SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLASSES

Spiritual Formation classes will begin on **Sunday, December 13**, for one hour (10 a.m. to 11 a.m.). The classes are open primarily to new believers and are intended to prepare persons for baptism and confirmation. Persons who wish to refresh their knowledge may also attend. Please give your names and contact numbers to Rev. Peter or to the Church Office.

Archdeacon Cunningham, Rev. DePass, Jean Lee, Claudette Marshall and Marcia Hamilton will lead the classes.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Curlene Andrade, Linda Baldie, Pearl Barrett, Norman Burke, Audrey Chisholm, Daphne Forrester, Decima Hammond, Beryl HoSang, Joyce Jarrett, Rev. Vivette Jennings, Pamela Johnson, Joy Jones, Shirley Lakhan, Kathleen Lloyd, Brenda Manning Williams, Violet Martin, Ruby Melbourne, Sheldon McIntosh, Trevor Miller, Constance Morris, Cara Murray, Lunette Palmer, Ruby Richards, Maria Reid, Keisha Robinson, Thelma Thompson, Veronica Wilson



Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands

St. Luke's Church, Cross Roads

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

HARVEST THANKSGIVING





Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands Vision Statement

A Diocese inspired by the Holy Spirit, through the energetic and joyful discipleship of its members at all levels and of all ages, commits itself to being an assertive influence for good on Society and to locate, engage and serve the wider society wherever they are, through individual mission and ministry, in faith, hope and charity and to inspire and enlist recruits into active discipleship as members of the body of Christ and new members/stakeholders of a growing and dynamic Diocese.

St. Luke's Mission

To bring people to the knowledge of God through the proclamation of the gospel, in study, worship and witness, thus creating a fellowship of disciples for ministry and mission.

Verse of the Week

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.
2 Cor. 9:10

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THEME: CONVENANTED TO WORSHIP, WITNESS AND WORK

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HARVEST THANKSGIVING
PROPER 28

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Harvest Thanksgiving reminds us that we are stewards of God's abundant gifts. We are called to care for creation, use its resources wisely, provide for our needs, and share generously with those in need. When we neglect this sacred responsibility, the consequences show up in environmental degradation, climate change, and threats to human health.

Contemporary Christians, according to theologian Kathryn Tanner, "are citizens of a planet gravely troubled by the reckless and rapacious enterprises of its human inhabitants." We are living in a time of environmental crisis, as evidenced by global warming, soil erosion and desertification, air and water pollution, and the rapid extinction of species due to habitat destruction. These problems have emerged from human activity, and their effects are felt most profoundly by the poor.

At the Annual St. Luke's Lecture, the Rev. Peter Espeut reminded us that many of Jamaica's endemic species have become extinct, while others remain at risk because we have failed to care faithfully for creation. Yet there is hope: as faithful stewards, we can help restore the earth and nurture a bountiful harvest that sustains both ourselves and our neighbours.

Today, we express our gratitude to our generous and loving God by offering our whole selves: our time in worship, our gifts of prayer, praise, and song, our financial support for the ministry and mission of the Church, and the fruit of our labour for the building of God's Kingdom. The psalmist exhorts us: "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High" (Psalm 50:14).

NOTICES

Christ The King: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46. Daily Office: Proper 27, Page 776, Year 2.

WELCOME: We extend a warm welcome to our brothers and sisters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Suzanne Jones (15) Veronica Wilson (15) Opal Wilson (17) Beverley Doyles (17) Sandra Ellis (19) Allison Fenton (19) Nakiata Gordon (20) Michelle Higgins (20) Lydia Wilkins (21)

BIBLE STUDY: **Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.**
Join us on Zoom: **https://bit.ly/46vsyGM**
Meeting ID: 891 8360 6206 Passcode: LoveJesus

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

TODAY: **8:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist & **Harvest Thanksgiving** Harvest sales immediately after service. Please support.

