



## **A Pontifical Eucharist**

*to mark the opening of*

**The 120th Session of the Synod  
of  
The Diocese of The Bahamas and  
The Turks and Caicos Islands**

**Christ Church Cathedral**

George Street  
Nassau, N.P., Bahamas

on

**Monday, 16th October, 2023**

7:30 p. m.

**DIOCESE THEME 2023:**

**“BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNION” *Acts 2:42-47***



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**CELEBRANT**

The Rt. Rev'd. Laish Z. Boyd  
Bishop of the Diocese of The Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands

**DEACON OF THE MASS**

The Rev'd. Howard Bethel Jr., Assistant Curate, St. Agnes Parish, N.P.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

The Rev'd. Neil Nairn, Rector, Holy Spirit Parish, N.P.

**ASSISTING AT THE COMMUNION**

**CIBORIA:**

The Rev'd. Canon Mark Kendall, Rector  
St. Thomas Parish, The Turks & Caicos Islands  
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The Rev'd. John Pinder, Assistant Curate, Christ Church Cathedral  
The Rev'd. Rondeno Rolle, Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity Parish, N.P.  
Mr. Wayne Garland, St. Monica's Parish, Providenciales, TCI  
Miss Whitney Cash, St. George's Parish, N.P.

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Mr. Christopher Smith

**CHOIR**

Combined Choirs of The Church of The Most Holy Trinity.  
Under the direction of Mr. Kaylen Jervis

**ORGANIST**

Dr. Sparkman Ferguson

Mass Setting by Mr. Timothy Gibson

## ORGAN PRELUDE

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN CPWI #440 – WE ARE SOLDERS OF CHRIST

1. We are soldiers of Christ, who is mighty to save,  
And his banner the cross is unfurled;  
We are pledged to be faithful and steadfast and brave  
Against Satan, the flesh, and the world.
2. We are brothers and comrades, we stand side by side,  
And our faith and our hope are the same;  
And we think of the cross on which Jesus has died,  
When we bear the reproach of his name.
3. At the font we were marked with the cross on our brow,  
Of our grace and our calling the sign:  
And the weakest is strong to be true to his vow,  
For the armour we wear is divine.
4. We will watch ready armed if the tempter draw near,  
If he comes with a frown or a smile:  
We will heed not his threats, nor his flatteries hear,  
Nor be taken by storm or by wile.
5. We will master the flesh, and its longings restrain,  
We will not be the bond-slaves of sin,  
The pure Spirit of God in our nature shall reign,  
And our spirits their freedom shall win.
6. For the world's love we live not, its hate we defy,  
And we will not be led by the throng;  
We'll be true to ourselves, to our Father on high,  
And the bright world to which we belong.
7. Now let each cheer his comrade, let hearts beat as one,  
while we follow where Christ leads the way;  
'twere dishonour to yield, or the battle to shun,  
we will fight, and will watch, and will pray.
8. Though the warfare be weary, the trial be sore,  
In the might of our God we will stand;  
Oh! What joy to be crowned and be pure evermore,  
In the peace of our own fatherland.

## **INTROIT HYMN CPWI # 228 - IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE**

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

3. To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

4. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render, O help us to see:  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

## **CPWI# 369 – WE GATHER TOGETHER TO ASK THE LORD’S BLESSING**

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
The Lord was at our side- the glory be Thine!

3 We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

## **THE PREPARATION**

**CELEBRANT:** The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

**CELEBRANT:** Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**ALL:** **And Blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**ALL:** **Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.**

## **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**ALL:** **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE KYRIES:** Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
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## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of**

**God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord: you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**CELEBRANT:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** **And also with you.**

**CELEBRANT:** **Let us pray.**

**CELEBRANT:** Almighty and everlasting Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we pray, with His grace and presence, the bishop and other clergy and the laity here assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfil all the mind of Him who loved it and gave Himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**CELEBRANT:** Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**ALL:** **Almighty Father, You call Your people to be in communion with you and each other. Hear the prayers of the parishes & communities within this Diocese that are faced with many challenges. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, strengthen and inspire us to live lives pleasing to You. Help us to remain faithful as we use the gifts and talents You have given us for the building up of Your Church and the communities it serves; for the sake of Him who came among us as one who serves, Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**  
**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Proverbs 3:1-8**  
Read by Cordal Ramsey, Head Boy, Bishop Michael Eldon School. G.B.

**Reader:**           *A Reading from the Book of Proverbs Chapter 3 Verses 1 to 8*

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favour and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.

