



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

Wed. - 6:00am Said Mass

Wed. - 6:30pm Bible Study



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

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 25th, 2025 - Year C

ROGATION SUNDAY

Introit	O Worship The King	CPWI 378
Opening Sentence	Easter	BCP 98
The Kyries / The Gloria		BCP 102
Collect	Easter VI	BCP 170

Collect THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 16 verse 9 to 15.

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

PSALM 67

BCP 649-550

SECOND LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the word of God written in The Revelation to John chapter 21 verse 10, & 22 continuing to chapter 22, verse 5.

¹⁰ And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. ¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

Gradual Hymn

O Love Divine, How Sweet Thou Art!

CPWI 260

(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 14:23-29

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14:23-29

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour

² ³ J e s u s a n s w e r e d him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You hear

d me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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 E BCP 112

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 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 All Things Bright And Beautiful CPWI 641

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 Praise To The Holiest CPWI 143

The Sursum Corda BCP 126

The Proper Preface	Easter	BCP 128
Eucharistic Prayer	Form C	BCP 135
The Lord's Prayer		BCP144
The Breaking of Bread		BCP 145
The Agnus Dei		BCP 147
Communion Hymns	And Now, O Father	CPWI 571
	Let All Mortal Flesh	CPWI 602
	O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go	CPWI 458
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 147
Recessional Hymn	Sing The Wondrous Love of Jesus	

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), Agnes Saunders.

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The Clergy Spouses Retreat organizers for our Diocese have chosen St. Ambrose as their venue. They will be here in conference in the Sunday School building **Sat. June 7th, 2025, 8am-4pm** and will worship with us the following day, on **The Day of Pentecost/Whitsunday Sunday June 8th at the 9:30am Sung Mass**. *Continue to prayer for the women and men who support our ordained church leaders.*



We are delighted to celebrate with our beloved church member, **Ms. Christina Brennen**, who was honored at Government House this past Thursday, May 22, 2025. ***She has been a dedicated employee of the government's Registry Department for 36 years.*** *We congratulate her and wish her every success!*



Our St. Ambrose church family is so proud of our **2025 College Graduates**. We thank God for sacrifices made by parents, guardians, extended family members, college faculty and staff, to ensure that our beloved children reached this remarkable milestone. May the Holy Spirit continue to infuse them with wisdom, knowledge, understanding and gratitude!



Motorists attending any of services are asked to please respect the designated handicap parking spaces and only park with a valid handicap permit.



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 have any pertinent information, please contact him at cunninghamjoel943@gmail.com.



Birthdays: May 25th - Bianca Willie, Xavier Fisher; **26th** - Dominic Wilson; **27th**– Andrew Holder, Keve Nairn; **28th** - Davawn Turner, Caffieann Smith, Mye-sha Forbes, Riley Nixon-; **29th** - Cora Ferguson, Patrice Murrell; **30th** - Leroy Roxbury, Quinlan Brennen, Lincoln Mullings II; **31st** - Valentino Hepburn, Zydon Benjamin.



7:00am - Alma Albury, Phillippa Robinson, Melonie Badmus, Nathalie Nairn **9:30am** - Sheryl Forbes, Co-zetta Johnson, Rachel Ferguson, Sherell Cox.



The Anglican Church Women (ACW) will have a meeting **TOMORROW Monday May 26th 2025 at 6pm** in the Sunday School Room. All women, 18 years and over are invited to attend.



May 21st (belated) - Akeem & Tameko Clarke; **25th** - Alworth & Pamela Farrington; **26th** - Edgar & Sandra Walker; **28th** - John Michael & Raquel Clarke



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 (May 18th & 19th)

Sun. Mass 7:00am - 77 Sun. Mass 9:30am - 68 Sun. School - 33
Confirmation Class - 14

Sermon Notes

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	Ps. 80; Deut. 8:1-10; M 10; James P 1:1-15	Ps. 78:1-39; Deut. 8:11-20; James 1:16-27	Ps. 119:97-120; Baruch 3:24-37; James 5:13-18; Luke 12:22-31	Ps. 8, 47; Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24-28b; Hebrews 2:5-18	Ps. 85, 86; Ezekiel 1:28-3:3; Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Luke 9:28-36	Ps. 72; 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Hebrews 3:1-6
	Ps. 77, [79]; Leviticus 25:35-55; Luke 9:18-27 Rogation Monday	Ps. 78:40-72; Leviticus 26:1-20; Luke 11:1-13 Rogation Tuesday	Ps. 68:1-20; 2 Kings 2:1-15; Revelation 5:1-14 Rogation Wednesday	Ps. 24, 96; Daniel 7:9-14; Matthew 28:16-20 Ascension Day	Ps. 132; Isaiah 11:1-10; Hebrews 2:11-18	Ps. 146, 147; Zechariah 2:10-13; John 3:25-30 Visitation of The BVM

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)