



# 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.

### **The Senior Bishop of The Province of The West Indies/Bishop of Belize**

The Rt. Rev. Philip Wright, B.A. (Hons.), M.A., OBE

### **The Diocesan Bishop**

The Rt. Rev. & Rt. Hon. Laish Boyd, B.A., D.D.

### **Assistant Bishops**

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

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

### **West Central Bahamas Archdeacon**

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



## SCHEDULE OF ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES 6:00 am, 12noon & 7:00pm

Said Mass &  
Imposition of Ashes



*Diocesan 2025 Theme: "Family Matters" (Joshua 24:15)*

## **Ash Wednesday**

**March 5th, 2025**

**THE FIRST DAY OF THE LENTEN SEASON**

Opening Sentence BCP 208

The Kyries BCP 208

Collects BCP 208

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.**

Almighty and holy God, your Son, in obedience to the Spirit fasted forty days in the desert; Give us grace to discipline ourselves that we may press on towards Easter with eager faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**2025 DIOCESAN COLLECT (Prayed by ALL)**

**Father in Heaven, whose blessed Son was born into an earthly family: Bless, we pray, the families of our church and our communities that Your love may rest upon us, and Your presence may be felt in every home. Teach us to love our families as you love us; Help us to bear one another's burdens with patience and understanding; and bind us together with cords that can not be broken; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."**

**O.T. LESSON**

**Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Isaiah Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the

priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, 'Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, "Where is their God?"'

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

## **PSALM 103:8-14**

### **THE EPISTLE**

**Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in 2nd Corinthians 5:20-6:10**

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

**Gradual Hymn**

**Lord, In This Thy Mercy's Day**

**CPWI 118**

*(The following chorus is sung before and after 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-MATTHEW 6: 1-6, 16-21**

**Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 6, beginning to read at the 1st verse.**

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

'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for

then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**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.**

## THE HOMILY

PRESIDENT:

Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover, we celebrate our redemption through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy, forgiveness and grace proclaimed in the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the

community as a whole.

Let us ask God our Father to bless these ashes to become a symbol of our intention. They have been made from the palms with which we greeted Christ our King with joy last Palm Sunday. They are a sign that we intend to prepare ourselves with penitence for Easter.

*Let us pray*

*Lord, bless these ashes to our use (+++) and grant that they may remind us of our mortality and of our need of repentance so that we may keep Lent faithfully in preparation for the victory and joy of Easter. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. ALL: Amen*

THE PRESIDENT :

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Repent and believe the Gospel.

### HYMNS FOR THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES:

- ◆ **Just As I am** CPWI #504
- ◆ **Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne** CPWI #506
- ◆ **Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine** CPWI #497
- ◆ **Amazing Grace** CPWI #495

THE PRESIDENT:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Return to the Lord with all your heart; leave the past in ashes and turn to God with tears and fasting, for He is slow to anger and ready to forgive.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**BCP p. 212-213**

**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/Greeting of the Peace**

**BCP 123/124**

*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.**

The Proper Preface		BCP 128
Eucharistic Prayer	Form A	BCP 131
The Lord's Prayer		BCP144
<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<b>Once, Only Once</b>	<b>CPWI 617</b>
	<b>My Jesus, I Love Thee</b>	<b>CPWI 531</b>
	<b>Thy Way, Not Mine, O Lord</b>	<b>CPWI 480</b>
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 148
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>Take Up Thy Cross</b>	<b>CPWI 509</b>

**NOTICES**

**VISITORS**, we are delighted that you have come to share with us in this solemn 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 & THOSE RECOVERING**

Leannza Beneby, Sabrina Bain, Alinda Bowe, Francis Bowe, Granville Brown, Barbara Chong, Jocelyn Munroe, Florence Pratt, Philippa Robinson, Vernal Sands, Dr. Julian Stewart, Phillip Styles, Alinda Bowe, Leslie Forbes, Trevor Adderley, Alma Albury, Carol Roach, Lisa Butler, Hyacinth Curtis.

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE  
OF THE BAHAMAS  
& THE TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS

# LENTEN MISSION 2025



JOSHUA 24:15

THEME

## Family Matters

"AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD."

Night 1

Night 2

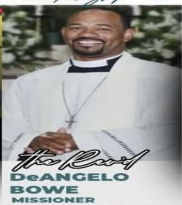
Night 3



*The Rev'd*  
**MARIE ROACH  
HEPBURN**  
MISSIONER



*The Rev'd*  
**KIRLAND  
RUSSELL JR.**  
MISSIONER



*The Rev'd*  
**DEANGELO  
BOWE**  
MISSIONER

### DATES & LOCATIONS

MARCH 5TH-7TH  
GRAND BAHAMA

MARCH 9TH-11TH  
NEW PROVIDENCE

MARCH 16TH-18TH  
PROVIDENCIALES

MARCH 17TH - 19TH  
GRAND TURK

MARCH 18TH  
SOUTH CAICOS

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (Led by parochial organizations) at 6:30pm.  
**March 7th-ACW; March 14-ACM; March 21-Usher Board; March 28-**  
**Sunday Sch./CYM; April 4-Pastoral Care; April 11-Social Outreach.**

