes, please contact the Parish Office.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL PRAYER GROUP meets on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. via ZOOM. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2654504075 Meeting ID: 265 450 4075

SPECIAL EASTER ENVELOPES: As is the custom every year, the Special Easter Offering Envelope together with the loose {open} collection goes to the Rector. {Diocesan Regulation 16 (2)} It’s a means of showing our love and appreciation to Dean Bain.
SPECIAL PENTECOST ENVELOPES: As is the custom every year, the Special Pentecost Offering Envelope together with the loose {open} collection goes to the Curate. {Diocesan Regulation 16 (3)} It’s a means of showing our love and appreciation to Rev’d Thompson.

HOSPITALIZED ANGLICANS: Rev’d. Angela Palacious would like to make contact with Anglicans in hospital or their relatives, if they are unable to speak on the phone. Additionally, she will make herself available for persons who may need counselling. Her email address is: angelapalacious@gmail.com

RESUMPTION OF SERVICES: As we readjust ourselves for in house worship, members are encouraged to register for the service of their choice or call the Parish Office. Visitors can register via email: crd.thompson@gmail.com or call the Parish Office: 322-4186. Please register by Friday at 3:00 p.m. It is important to pre-register for the purpose of knowing the attendance number for each service and, if necessary, to carry out contact tracing. Please remember to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the service to be properly screened.

DIACONESAN THEME 2021
“Reigniting True Worship”

Theme Verse: Hebrews 10:24-25: “And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

March Focus: “Penitence”

Points for Reflection
Disciples of Jesus are Students/Learners
Disciples accept Jesus’ invitation to learn by personal association
Disciples learn to grow in Christ-likeness
Disciples learn to practise discipline
Disciples learn to prioritize

Challenge: Continue your journal reflecting daily on a psalm and/or a hymn.

Hymn Suggestions
Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant
I Come to The Garden Alone
Be Thou My Guardian And My Guide
O Master Let Me Walk With Thee
Be Thou my Vision

Psalm Suggestions 6, 18, 22, 32, 51, 103, 139
Christ Church Cathedral Schedule of Services
For Holy Week and Easter
March 28th - April 4th, 2021

Sunday, March 28th - Sunday of The Passion and Palm Sunday
7:30 a.m. Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. Traditional Evensong, Sermon and Benediction

Wednesday, March 31st:
7:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Mass of The Chrism
The Liturgy of the Renewal of Priestly Vows and Blessing of Holy Oils

Thursday, April 1st—Maundy Thursday
7:30 p.m. Commemoration of the Last Supper

Friday, April 2nd - GOOD FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. The Good Friday Liturgy

Sunday, April 4th - EASTER SUNDAY
6:00 a.m. Easter Vigil
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. Traditional Evensong, Sermon and Benediction
March 21st - March 27th, 2021

March 23rd:
Carolyn Roker Gomez

March 26th:
Troy Lowe

March 27th:
Krista Burrows

Birthday Prayer: Watch over Your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when they are discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may Your peace which passes all understanding abide with them on the anniversary of their birth, and all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wedding Anniversary Prayer: O gracious and ever-living God, You have created us male and female in Your image: look mercifully upon this couple who has come to You seeking Your blessing and assist them with Your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honour and keep the promises and vows they made; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Members who do not see their names listed for Birthdays and/or Wedding Anniversaries are asked to contact the Parish Office.


Often we ask for persons to be placed on the Sick List and forget to have them removed as necessary. For additions to and deletions from the list, kindly contact The Cathedral’s Office.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Lord Jesus Christ, in the days of your flesh, the sick were brought to you for healing: hear us as we now bring to you in our prayers those who are ill, in body or in mind. May your presence be with them to relieve suffering and distress and to restore them to fullness of life, for your great love’s sake. Amen.

HOSPITALIZATION: Please Note! If you are admitted to hospital, sick at home for any length of time or travelling abroad to seek medical attention please let your Clergy know. Remember it is your responsibility to notify your parish Priests on such occasions. You can only be ministered to, when and if it is known that you are not well. The Clergy should also be notified when you are leaving the hospital.