**READER:**       This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL:**           **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 119:7-14 – led by Mr. Dantae Flower, St. Margaret’s Parish, N.P.**  
*(to be read responsively)*

7       The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \* the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8       **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \* the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

9       The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \* the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10      **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \* sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

11      By them also is your servant enlightened, \* and in keeping them there is great reward.

12      **Who can tell how often he offends? \* cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13      Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \* then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \* O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Leader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;  
**All:** As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Romans 8:35-39**

Read by Makyah Nottage, Head Girl, St. Andrew's Anglican School, Exuma

**Reader:** *A Reading from the letter of the Apostle Paul to the Romans Chapter 8 Verses 35 to 39*

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**READER:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**ALL:** **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN CPWI #740 – PLEASANT ARE THY COURTS ABOVE**

1 Pleasant are Thy courts above,  
In the land of light and love;  
Pleasant are Thy courts below  
In this land of sin and woe;  
O, my spirit longs and faints  
For the converse of Thy saints,  
For the brightness of Thy face,  
For Thy fullness, God of grace.

2 Happy birds that sing and fly  
Round Thy altars, O most High;  
Happier souls that find a rest  
In a heavenly Father's breast;  
Like the wandering dove that found  
No repose on earth around,  
They can to their ark repair,  
And enjoy it ever there.



3 Happy souls, their praises flow  
Even in this vale of woe;  
Waters in the desert rise,  
Manna feeds them from the skies;  
On they go from strength to strength,  
Till they reach Thy throne at length,  
At Thy feet adoring fall,  
Who hast led them safe through all.

4 Lord, be mine this prize to win,  
Guide me through a world of sin,  
Keep me by Thy saving grace,  
Give me at Thy side a place;  
Sun and shield alike Thou art,  
Guide and guard my erring heart.  
Grace and glory flow from Thee;  
Shower, O shower them, Lord, on me.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 5:13-16**  
**The Rev'd. Howard Bethel Jr., Assistant Curate**  
**St. Agnes Parish**

**GOSPELLER:** The Lord be with you.  
**ALL:** **And also with you.**

**GOSPELLER:** A Reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew the 5th Chapter beginning to read at the 13th Verse

**ALL:** **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

**Jesus said to His disciples** ‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

**GOSPELLER:** This is the Gospel of Christ  
**ALL:** **Praise to Christ our Lord**

**SELECTION.....The Combined Choirs of The Church of The Most Holy Trinity**  
*“Jehovah Sabbaoth” (God of Angel Armies) - Donald Lawrence.*

**THE CHARGE.....The Rt. Rev'd. Laish Z. Boyd**

## THE NICENE CREED *(All Stand)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen or unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

## THE INTERCESSIONS *(All Stand)*

**Led by:** Jefferson Lightbourn II, Head Boy, St. Anne's School  
Ashlyn Hall, Head Girl, St. John's College

**LEADER:** Our Heavenly Father has promised through our Lord Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Let us therefore pray for the Church and the world, and let us thank God for His goodness.

**LEADER:** We pray for the Church of God in every place; especially for this Diocese, our Bishop, **Laish**, our Assistant Bishops, **Drexel** and **Gilbert**, our companion Bishop, **Peter**, the clergy and all the people of God.

**ALL:** **Strengthen your Church to carry forward the work of Christ; that we and all who confess your Name may unite in truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.**

**LEADER:** We pray for our two countries and for all the nations of the world, especially for **Cynthia**, Governor General of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, **Philip** the Prime Minister, **Michael**, the Leader of the Opposition, all Members of Parliament and Senators, Family Island

Administrators, and for all persons who serve in local government; and for **Nigel**, Governor of The Turks and Caicos Islands, **Charles**, the Premier, **Edwin**, the Leader of the Opposition, all Members of Parliament; the District Commissioners; and for all people in their various callings.

**ALL:**           **Direct these nations and all others in the ways of justice and truth. Give wisdom to all in positions of public trust and authority; that they may promote the prosperity, godliness and peace of your people everywhere.**

**LEADER:**      We pray for our own community, for all persons affected by hurricane Dorian, our parishes, for our families, friends and all who live and work with us.

**ALL:**           **Give grace to all our friends and neighbours in Christ, that we may serve Him in one another and grow together in His love.**

**LEADER:**      We pray for the poor, the sick, the unemployed, the handicapped; all who have requested our prayers and all who seek the prayers of the Church in their time of trouble.

**ALL:**           **Give healing and strength to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and sustain all those who remember and care for them.**

**LEADER:**      We commemorate the departed, especially former members of Synod.

**ALL:**           **We commend all people to your unfailing love, that in them your will may be fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom.**

**LEADER:**      Accept these prayers, O Lord our God, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**ALL:**           **Amen.**

#### **THE ACT OF PENITENCE {*All kneel*}**

**CELEBRANT:**     If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is

not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1 John 1:8-9*)

Let us therefore confess our sins.

