



St. Ambrose Anglican Church



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Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Ambrose exists to be servants of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to build up the community of faith so that all may become whole persons in Christ.

Archbishop of The Province of The West Indies

The Most Rev'd Howard Gregory, *B.A., S.T.M., S.T.D., D.D.*

Diocesan Bishop

The Rt. Rev'd Laish Boyd, *B.A., D.D.*

Assistant Bishops

The Most Rev'd Drexel W. Gomez, *B.A., D.D., C.M.G.*

The Rt. Rev'd Gilbert A. Thompson, *C.M.G., S.Th., M.A., J.P*

West Central Archdeaconry

The Venerable Dwight H. L. Rolle, *B.A., S.T.M., J.P.*

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday - 7:00 am Said Mass

Sunday - 9:30 am Sung Mass

Wednesday - 6:30 am Said Mass



Diocesan Theme



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 31st, 2023 - Year B

Liturgical Colour - White

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.
Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service,
let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Introit	O Come, All Ye Faithful	CPWI 77
OPENING SENTENCE	CHRISTMAS	BCP 97
COLLECT FOR PURITY.....		BCP 101
THE KYRIES/GLORIA		BCP 102

THE COLLECTS

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Diocesan Theme 2023

Almighty Father, You call Your people to be in communion with you and each other. Hear the prayers of the Parishes & Communities within this Diocese, that are faced with many challenges. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, strengthen and inspire us to live lives pleasing to You. Help us to remain faithful as we use the gifts and talents You have given us for the building up of Your Church and the Communities it serves; for the sake of Him who came among us as one who serves, Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Isaiah, chapter 61 verse 10 to chapter 62 verse 3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

PSALM 147:13-21

(The psalm is read responsively or sung by the choir and congregation)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Galatians chapter 3 verses 23 to 25 and chapter 4 verses 4 to 7.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

(The congregation stands for the singing of the Gradual Hymn)

Gradual Hymn

Joy To The World

CPWI 73

(The following chorus is sung before the Gospel)

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words ever true changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, Oh let the ancient words impart.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 1:1-18

(All stand)

Gospeller: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of

grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Gospeller: The Gospel Of Christ **All: Praise to Christ our Lord**

(The following chorus is sung after the Gospel)

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words ever true, changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, Oh let the ancient words impart.

SERMON Fr. Lynden Douglas

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED..... BCP 106

INTERCESSIONS FORM C BCP 108

(intercessions will conclude with the parish prayer)

PARISH PRAYER

O God, who has brought us into the fellowship of your dear Son, lead us all in St. Ambrose ever closer day by day to You and to one another, that we may become of one heart and mind in love toward You; and grant that our common life and work in sacrificial service may help to extend Your kingdom here where we are and in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ACT OF PENITENCE/THE PEACE BCP 123-125

Hymn for the Peace

(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY PRAYER: O Lord, watch over those persons who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries. 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 the peace of God which passes all understanding abide with them on the anniversary of their birth and marriages, and all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PREPARATION

We prepare ourselves for the Feast

*(congregation may remain seated for the singing of the Offertory Hymn,
and stand during the last verse)*

Offertory

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

CPWI 68

The following is sung during the Presentation of the Offerings

All things are Yours, no gifts have we; Lord of all gifts to offer Thee. And then with grateful hearts today, Your own before Your feet we lay. Amen.

Censing Hymn

Angels From The Realms of Glory

CPWI 60

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT

(The highest reverence is due - No Talking - No Movement)

THE SURSUM CORDA	BCP 126
THE PROPER PREFACE CHRISTMAS	BCP 127
THE GREAT CONSECRATORY PRAYER FORM A	BCP 131
THE ACCLAMATION	
THE LORD'S PRAYER	BCP 144
THE BREAKING OF BREAD	BCP145
THE AGNUS DEI	BCP 147

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(please remain reverent as you move to receive communion)

We Share In His Feast

Communion Hymns	Alleluia, Sing To Jesus!	CPWI 569
	O Little Town of Bethlehem	CPWI 82
	Let All Mortal Flesh	CPWI 602
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER	BCP 147	
THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL	BCP 149	

Recessional Hymn Jesus, The Light of The World

All ye saints of light proclaim, Jesus, the light of the world; Life and mercy in His name, Jesus, the light of the world.