IN CHRISTIAN MEMORY: Always remember to pray for the repose of the souls of the Faithful Departed. Pray for those who have died recently, those whose anniversaries of burial occur this week, for those interred in The Columbarium and for those who for whatever reason have no one to remember them with love and prayer.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT: When planning your bequests and memorials, prayerfully consider including The Cathedral Endowment Trust. This will help your church now and in the future.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SOCIAL OUTREACH

- All Purpose Flour
- Canned Tuna
- Cooking Oil
- Comed Beef
- Evaporated Milk
- Loose Corn
- Noodles
- Rice
- Sugar
- Tea Bags
- Vienna Sausages
- Bath Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
CELL GROUP COORDINATORS:

St. Anthony Cell
Mrs. Ruth Fawkes: 327-0689

St. Bartholomew Cell
Mrs. Valeria Pyfrom: 324-7211

St. Christopher Cell
Mr. Terrance Fountain: 356-7034

St. Dominic Cell
Mr. Douglas Hanna: 357-9339
Mrs. Monique Hanna: 824-6598

Epiphany Cell
Mr. John Burrows: 324-3180

St. Francis Cell
Ms. Debra Nixon: 393-2300
Mrs. Joy Burrows: 676-2323
Mrs. Pandora Knowles: 393-0812

St. Gabriel Cell
Mrs. LaGloria Davis 698-8781

THE CELL GROUP MINISTRY

Mission Statement
To promote spiritual growth under the authority of Spirit-directed:

• Bible Study • Worship • Fellowship • Prayer

Cell members meet in homes to reflect upon the Word of God in an environment that celebrates community.

Cell Meetings and activities focus on the following:

* Discipleship * Fellowship * Worship * Ministry * Evangelism

The Cell Ministry remains committed to providing the opportunity for persons to discuss the Word of God and grow spiritually in a welcoming environment. Cell members are also encouraged to participate in community outreach.
The Power of His Love

"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." John 12:32 (NIV)
Based on John 12:28-33 (NIV)

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**Readings: Sunday, March 28th, 2021**

**Sunday Of The Passion: Palm Sunday**

**Liturgical Color: Red**

St. Francis Cell - Coordinators: D. Nixon, J. Burrows and P. Knowles

- Isaiah 50:4-9
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
The Bahamas Down Syndrome Association

The Bahamas Down Syndrome Association was established in November 2006. We were brought together by Ms. Cynthia Stanko from the Infant Stimulation program. She thought there were too many families here in Nassau with Down Syndrome children that needed a support group and some guidance. We all met for the first time at the Queen’s College campus and shared our stories with one another. We have much to accomplish here in The Bahamas, being such a young organization. We must help our families change their mentality of keeping our children hidden as well as educating our Bahamian people on “What is Down Syndrome?”

In September 2011, we opened our Center with classrooms and an office. The Center was the first of its kind not only in The Bahamas but in the Caribbean and provides a special learning space for our younger children. We started with eight children and now we have eighteen children in our early intervention program. They receive the best in education from highly qualified teachers as well as all of their therapies.

In July 2012, we launched an adult program for all of our adults who have been sitting at home. They are now engaged in a wonderful program that has been especially designed for them. Their program includes: Math, English, Reading, Writing, cooking, Art and Music, as well as outings to the grocery store, bank, and great field trips!

In August 2014 we purchased our ‘Forever’ home and moved into our new facility the beginning of September to start our new school year.

We have now made a few changes for our school as we now not only provide for our Down Syndrome families but we have opened our doors to many other disabilities, such as Autism, Ryan Syndrome, Developmental Delays and many others. We have now changed our name to ‘The Bahamas Down Syndrome & Friends Center.’

In October 2016, we were able to purchase the property behind our Center. This property holds a beautiful 100-year-old Bahamian home on it. We renovated this beautiful home and opened our Bistro called ‘Ty’s Place’ after one of our special Down Syndrome boys who lost his battle with cancer. Ty’s Place was opened to the public on January 16th, 2018 and employs our adults who have been training and now work at this special place. This is the first of its kind in The Bahamas and we are excited to be the first to launch this beautiful place. Ty’s Place not only provides jobs for our adults but it also brings in the Bahamian Community to see what these adults can accomplish.
We would like to see our center as a safe haven, to educate and provide the best learning facility for our children. We also want to provide a space for our adults to learn their needed life skills. We also want to ensure that our children get the necessary therapies that they need to enhance their learning and future development.

We are grateful to those individuals and companies who have embraced our cause but there is so much more to be done. We hope that you will see our need and assist our children.
Services

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Said Mass
9:30 a.m. Said Mass
11:30 a.m. Said Mass
6:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. Said Mass

Thursday: 7:00 a.m. Said Mass

Friday: 7:00 a.m. Said Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD
SHARE IN THIS JOY OF FELLOWSHIP

The Dean, Assistant Curate, Wardens, Vestry and Congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, extend a warm welcome to all visitors to the Cathedral.

THE VESTRY

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The Very Rev’d. Harry Bain

Assistant Curate
The Rev’d. Chitan Thompson

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