



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 SERVICES

Sun. - 7:00 am Said Mass

Sun. - 9:30 am Sung Mass

Mon. - 6:30pm Confirmation Class

Wed. - 6:00am Said Mass

Wed. - 6:30pm Bible Study

Sat. - 10:30am Confirmation Class



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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 11th, 2025 - Year C

Good Shepherd Sunday/Mother's Day

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	How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds	CPWI 253
Opening Sentence	Easter	BCP 98
The Kyries / The Gloria		BCP 102
Collects	Easter IV/Mother's Day	BCP 169

Mother's Day COLLECT (Prayed by ALL)

Lord Jesus Christ, who was born of a human mother, and cared for her on the Cross: We commend to You the mothers of our nation. May their children be nurtured in Your discipline and instruction, and may their homes be havens of peace and love, made fragrant with Your presence; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the word of God written in Acts, chapter 9 verse 36 to 43.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

PSALM 23

BCP 495-496

SECOND LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the word of God written in The Revelation to John chapter 7 verse 9 to 17.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their

hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

Gradual Hymn

Thine For Ever! God of Love

CPWI 479

(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 10:22-30

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 10:22-30

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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.

SermonFr. Scott Brennen
The Nicene Creed BCP 104
Intercessions Form C BCP 108

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 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 sur-
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.**

Offertory Hymn Hark, My Soul! It Is The Lord CPWI 518

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 Shall We Not Love Thee Mother Dear? CPWI 747

The Sursum Corda BCP 126
The Proper Preface Easter BCP 128
Eucharistic Prayer Form D BCP 140
The Lord's Prayer BCP144
The Breaking of Bread BCP 145
The Agnus Dei BCP 147
Communion Hymns Faithful Shepherd Feed Me CPWI 583

The Lord's My Shepherd

CPWI 478

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CPWI 476

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 147

Recessional Hymn

When Mothers of Salem

A Reboot Poem By Ms. Abigail Major

By the fire's glow, we stood as one, casting troubles into the sun.
The troubles we wrote were swallowed by flames, renewal was
spoken, as fire knew our names.

Reboot a place where souls awake, a journey where hearts
never fake. We shared, we laughed, we grew alive, feeling
connected like stars in the sky. The prayers they spoke fueled
by faith, became the prayers that led the way, for hope,
strength and peace.

Wishing I could stay, day after day, in me it lives but in soul it
stays. Reboot reshaped the lives of many and touched the
hearts of those unsteady. Reboot paved the way for teens like
us, for it's not just a place it's a light within.

NOTICES

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

WE PRAY FOR our nation & community, the unemployed, the homeless, the sick and shut-in, the disabled, members who are abroad, those who are traveling, 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, Cheryl Bowe-Moss, Elva Miller (mother of Larese Francis).

ANNOUNCEMENTS



On this **Good Shepherd Sunday**, we remember all persons to be ordained in our Diocese especially our prospective ordinands: **Jamal Turnquest, Tiffany Sweeting, Marshowl Adderley, Antoine Coakley, Germal Cooper, Joshua Davis, Asteir Dean, Tyronne Kellman, Kenneth Knowles, Austin Meadows, Jonathan Munnings, Lamar Nottage & Preston Pinder.** For our deacons to be ordained priests: **Rev. Anatol Ferguson & Rev. Tristan Lockhart.**



On this **Mother's Day**, we remember all mothers who have died; who are gravely sick in body, mind and spirit; those who are excellent examples of godly living; mothers who are struggling with life challenges; mothers who are incarcerated; women who are surrogate mothers; and women who are unable to bare children. We respect all women in whatever capacity they may be in.



We congratulate **Dr. Coralie Adderley**, wife of Ethan Adderley, who earned her doctorate degree in Healthcare Administration from Virginia University of Lynchburg on May 3rd 2025. *Continue to do well!*



We regret to inform you of the passing of **Trevor Sands** on May 4th, son of member Sherry Walkine. Please be advised that **Canon Lamuel Been's 7pm Requiem Mass will be on May 15th at St. George & 10am Funeral on May 21st at St. Thomas in Grand Turk, TCI. May they rest in peace.**



Tithes & Offerings or Financial Donations can be sent to St. Ambrose Anglican Church, Royal Bank of Canada JFK, Account 1002534, Transit Number: 05165. *For your Building PLEDGE re: Parish Community Center, please send to FCIB Branch # 09706 A/C # 201044633



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, please contact him at cunninghamjoel943@gmail.com.



Birthdays: May 11th - Jada Wilson, Michelle Sturupp, Vince Symonette, Adrian Rolle, Kayla Callender; **12th** - Florence Pratt; **14th** - Kameka McDonald; **15th** - Willie Simmons, Juwon Forbes; **17th** - Jaykija Rolle.



7:00am - Joel Cunningham, Julie Harts, Vince Symonette, Rochelle Taylor. **9:30am** - Kenva Mullings, Jacintha Wallace, Schneika Campbell, Rebbly Storr.



Wedding Anniversaries: 11th - Ednal & Karen Rolle; **12th** - Dominic & Raquel Wilson; Lorenzo & Funmiza-ya Carroll; **13th** - Valentino & Cleo Hepburn.



Our Rector wishes to thank everyone who gave an Easter Offering to him. If your were not able to, there is still time to give. *May God continue to bless your spirit of generosity.*



The Remaining Confirmation classes will take place on Mon. May 12th at 6:30pm; Sat. May 17th at 10:30am & 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 Tue. 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 - 78 Sun. Mass 9:30am - 110

Sermon Notes

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	Ps. 41, 52; Wisdom M 1:16-2:11, P 21-24; Co- lossians 1:1 -14	Ps. 45; Wisdom 3:1 -9; Colos- sians 1:15- 23	Ps. 119:49- 72; Wisdom 4:16-5:8; Colossians 1:24-2:7	Ps. 50; Wis- dom 5:9-23; Colossians 2:8-23	Ps. 40, 54; Wisdom 6:12-23; Colossians 3:1-11	Ps. 55; Wis- dom 7:1-14; Colossians 3:12-17
	Ps. 44; E Exodus P 32:1-20; Luke 6:1-11	Ps. 47, 48; Exodus 32:21-34; Luke 6:12- 26	Ps. 49, [53]; Exodus 33:1 -23; Luke 6:27-38	Ps. [59, 60], or 114, 115; Exodus 34:1 -17; Luke 6:39-49	Ps. 51 Exo- dus 34:18- 35; Luke 7:1 -17	Ps. 138, 139:1-17 [18 -23]; Exodus 40:18-38; Luke 7:18- 28 [29-30], 31-35 Collect Easter V, BCP p. 170

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)