Tues. Nov. 17 **8:00 a.m**. St. Hugh's High Founders' Day Service

Sun. Nov. 22: **7:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist – **Christ the King**
3:00 p.m. Christ the King Service at the Cathedral The bus will be available **(free of cost),** for persons who wish to attend the service. Please advise the office.

Sun. Nov. 29: **7:30 a.m**. Holy Eucharist
1st Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Sun. Dec. 6: **7:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist – **Missionary Sunday**

JOIN THE CHOIR!
Do you love to sing? Members of the congregation are invited to join the church choir and use their voices in praise and worship. Whether experienced or simply passionate about singing, we welcome you!

Join us now as we prepare for our Christmas services and Annual Carol Service. It's a wonderful opportunity to share in the joy of the season through music! **Rehearsals: Thursdays: 5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Choir Selection	**Let Everything Praise the Lord**
The Offertory Hymn	**714**
The Presentation of the Offering	Page 126
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JOIN THE LIVE STREAM OF THE SERVICE AT 8:30 A.M.

YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/live/SSERhhb_XFo

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Hymn for Holy Communion

O Lord Look Down On Us Today (*Tune: O Master let me walk with Thee*
Words: Dr. Elaine Cunningham (2023)

1
O Lord look down on us today,
Inspire our hearts to work for Thee.
Give us the courage to defend
Thy way, thy peace and perfect love.

2
Look down on our island home
Remove the seeds of bitterness,
So that our land may bloom in love
Our children raised in hopefulness

3
O Lord breathe peace into our land,
Shatter the foes that thwart our plans,
Ignite the flames of unity,
And spread the growth of liberty.

Psalm 96:8 also calls us to "ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts."

As we worship today, may every offering express thanksgiving for all we have received from the hand of our generous and loving God. May our gratitude inspire us to cherish creation, serve our neighbours and share God's bounty with joy.

Yours in Christ,

Patrick +



I will give you your rains in their season,
and the land shall yield its produce,
and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.
Lev. 26: 4



All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
For all his love.

We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
And what thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.
(CPWI No. 725)

Order of Service

8:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST
CORPORATE COMMUNION: SUNDAY SCHOOL/AYF

Prelude	***Thanks be to God***
The Opening Hymn	**721**
The Opening Sentence	

President: Blessed be God, Creator of heaven and earth.
All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen**

President: Blessed be Jesus Christ, Saviour and Redeemer
All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen**

President: Blessed be the Holy Spirit of God, the sustaining grace of redemption.
All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.**

President: This is the day to celebrate and give thanks for Harvest.
All: **To remember that we do not create the earth from which we reap.**

President: And to give thanks to God for calling us to till the soil, sow seeds, and care for the environment.
All: **To remember that others share the toil that brings forth Harvest**.

President: And to give thanks to God for the fruits of trees, the produce of the earth, the flowers of the field, the fishes of the sea, and minds to think and hearts to love.
All: **Bless us, O Lord, as we come together to Worship you and offer thanks. Amen.**

All: **O Lord God, you created us in your own image and made us stewards of the good earth, we marvel at the trust you place in us. Despite the depths to which we sometimes descend, we know that we are meant for the heights of creation. Despite our crucifixion of the earth, we know that it is made for resurrection. Be with us, O Lord; and strengthen the image in which you made us and renew the earth on which you placed us and purify us through your Holy Spirit that we may worthily love you and glorify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Kyrie & The Gloria	
The Collect	Harvest - Page 191
1st Lesson	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18
	Nakiata Gordon
The Psalm	65: 9-14 - Page 547
	Angalee Baxter
	Antiphon: You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth
2nd Lesson	2 Corinthians 9: 6-15
	Ghavouri Grant
The Gradual Hymn	**707**
The Gospel Acclamation	
The Gospel	Matthew 25: 25-33
The Sermon	
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	Light, Water & Soil
The Act of Penitence	Page 123
The Greeting of Peace	Page 124 ff

President: A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace and accept the peace that God gives.

All: **Let us live in peace and share the peace that only God can give.**

President: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: **And also with you.**