2. Hear the Saviour's earnest call, Jesus, the light of the world; Send the Gospel truth to all, Jesus, the light of the world. *Refrain*

Refrain:

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, Come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright; Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

3. Why not seek Him then today, Jesus, the light of the world; Go with truth the narrow way, Jesus, the light of the world. *Refrain*

4. Come, confess Him as your king, Jesus, the light of the world; Then the bells of Heav'n will ring, Jesus, the light of the world. *Refrain*



Church News

Welcome to all worshipping with us. *"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

VISITORS, we welcome you to our Church and greet you in the name and love of our mighty Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are delighted that you have come to share with us in this worship experience. If you do not have a Church home, we welcome you to come and be a part of our worshipping community.

MEMBERS, if you were away, it is good to have you back home and we give thanks to God for your safe return.



Our nation & community, the unemployed, the homeless, the sick and shut-in, the disabled, members who are abroad, those who are travelling, fishermen and farmers, teachers and students, the lapsed and indifferent members of our church, all those who have requested our prayers.

PRAYER: Almighty Father, we commend to Your loving care all who suffer, especially the sick in body and mind. Grant them patience in their suffering; strengthen and uphold them with the knowledge of Your love; and restore them to health and wholeness; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEMBERS: Sabrina Bain, Pauline Bastian, Granville Brown, Barbara Chong, Jocelyn Munroe, Beverly Wallace-Whitfield

RELATIVES & FRIENDS: Rowena Albury (Mother of James Albury), Willimena Allen (Aunt of Kenva Mullings), Ken Bethel, Peter Bowe, LaShay Brown (Daughter of Lenora Brown), Marvin Cooper (Brother of Bradley Cooper), Natalia Cowderoy (Daughter of Natalie Duncombe), Clara Cox (Mother of Robert Cox), Jeffery Cox (Cousin of Sherry Walkine), Theron Hepburn (Brother-in-law of Carol Roach), Samuel Hunter (Father of Kenva Roxbury, Samantha Hunter, Shantia Goodwin-Davies), Bernadette Ingraham (Sister of Bridgette Ingraham), Sandra Kemp, Alexander Knowles, Vanria Lightbourne (Sister of Cheyenne & Cheryl Bethel), Logan McCaulsky, Benjamin Miller (Husband of Anya Miller), Oswald (Sr.) & Betty Nixon (Parents of Brian Nixon), Sylvia Pinder, Innis Robinson, Archdeacon Dwight Rolle, Steven & Helen Rolle, Ollie Sands (Sister of Cleo Hepburn), Canon Peter Scott, Maryann Sokal, Livingston Stuart (Stepfather of Ann Major), Mazel Turnquest (Mother of Rochelle Turnquest), Almond Weech (Brother of Kenva Mullings)

RECOVERING MEMBERS: Alinda Bowe, Cheryl Bethel, Shanae Forbes, Suzette Hanna, Crystal Holder, Delores Johnson, Garnell Johnson, Isabella Jones, Joan Neymour, Frankie Smith

RECOVERING FRIENDS & RELATIVES: Louise Blyden (Veta Brown's sister), Lorelda Burrows, Coralee Butler, Andree Campbell (Daughter of Canon Sebastian Campbell), Gloria Goodridge, Cora Johnson, Errol Johnson, Errol Rolle, Ismae Smith, Aaron Spencer

SHUT-INS: Leaenza Beneby, Maeroni Black, Francine Val Bowe, Hazel Hunt, Petrona Major (Mother of Katherine Cartwright), Aura Maycock, Florence Pratt

The Usher Ministry is inviting persons to join. A special appeal is being made to those who attend the 7:00am service

An appeal is being made for **small vases**, in good condition. These will be used to make up small bouquets from the arrangements received for Sunday morning services, and distributed to the sick and shut-ins.