**ALL:**                   **Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

**CELEBRANT:**       Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL:**                   **Amen.**

### **THE GREETING OF PEACE {*All Stand*}**

**CELEBRANT:**       We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

**ALL:**                   **Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.**

**CELEBRANT:**       The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*(Kindly remain in your seats)*

**ALL:**                   **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN CPWI 403 – LIGHT’S ABODE, CELESTIAL SALEM  
(Diocesan Theme Hymn 2023)**

1 LIGHT’S abode, celestial Salem,  
Vision whence true peace doth spring,  
Brighter than the heart can fancy,  
Mansion of the Highest King;  
Oh, how glorious are the praises  
Which of thee the prophets sing!

2 There for ever and for ever  
Alleluia is out-poured;  
For unending, for unbroken  
Is the feast-day of the Lord;  
All is pure and all is holy  
That within thy walls is stored.

3 There no cloud nor passing vapour  
Dims the brightness of the air;  
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,  
From the Sun of suns is there;  
There no night brings rest from labour,  
For unknown are toil and care.

4 Oh, how glorious and resplendent,  
Fragile body, shalt thou be,  
When endued with so much beauty,  
Full of health, and strong, and free,  
Full of vigour, full of pleasure  
That shall last eternally!

5 Now with gladness, now with courage,  
Bear the burden on thee laid,  
That hereafter these thy labours  
May with endless gifts be paid;  
And in everlasting glory  
Thou with brightness be arrayed.

6 Laud and honour to the Father,  
Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
Consubstantial, Co-eternal,  
While unending ages run.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**ALL:           Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN FOR THE CENSING**  
**CPWI 827 – HARK! THE SOUND OF HOLY VOICES**

1. Hark! the sound of holy voices,  
Chanting at the crystal sea,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia! Lord, to thee!  
Multitude which none can number  
Like the stars in glory stands,  
Clothed in white apparel, holding  
Palms of victory in their hands.

2. Patriarch, and holy prophet,  
Who prepared the way for Christ,  
King, apostle, saint, confessor,  
Martyr and evangelist,  
Sainly maiden, godly matron,  
Widows who have watched to prayer,  
Joined in holy concert, singing  
To the Lord of all, are there.

3. They have come from tribulation,  
And have washed their robes in blood,  
Washed them in the blood of Jesus;  
Tried they were, and firm they stood;  
Gladly, Lord, with thee they suffered;  
Gladly, Lord, with thee they died,  
And by death to life immortal  
They were born, and glorified.

4. Now they reign in heavenly glory,  
Now they walk in golden light,  
Now they drink, as from a river,  
Holy bliss and infinite;  
Love and peace they taste for ever,  
And all truth and knowledge see  
In the beatific vision  
Of the blessed Trinity.

5. God of God, the One begotten,  
Light of light, Emmanuel,  
In whose body joined together  
All the saints forever dwell;  
Pour upon us of thy fullness  
That we may for evermore  
God the Father, God the Son, and  
God the Holy Ghost adore.

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**CELEBRANT:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** **And also with you.**

**CELEBRANT:** Lift up your hearts.

**ALL:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**CELEBRANT:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**CELEBRANT:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God: Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**ALL:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**CELEBRANT:** Sovereign Lord and Father, to you be glory and praise for ever. In your boundless wisdom you brought creation into being; In your great love you fashioned us in your image; In your tender compassion you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, to share our human nature; In the power of the Holy Spirit, He overcame the power of sin and death and brought your people to new birth as first fruits of your new creation.

On the night that He was betrayed He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: "Take this, and eat it: This is my Body which is given for you, Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after supper He took the cup of wine: and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**CELEBRANT:** Therefore, Father, according to the command of your dearly beloved Son.

**ALL:** **We remember His death  
We proclaim His resurrection  
We await His coming in glory.**

**CELEBRANT:** And we offer you, Father, our sacrifice of thanks and praise. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus our Lord and Redeemer. As we partake of this holy food of new and unending life, may your Holy Spirit establish us as a royal priesthood with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John The Baptist and all your sons and daughters who share in your eternal inheritance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With Him and in Him and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, in songs of everlasting praise:

**ALL:** **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**CELEBRANT:** As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**ALL: {Said}** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name; your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**CELEBRANT:** We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**ALL:** **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

### THE COMMUNION

**CELEBRANT:** My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**ALL:** **Grant gracious Lord, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.**



**AGNUS DEI:**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*Those desirous to receive the Sacrament in one kind, kneel with hands extended, crossed and palms facing up.*

*Those desirous to receive the Sacrament in both kinds by way of intinction, kneel and rest right hand over your heart.*

