

# 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.* 

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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



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PENTECOST XVII Sunday, September 15, 2024

Introit	Lord, teach us how to pray aright		
Opening Sentence	General	BCP 100	
The Kyries / The Glor	BCP 102		
Collects	Proper 19	Bcp 178	

#### **COLLECTS**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. *Amen.* 

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

## **PSALM 116:1-8**

## THE EPISTLE

## Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in James 3: 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

#### Gradual Hymn Take up thy cross the Saviour said CPWI 509

(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 7: 27-38

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark ch.8 beginning to read at the 27th verse

#### All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the

sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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. Scott Brennen
The Nicene' Creed		BCP 104
Intercessions	Form D	BCP 111

**Parish Prayer.** 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`

#### **Greeting of the Peace**

## 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 surpasses 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.** 

#### Offertory Hymn Lord, speak to me that I may speak CPWI 528

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	sing Hymn O for a thousand tongues to sing	
The Proper Preface	God the Son	BCP 131
Eucharistic Prayer	Form A	BCP 131
The Lord's Prayer		BCP144
Communion Hymns	CPWI 587	
-	Once, only once, and once for all	CPWI 617
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 148
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	Lord, You give the great commission	CPWI 332

#### **NOTICES**

**VISITORS**, we are delighted that you have come to share with us in this worship experience. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together. May God richly bless you!

**MEMBERS**, if you were away, or have returned after an absence, it is good to have you back home, and we give thanks to God for your presence.



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

#### THE SICK

Sabrina Bain, Alinda Bowe, Francis Bowe, Granville Brown, Barbara Chong, Aura Maycock, Jocelyn Munroe, Florence Pratt, Gina Ross, Vernal Sands, Dr. Julian Stewart., Phillip Styles.

**Relatives & Friends:** Rowena Albury (James Albury's mother), Almond Weech & Willimena Allen (Kenva Mullings' brother & aunt), Layla Bain (Melinda McKenzie's niece); Ken Bethel, Peter Bowe, LaShay Brown (Lenora Brown's daughter), Fr. Ranfurly Brown, Marvin Cooper (Bradley Cooper's brother), Natalia Cowderoy (Natalie Duncombe's daughter), Clara Cox (Robert Cox's mother), Trevor Sands & Jeffery Cox (Sherry Walkine's son & cousin), Patrick Ferguson (Patrice Murell's father), Walter Ferguson (Ophelia Cooper's brother), Brenda Heastie, Samuel Hunter (Father of Kenva Roxbury, Samantha Hunter, Shantia Goodwin-Davies), Branae Kelly, Sandra Kemp, Alexander Knowles, Vanria Lightbourne (Cheyvonne & Cheryl Bethel's sister), Petrona Major (Katherine Cartwright's mother), Logan McCaulsky, Benjamin Miller (Anya Miller's husband), Oswald (Sr.) & Betty Nixon (Brian Nixon's parents), Sylvia

Pinder, Roger Ritchie (Gwen Ritchie's husband), Innis Robinson, Steven & Helen Rolle, Zyhaire Rolle (Alma Albury's nephew), Ollie Sands (Cleo Hepburn's sister), Maryann Sokal, Livingston Stuart (Ann Major's step-father), Mazel Turnquest (Rochelle Turnquest's mother).

**Recovering Members:** Cheryl Bethel, Tanisha Brathwaite, Shanae Forbes, Hazel Hunt, Alice Hunter, Delores Johnson, Garnell Johnson, Isabella Jones, Joan Neymour, Frankie Smith, Beverly Wallace-Whitfield.

**Recovering Friends & Relatives:** Louise Blyden (Veta Brown's sister), Lorelda Burrows, Coralee Butler, Andree Campbell (Canon Campbell's daughter), Theron Hepburn (Carol Roach's brother-in-law), Cora Johnson, Errol Johnson, Archdeacon Dwight Rolle, Errol Rolle, Canon Peter Scott, Ismae Smith, Aaron Spencer.

As a parish family, we extend **Prayers and Condolences** to those who have buried loved ones recently.



A representative from the Diocesan Sports Council will visit us TODAY to give a brief talk on the upcoming Anglican Sports Meet on November 1st-2nd.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY The **Pastoral Care Health Meeting** invites you to join us TODAY Sunday September 15th at 6pm via a Zoom Meeting 959-6342-5715 Passcode: 242242. The speaker is Aileen Ferguson. Topic: Nutrition Strategies for Cancer Prevention.

RESUMPTION OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

GUIDES, BROWNIES & SUNFLOWER (2pm), CUBS/
SCOUTS (3pm) yesterday Sept. 14th; BAND (4pm) this
past Sept. 10th;& CYM resumes this Friday, September 20th at 7 pm, all at the church.

FEAST OF TITLE Holy Cross Parish Festival will take place TODAY at 3:30pm in Highbury Park. All members, especially altar servers, are urged to attend.



**Altar Flowers** are often given as memorials, in thanksgiving or in celebration of special events, such as, anniversaries or birthdays. We welcome donations for flowers at all times when our lectionary permits them on the altar.



**Tithes & Offerings or Financial Donations** can be sent to St. Ambrose Anglican Church, Royal Bank of Canada JFK, Account 1002534, Transit Number: 05165.



Birthdays: Sep. 16.-Robert Cox, Philena Styles, Jakaylen Marshall, Elva Brown, Sep. 17– Frances Dean, Rebby Storr, Beverly Wallace-Whitfield, Lonnie Simmons, Sep. 20-Aerro Ferguson Jr., Sep. 21-Charles Curry Jr.

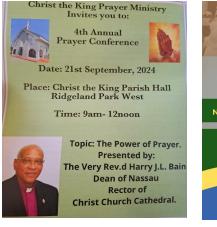


7:00am - Dale Pearce, Agnes Saunders, Alkietha Colebrooke 9:30am - TO Be Selected

USHERS

**7:00am** - Alma Albury, Phillipa Robdinson, Melanie Badmus, Gina Ross, Natalie Nairn

**9:30am** - Sheryl Forbes, Cozetta Johnson, Rachel Ferguson, Sherell Cox.





## Weekly Attendance (Sept. 8th, 2024)

7:00am - 75 9:30am - 79 Sunday School—Closed Midweek Mass - 11 Bible Study—Closed , Zoom-62

## DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
M P	Ps. 56, 57; Job 40:1- 24, Acts 15:36-16:5	Ps. 61, 62; Job 40:1; 41:1-11; ; Acts 16:6- 15	Ps.72; Job 42:1-17,; Acts 16:16- 24	Ps. (70), 71; Job 28:1-28; Acts 16:25- 40	Ps. 69:1-38; Esther 1:1- 4, 10-19 or Judith 4:10- 19; Acts 17:1-5	Ps. 119:41- 64; Isaiah 8:11-20; Romans 10:1-15
E P	Ps. 64, 65; 1 Kings 21:1-16; John 11:55- 12:8	Ps. 68:1- 36; 1 Kings 21:17-29; John 12:9- 19	Ps. 119;73- 96; 1 Kings 22::1-28; John 12:20- 26	Ps. 74, 1 Kings 22:29- 45; John 12:27-36a	Ps. 73, 2 Kings 1:2- 17; John 12:36b-43	Ps. 19, 112; Job 28:12- 28 Matthew 13:44-52 Collect: Proper 20 pg. 178

#### PARISH VESTRY



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