

## St. Ambrose Anglican Church



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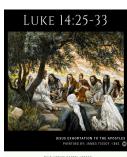
The Venerable Dwight H. L. Rolle, B.A., S.T.M., J.P.

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



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday - 7:00 am Said Mass Sunday - 9:30 am Sung Mass Wednesday - 6:00 am Said Mass



THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL LESSON MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN ONLINE BIBLE STUD'

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Honouring 70-Year Olds)- September 7th, 2025 (Proper 18, Year C-Track 1)

Introit	Master, Speak! Thy Servant Heareth	CPWI 530		
Opening Sentence The Kyries / The Glor	General ria	BCP 100 BCP 102		
Collects	Proper 18	Bcp 178		
Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you will all our hearts; for, as you always confound the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. <b>Amen</b>				

### **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 cannot be broken; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Jer. 18:1-11)**

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Jeremiah, chapter 18, verses 1 to 11.

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>"Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." 3So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. 5Then the word of the Lord came to me: 6Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, 8but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. 9And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, 10but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. 11Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

BCP 654, 655

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#### THE EPISTLE (Philemon vv. 1-21)

#### Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Philemon verses 1 to 21.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother. To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God 5because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. 61 pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. 7I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. 8For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, 9yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. 101 am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. 12 am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. 13 wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; 14but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, 16no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. 191, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

## **Gradual Hymn**

### Take Up Thy Cross

**CPWI 509** 

(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

LUKE 14:25-33

Gospeller: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 14, verses 25 to 33.

## All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This fellow began to build and

was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Gospeller: This is 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.

Meditation Hymn	Christ Is Our Cornerstone	Cpwi 729
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THE SERMON.....Fr. Scott Brennen

THE APOSTLES' CR	EED	Bcp 106
Intercessions (Form	<b>C</b> )	Bcp 108
Act of Penitence /Gr	Bcp 123	
Peace Hymn	Jesus Bids Us Shine	Cpwi 652

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Bulletin Pages 5-7)

Offertory Hymn My Hope Is Built... CPWI 456

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 Who	en First I Started (I'm Glad I Counted The	Cost)
The Sursum Corda	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Bcp 126
The Proper Preface	The Lord's Day	BCP 130
Eucharistic Prayer	Form B	Bcp 135
The Lord's Prayer		. Bcp144
The Agnus Dei		Вср147
<b>Communion Hymns</b>	We Come As Guest Invited	<b>CPWI 625</b>
	O God, Unseen But Ever Near	<b>CPWI 594</b>
	Sweet Sacrament Divine	<b>CPWI 620</b>
	Lord, The Light of Love Is Shining	<b>CPWI 529</b>
Post-Communion Praye	r	Bcp 148
Recessional Hymn	Living By Faith	

## **NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VISITORS**, we are delighted that you have come to share with us in this worship experience. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together. **MEMBERS**, if you were away, or have returned after an absence, it is good to have you back home.

#### The Sick & Those Recovering

Leannza Beneby, Alinda Bowe, Francise Seymour-Bowe, Gina Ross, Granville Brown, Nathalya Corduroy, Barbara Chong, Jocelyn Munroe, Florence Pratt, Philippa Robinson, Vernal Sands, Alice Hunter, Dr. Julian Stewart, Leslie Forbes, Hyacinth Curtis, Naomi Williams, Archbishop Gomez, Cheryl Bowe-Moss, Elva Miller (mother of Larissa Francis), Agnes Saunders, Beauregard Kelly.

## CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS (SEPT.-DEC. 2025):

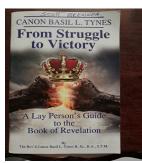
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Event</b>	<u>Date</u>	<b>Time</b>	
Pastoral Care	Honouring 70 Year Olds	Sun. Sept. 7th	7am & 9:30am	
Pastoral Care	Weekly Health Check-Ins	Sun. Sept. 14th, 21st & 28th	7am & 9:30am	
Pastoral Care	Yard Sale	Sat. Sept. 20th	7am-12noon	
A.C.W.	Family Fun & Bingo	Fri. Sept. 26th 2025	6:30pm-8:30pm	
Singing Choir	Senior's Extravaganza	Sun. Oct. 26th 2025	3pm-4:30pm	
Social Outreach	Souse-Out	Sat. Nov. 1st 2025	8am-12noon	
Usher Board	Anniversary Evensong	Sun. Nov. 23rd	3pm-5pm	
Pastoral Care	Pirate Ship Boat Cruise	Fri. Dec. 5th	6:30pm-9:30pm	
Church-wide	Patronal Festival	Sun. Dec. 7th 2025	3pm-7pm	



Today, we celebrate the achievements of four (4) outstanding women who are celebrating their 70th birthday this year. These elegant ladies are (pictured left to right): **Diane Stewart, Alma Albury, Jestina Ferguson** and **Judy Simmons**. *May God continue to bless them and their respective families!* 



We welcome members of The Southern Shores Constituency of The Free National Movement as they visit us today in corporate communion. We wish them and all political parties the very best as they seek to represent all citizens of The Bahamas.



Please note that our weekly Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 2025 at 6:30pm. We will be study The Book of Revelation with exegetical reference to Canon Basil Tynes' book "From Struggle To Victory: A Lay Person's Guide to the Book of Revelation." Please come and enjoy biblical study and delightful and thought provoking conversations.



If you know of anyone experiencing Family Violence, please share the following info.: Emergency Phone Numbers In The Bahamas Police: 302-8387; 302-8452

Crisis Centre: 328-0922; 322-4999 (565-9633 free family island text-line). SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect): 604-9039 to 42, 376-3538. Child Abuse HOTLINE: 322-2763/422-2763. Youth Help Hotline: New Providence – 322-2763; 422-2763. Grand Bahama – 351-7763. Turks and Caicos Islands – (649)-232-6696: (649)-338-4008 OR call 911



September 7th-Jonah Smith; 8th-Maeroni Black; 9th-Adrian Hanna, Shantel McKay; 10th— Inger White; 11th - Jerenae Thompson, Sherell Johnson, Endnico Toote, leisha & Lakeisha Taylor; 12th - Rhianna Gardiner, N'Qunader Jennings; 13th - Melinda McKenzie, Renee Burrows, Peyton Rolle, Jahiyah Albury







We regret to inform you that **Sam Butler**, brother of church member Larissa Francis and son of Elva Miller, passed away recently. Please remember the family during this time of bereavement. *May God grant him a place in His heavenly Kingdom.* 



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

**9:30am** - Sheena Styles, Melinda McKenzie, Sherry Walkine, Bradley Cooper.

#### **WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE**

Sun. 8am - 133\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Wed. 6:00am—10

### **SERMON NOTES**

	DAILY OFFICE READINGS					
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	Ps. 45; Isaiah 61:10 -62:3; John 2:1-12	Ps. 45; 1 Kings 16:23 -34; Philip- pians 1:12- 30	Ps. 119:49- 72; 1 Kings 17:1-24; Philippians 2:1-11	Ps. 50; 1 Kings 18:1- 19; Philippi- ans 2:12-30	Ps. 40, 54; 1 Kings 18:20-40; Philippians 3:1-16	Ps. 55; 1 Kings 18:41- 19:8; Philip- pians 3:17- 4:7; Mat- thew 3:13- 17
E P	Ps. 96, 138; Sirach 24:17-22; John 19:23- 27 Birth of The BVM	Job 29:1- 20; Mark	Ps. 49, [53]; Job 29:1; 30:1-2, 16- 31; Matthew 2:1-12	Ps. [59, 60] or 93, 96; Job 29:1; 31:1-23; Matthew 2:13-23	Ps. 51; Job 29:1; 31:24- 40; Matthew 3:1-12	Ps. 46, 87; 1 Kings 8:22- 30; Ephe- sians 2:11- 22; Holy Cross pg. 188

#### 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)

Sgt. 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 Shervi 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)



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