



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



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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 18th, 2025 - Year C

Introit	When We Walk With The Lord	P&W 81
Opening Sentence	Easter	BCP 98
The Kyries / The Gloria		BCP 102
Collects	Easter IV/Mother's Day	BCP 169
Collect	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	BCP 170

Almighty God, who truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son, Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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."

FIRST LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the word of God written in Acts, chapter 11 verse 1 to 18.

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.

¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

PSALM 138

BCP 653

SECOND LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the word of God written in The Revelation to John chapter 21 verse 1 to 6.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

Gradual Hymn

Love Divine, O Loves Excelling

CPWI 451

(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 13:31-35

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 13:31-35

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with

you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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 D BCP 111

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 Pleasant Are Thy Courts Above CPWI 740

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 At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing CPWI 164
 The Sursum Corda BCP 126

The Proper Preface	Easter	BCP 128
Eucharistic Prayer	Form B	BCP 135
The Lord's Prayer		BCP144
The Breaking of Bread		BCP 145
The Agnus Dei		BCP 147
Communion Hymns	Sweet Sacrament Divine	CPWI 620
	Lord Enthroned	CPWI 607
	We Come As Guests Invited	CPWI 625
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 147
Recessional Hymn	Thy Hand, O God, Has Guided	CPWI 351

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 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, Cheryl Bowe-Moss, Elva Miller (mother of Larese Francis).

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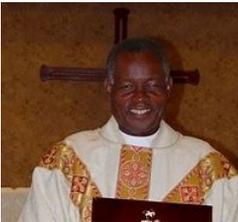
One of our beloved members, **Ms. Carol Roach**, will be moving to Grand Bahama for employment. Carol is a founding member of the Christian Youth Movement; and has served as one of our singing choir members; a member of the praise team, social outreach, prayer group, pastoral care, decorating committee and Anglican Church Women. We wish her safe travels and God's speed as she serves God in her new arena. Her last Sunday here is June 8th.



On behalf of the **ACM organization** and all men of St. Ambrose Church, our Rector apologizes for not providing gifts to all mothers this past Mother's Day (May 4th). This was a gross oversight that should not be repeated. We, the men of St. Ambrose, sincerely beg your forgiveness and we pledge to do better next year. *Mothers are very valuable to and loved by all of us!*



We regret to inform you that **Florinda Hepburn**, mother of member Terisita Ward, passed away and Florinda's funeral with take place at St. Agnes, NP, on Sat. May 24th at 10am. *May she rest in peace!*



The Funeral Service for **The Rev. Canon Lamuel Been** will take place this **Wed. May 21st, 2025 at St. Thomas in Grand Turk, TCI. At 10am.** *Since Fr. Brennen will be in attendance, there will be no Wednesday 6am Mass & 6:30pm Bible Study. Please remember his seven children in your prayers.*



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 .

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
M	Ps. 56, 57, [58]; Wisdom 9:1, 7-	Ps. 61, 62; Wisdom 10:1-4 [5-12], 13-21;	Ps. 72; Wisdom 13:1-9; Romans 13:1-14	Ps. [70], 71; Wisdom 14:27-15:3; Romans 14:1-12	Ps. 106:1-18; Wisdom 16:15-17:1; Romans 14:13-23	Ps. 75, 76; Wisdom 19:1-8, 18-22; Romans 15:1-13
P	18; Colossians [3:18-4:1], 2-18	Romans 12:12:1-21				
E	Ps. 64, 65; Leviticus 16:1-19;	Ps. 68:1-20 [21-23], 24-36; Leviticus 16:20-34; Luke 8:1-15	Ps. 119:73-96; Leviticus 19:1-18; Luke 8:16-25	Ps. 74; Leviticus 19:26 -37; Luke 8:26-39	Ps. 106:19-48; Leviticus 23:1-22; Luke 8:40-56	Ps. 23, 27; Leviticus 23:23-44; Luke 9:1-17 [Collect Easter VI, 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)