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Mission Statement

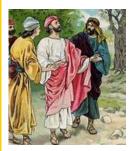
The Parish of St. Ambrose exists to be servants of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to build up the community of faith so that all may become whole persons in Christ.

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.*

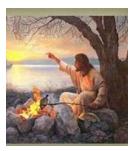
Assistant Bishops The Most Rev. Drexel W. Gomez, B.A., D.D., C.M.G. The Rt. Rev. Gilbert A. Thompson, C.M.G., S.Th., M.A., J.P

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



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sun. - 7:00 am Said Mass Sun. - 9:30 am Sung Mass Sun. - 3pm ACW Concert



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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday, May 4th, 2025 - Year C ACW Corporate Communion at 7am/Reboot Youth Reunion at 9:30am 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 Opening Sentence	Angel-Voices, Ever Singing Easter	CPWI 363 BCP 98	
The Kyries / The Gloria		BCP 102	
Collects	Easter III/Diocesan	BCP 169	
2025 DIOCESAN COLLECT (Draved by ALL)			

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."

FIRST LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the word of God written in Acts, chapter 9 verses 1 to 6.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

PSALM 30

BCP 502-503

SECOND LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the word of God written in The Revelation to John chapter 5 verse 11 to 14.

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

Gradual Hymn

Ye Servants of God

CPWI 358

(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 21:1-19

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John All: Glory to Christ our Saviour

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me." 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
Apostles' Creed		. Вср 106
Intercessions	Form B	BCP 107

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

Hymn for the Peace

"Bind Us Together" (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 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

Count Your Blessings

P&W 237

BCP 123-125

CPWI 842

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	ing Hymn At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing		
The Sursum Corda		Вср 126	
The Proper Preface	Easter	BCP 128	
Eucharistic Prayer	Form E	BCP 142	
The Lord's Prayer		Вср144	
The Breaking of Bread		Вср 145	
The Agnus Dei		Вср147	
Communion Hymns	Are You Washed In The Blood ?	P&W 165	
	Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly	CPWI 607	
	Like The Woman At The Well	CPWI 442	
Post-Communion Prayer		Вср 147	
Recessional Hymn	Our God Reigns		

NOTICES

VISITORS, we welcome you to St. Ambrose and greet you in the name and http://www.action.com/action/acti



that you have come to share with us in this worship experience.

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 Remember 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, Alinda Bowe, Francis Bowe, Gina Ross, Granville Brown, Barbara Chong, Jocelyn Munroe, Florence Pratt, Philippa Robinson, Vernal Sands, Alice Hunter, Dr. Julian Stewart, Leslie Forbes, Trevor Adderley, Lisa Butler, Hyacinth Curtis, Naomi Williams, Archbishop Gomez, Chervl Bowe-Moss, Elva Miller (mother of Larese Francis).

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Parish Family welcomes all of the 2025 Reboot Youth Retreat participants today at our 9:30 Mass. Under the creative THEME: *Clockin'-It With Christ*!, teenagers experienced an array of wholesome, spiritual events. *A special thanks to Mrs. Leja Burrows and her entire team on a job well done!*

ACW CONCERT MAY 4TH AT 3PM The Anglican Church Women will have a Pre-Mother's Day Concert at the church TODAY *Sunday May 4th 2025 starting at 3pm.* Entry fee is \$10 for adults & \$5 for children under 12 years. Refreshments will be available. *All are invited to attend as we honour all mothers!*



The annual Diocesan Clergy Conference will take place on Long Island, The Bahamas, May 5-9, 2025. Fr. Brennen will be away during this time. There will be NO Confirmation class nor Wednesday Mass and Bible Study this week. In case of emergency, please leave a text message on 801-4037 and/or contact one of the Church Wardens. *Pray for work of the Holy Spirit*!



We regret to inform you of the passing of **Melissa Moss-Miles** on Feb. 28th, cousin of Cheryl & Cheyvonne Bethel, **Mr. Peter Bowe**, father of member Cheryl Bowe-Moss on April 18th & **The Rev. Canon Lemuel Been**, former Rector of St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Grand Turk, TCI on April 28th. *May they rest in peace*.