A Special Thank You to all who contributed to, and assisted with providing meals for families on Christmas Day.



Tithes & Offerings or making financial contributions using online banking facilities: St. Ambrose Anglican Church, **RBC JFK, Account 1002534, Transit Number: 05165**

Wedding Anniversary: Jan 1 - Shantia & Christopher Godwin-Davies; Jan 2 - Rona & Clifton Astwood



Birthday Greetings: Jan 1 - Karen Stubbs-Bethel; Jan 2 - Magnolia King, Leon Sturup, Candace Thompson; Jan 4 - Kayden Butler, Cyntiche Forbes, Terrell Hepburn, Edna Rolle; Jan 5 - Mario McKay; Jan 6 - Audra Gardiner



Today

7:00a.m. - Julian Stewart

9:30a.m. - Zenon Seymour, Latalya Baker



7:00a.m. Alma Albury, Melanie Badmus, Philippa Robinson, Gina Ross

9:30a.m. Sheryl Forbes, Sherell Cox, Rachel Ferguson, Coretta Johnson

ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER 24TH

7:00a.m. - 107

9:30a.m. - 87

Sunday school - 23



DAILY READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
M P	Ps. 1, 2, 3 Genesis 2:4 -9 (10-15), 16-25 Hebrews 1:1-14	Ps. 10, 11 Isaiah 40: 25-31 John 1:19- 28	Ps. 119:1-24 Genesis 4:1- 16 Hebrews 2:11-18	Ps. 18:1-20 Genesis 4: 17-26 Hebrews 3:1 -11	Ps. 16, 17 Genesis 6:1 -8 Hebrews 3:12-19	Ps. 20, 21:1 -7 (8-14) Genesis 6:9 -22 Hebrews 4:1 -13	
	E P	Ps. 4, 7 Isaiah 40:12 -23 John 1:1-18	Ps. 118 Wisdom 4:7 -15 Acts 7:59- 8:8	Ps. 2, 13, 14 Isaiah 41:1- 16 John 1:9 (29 -34), 35-42	Ps. 18:21-50 Isaiah 41:17 -29 John 1:43- 51	Ps. 22 Isaiah 42:(1 -9) 10-17 John 2:1-12	Ps. 110:1-5 (6-7), 116, 117 Isaiah 43:1- 13 John 2:13- 22

PARISH VESTRY



Fr. Lynden Douglas - Rector
Dr. Ricardo Crawford - Priest's Warden (327-2678)
Mrs. Cleo Hepburn - People's Warden (361-3989)
Ms. Pamela Miller - Elected 2022-2024 Interim Treasurer (357-5738)
Mrs. Leja Burrows - Asst. Secretary/Sunday School Supt. (676-2341)
Miss Anatchas Hart - A.C.W. President
Mr. Ethan W. Adderley - A.C.M. President (808-5750)
Mr. Brian Nixon - Audio Visual Chairperson (341-6040)
Mrs. Terri Bellot - Legal Advisor (361-7589)
Ms. Diane Stewart - Music Ministry (327-7559)
Mrs. Norma Dean - Pastoral Care & Counselling (364-8635)
Ms. Frances Dean - Social Outreach (327-4031)
Mrs. Gale Sheryl Forbes - Ushers Ministry (455-0120)
Ms. Alinda Bowe - Elected 2022-2024 (341-0781)
Mr. Reno Major - Elected 2022-2024 (376-6211)
Dr. Julian Stewart - Elected 2022-2024 (432-9080)
Mr. James Albury - Elected 2023-2025 (424-9042)
Miss Tanisha Brathwaite - Elected 2023-2025 (426-0457)
Mr. Joel Cunningham - Elected 2023-2025 (421-2589)
Mr. Philip Styles - Elected 2023-2025 (362-1378)
Mr. John Michael Clarke - Appointed (601-5777)