



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.

Diocesan Theme 2024

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Genesis 1:1,31 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...

God saw all that had been made and it was very good

Archbishop of The Province of The West Indies

The Most Reverend Dr. Howard K.A. Gregory, *B.A., S.T.M., S.T.D., D.D.*

Diocesan Bishop

The Right Reverend Laish Z. Boyd, *B.A., D.D.*

Assistant Bishops

The Most Reverend Drexel W. Gomez, *B.A., D.D., C.M.G.*

The Right Reverend 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



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 7th, 2024 - 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.

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| Introit | As With Gladness Men | CPWI 97 |
| OPENING SENTENCE | EPIPHANY | BCP 98 |
| COLLECT FOR PURITY..... | | BCP 101 |
| THE KYRIES/GLORIA | | BCP 102 |
| FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY | | BCP 160 |

Diocesan Theme 2024

Almighty and generous God, You are the Creator and Giver of all that is good. We thank You and praise You for the beauty of the earth, for our work, our families, our loved ones and all of the gifts which we have been given. By Your grace may we show gratitude by sharing what we have received, always mindful that in serving others we are serving You. Guided by that same grace help us to be good stewards, who care for Your earth, and who work to preserve it for future generations. We remain grateful for Your constant love, for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ, and the presence of Your Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

(Majority Rule) Good and gracious God, You have endowed us with a variety of gifts and abilities in order to make life-changing contributions to advance Your kingdom here on earth. We thank You for all who helped The Bahamas to accomplish Majority Rule. These nation builders boldly led us, and won the victory over inequality, discrimination, racism and other vices that dehumanize persons made in Your image and likeness. Grant us the fortitude to follow their example with pure and forgiving hearts, and daily strive to maintain our freedom, to rebuke vice and to create our land into a haven of peace, love and joy. Grant this, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the word of God written in Genesis, chapter 1 verses 1 to 5.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

PSALM 29

(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 Acts chapter 19 verses 1 to 7.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— together there were about twelve of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

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

Gradual Hymn

Thou, Whose Almighty Word

CPWI 241

(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

Mark 1:4-11

(All stand)

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

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You

are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS BCP 264-266

HYMN DURING THE ASPERGES There's A Sweet Spirit CPWI 296

THE PEACE BCP 123-125

Hymn for the Peace

(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY PRAYER: O Lord, watch over those persons who are celebrating birth-days 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 On Jordan's Bank CPWI 42

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 O For A Thousand Tongues CPWI 373

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT

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

THE SURSUM CORDA BCP 126

THE PROPER PREFACE EPIPHANY BCP 127

THE GREAT CONSECRATORY PRAYER FORM B BCP 135

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| THE ACCLAMATION | |
| THE LORD'S PRAYER | BCP 144 |
| THE BREAKING OF BREAD | BCP 145 |
| THE AGNUS DEI | BCP 147 |

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(please remain reverent as you move to receive communion)

We Share In His Feast

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| Communion Hymns | Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne | CPWI 507 |
| | Are You Washed In The Blood | |
| | Lord Accept The Alms | CPWI 606 |
| POST-COMMUNION PRAYER | | BCP 147 |
| THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL | | BCP 149 |
| Recessional Hymn | To God Be The Glory | CPWI 387 |

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing pow'r? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you washed in the blood, In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb? Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you walking daily by the Saviour's side? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Do you rest each moment in the Crucified? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright, And be washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin, And be washed in the blood of the Lamb; There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean, Oh, be washed in the blood of the Lamb!



The liturgical practice of sprinkling the congregation with holy water before the Mass on Sunday, is a reminder of their baptism and to prepare them for the celebration of the Mass by moving them to sentiments of penance and reverence suggested by the words of the Psalm 51. The term **Asperges** (*a'spurjəz*) comes from the words (Latin version)

intoned at the beginning of the ceremony, taken from Psalm 51, ("Thou shall sprinkle me with hyssop"). These words are used throughout the year except at Easter-tide, when **Vidi aquam**, from Ezekiel 47:1, 9 (*I beheld water*) is intoned.



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), Trevor Sands (Son of Sherry Walkine), Canon Peter Scott, Maryann Sokal, Livingston Stuart (Step-father 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.

Nomination of Vestry members are being received. Before nominating an individual, first ensure that he/she is willing to be nominated. The nomination form must be signed by a nominator and a seconder, and then submitted.

To qualify as an elector, a member of the Church must be a communicant who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years and contributed financially to the church via the envelope system for the year ending 31st December preceding the annual meeting. (*regulation 36*)



Birthday Greetings: Jan 7 - Stephanie Bodie; Jan 9 - Loran Charlton, Sherell Moncur, Alvin Russell; Jan 11 - Joyce Munroe; Jan 13 - Nickeva-Eve Benjamin, Hyacinth Curtis, Vernitta Mackey



LECTORS

Today

7:00a.m. - Althea Adderley, Norma Dean

9:30a.m. - Carolie Grant, Rochelle Turnquest



USHER SCHEDULE

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

9:30a.m. Sheryl Forbes, Cozetta Johnson, Rachael Ferguson, Sherell Cox

ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER 31ST

7:00am - 83

9:30am - 141

10:00pm - 97



DAILY READINGS

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