Our People's Warden, Mr. Joel Cunningham, is in the process of compiling a written historical record of **St. Ambrose.** If you any pertinent information or photos, please contact him via email at cunninghamjo-el943@gmail.com



Birthdays: May 5th - Adrian Douglas, Ethel Williams; **6th** - Nathalia Thompson; **7th** - Michelle Gibson; **8th** -Everette McKenzie; **9th** - Trent Cox, Charles Hunt, Tara Devulier; **10th** –Althea Bobbi Adderley, Grace Russell, Ben Miller.



7:00am - Alma Albury, Phillipa Robinson, Melonie Badmus, Nathalie Nairn

9:30am - Cleo Hepburn, Alinda Bowe, Norma Dean, Nickeva-Eve Benjamin



7:00am - Hazel Carroll, Rochelle Turnquest, Anatchas Hart9:30am - Reboot Youth Participants



The Remaining Confirmation classes will take place on Monday May 12th at 6:30pm; Sat. May 17th at 10am & the Final Exam on Mon. May 19th at 6:30pm. *Please be advised that **The Sacrament of Confirmation is expected to be administered by Bishop Boyd on Tuesday, June 17th 2025 at 7pm.** Parents of junior Confirmands & adult Confirmands will sponsor the reception.

Weekly Attendance (April 27th, 28th & 30th)

Sun. Mass 7:00am - 52 Sun. Mass 9:30am - 44 Sun. Reboot Mass 9:30am - 150 Confirm. Class - 6:30am - 18 Wed. Mass 6:00am -7

Sermon Notes

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
M P	Ps. 25; Daniel 4:19- 27; 1 John 3:19-4:6	Ps. 26, 28 Daniel 4:28 -37; 1 John 4:7- 21	Ps. 38; Daniel 5:1- 12;1 John 5:1-12	Ps. 37:1-18; Daniel 5:13- 30; 1 John 5:13-20 [21]	Ps. 105:1- 22; Daniel 6:1-15; 2 John 1-13	Ps. 30, 32; Daniel 6:16- 28; 3 John 1-15
E P	Ps. 9, 15; Exodus 18:13-27; Luke 4:14- 30	Ps. 36, 39; Exodus 19:1-16; Luke 4:31- 37	Ps. 119:25- 48; Exodus 19:16-25; Luke 4:38-44	Ps. 37:19- 42; Exodus 20:1-21; Luke 5:1-11	Ps. 105:23- 45; Exodus 24:1-18; Luke 5:12- 26	Ps. 42, 43; Exodus 25:1 -22; Luke 5:27-39, Collect Easter IV, BCP p. 169

PARISH VESTRY

Fr. Scott Brennen - Rector (801-4037) Dr. Ricardo Crawford - Priest's Warden (327-2678) Mr. Joel Cunningham - People's Warden 2025-2027 (421-2589) Ms. Tanisha Brathwaite - Elected 2025-2027 (Secretary) (426-0457) Ms. Pamela Miller - Elected 2024-2026 (Treasurer) (357-5738) Mr. Robert Cox - Elected 2024-2026 (Assistant Treasurer) (424-3155) Mrs. Leja Burrows - Sunday School Supt. (676-2341) Mrs. Melinda McKenzie - A.C.W. President (544-2558) Mr. Ethan W. Adderley - A.C.M. President (808-5750) Chief Supt. Brian Nixon - Audio Visual (341-6040) Mrs. Terri Bellot - Legal Advisor (361-7589) Justice Diane Stewart - Music Ministry (327-7559) Mrs. Norma Dean - Pastoral Care & Counselling (424-0887) Ms. Frances Dean - Social Outreach (327-4031) Mrs. Gale Sheryl Forbes - Ushers (455-0120) Ms. Deja Burrows - CYM President (429-1592) Mr. Reno Major - Elected 2024-2026 (376-6211) Mr. Humphrey Simmons - Elected 2024-2026 (357-8360) Mr. James Albury - Elected 2025-2027 (424-9042) Mr. Cadrington Coleby - Elected 2025-2027 (424-0550) Mr. Philip Styles - Elected 2025-2027 (376-2919) Mr. John Michael Clarke - Appointed 2025-2026 (601-5777) Mrs. Cozetta Johnson - Appointed 2025-2026 (427-5437)