*Those desirous to receive the Sacrament in both kinds, in the traditional way, kneel with hands clasped.*

### **COMMUNION HYMN: CPWI 571 -AND NOW, O FATHER**

1. And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
That bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
And having with us him that pleads above,  
We here present, we here spread forth to thee  
That only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
The only true, pure, immortal sacrifice..
2. Look, Father, look on his anointed face,  
And only look on us as found in him;  
Look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
Our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;  
For lo! Between our sins and their reward  
We set the passion of thy Son our Lord.
3. And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
By this prevailing presence we appeal;  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,  
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;  
From tainting mischief keep them white and clear,  
And crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.
4. And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,  
Most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;  
And by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
Deliver us from every touch of ill;  
In thine own service make us glad and free,  
And grant us never more to part with thee.

**COMMUNION HYMN: CPWI #589 –HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE THEE FACE  
TO FACE**

1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
Here faith would touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon thee lean.

2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God;  
Here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load;  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need  
Another arm save thine to lean upon:  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

**COMMUNION HYMN CWPI# 617 - ONCE, ONLY ONCE AND ONCE FOR ALL**

1 ONCE, only once, and once for all,  
His precious life He gave;  
Before the Cross our spirits fall,  
And own it strong to save.

2 “One offering, single and complete,”  
With lips and heart we say;  
But what He never can repeat  
He shows forth day by day.

5 His Manhood pleads where now it lives  
On heaven’s eternal Throne,  
And where in mystic rite He gives  
Its Presence to His own.

3 For, as the priest of Aaron’s line  
Within the Holiest stood,  
And sprinkled all the mercy-shrine  
With sacrificial blood;

4 So He, Who once atonement wrought,  
Our Priest of endless power,  
Presents Himself for those He bought  
In that dark noontide hour.

6 And so we show Thy death, O Lord,  
Till Thou again appear;  
And feel, when we approach Thy Board,  
We have an Altar here.

7 All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,  
While endless ages run.

## COMMUNION HYMN CPWI# 587 - FATHER, WHO DOST THY CHILDREN FEED

1 Father, who dost thy children feed  
With manna rained from above;  
Who dost the saving chalice give,  
Filled by thy hand in wondrous love:  
we praise thee for thy mercies sent  
to us in this great sacrament.

2 O Word-made-flesh, whom we adore,  
The living bread sent down from heaven,  
Whose wondrous passion here shown forth  
Is the great pledge of sin forgiven;  
We praise thee for thy mercies sent  
To us in this great sacrament.

3 O Holy Spirit, who dost deign  
These earthly elements to bless,  
Making the bread his flesh to be,  
The wine his blood, as we confess;  
We praise thee for thy mercies sent  
To us in this great sacrament.

4 Ye holy angels, who, with us,  
Around God's altar lowly bow,  
Adoring there the Crucified,  
Whose precious death is pleaded now,  
O praise him for his mercies sent  
To us in this great sacrament!

5 Ye blessed saints, enthroned on high,  
Who once the paths of earth did tread,  
Who reached in safety God's abode,  
As strengthened by this living bread;  
O praise him for his mercies sent  
To us in this great sacrament!

6 O Holy Father, Holy Son,  
And Holy Spirit, whom we love,  
Guide, strengthen, save us here below,  
And bring us to our home above,  
To praise thee for thy mercies sent  
To us in this great sacrament!

## COMMUNION HYMN CPWI# 598 - I HUNGER AND I THIRST

1 I hunger and I thirst;  
Jesu, my manna be;  
Ye living waters, burst  
Out of the rock for me.

2 Thou true life-giving Vine,  
Let me thy sweetness prove;  
Renew my life with thine,  
Refresh my soul with love.

3 Thou bruised and broken Bread,  
My life-long wants supply;  
As living souls are fed,  
O feed me, or I die.

4 Rough paths my feet have trod  
Since first their course began;  
Feed me, thou Bread of God;  
Help me, thou Son of Man.

5 For still the desert lies  
My thirsting soul before;  
O living waters, rise  
Within me evermore.

**SELECTION... The Combined Choirs of The Church of The Most Holy Trinity**  
*"Total Praise" - Richard Smallwood*

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER {*ALL KNEEL*}**

**CELEBRANT:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** **And also with you.**

**CELEBRANT:** Let us pray.

**ALL:** **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**CELEBRANT:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** **And also with you.**

**CELEBRANT:** Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**ALL:** **Who has made heaven and earth.**

**CELEBRANT:** Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

**ALL:** **From this time forth and for evermore.**

**CELEBRANT:** The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**DEACON:** Go in peace and serve the Lord,

**ALL:** **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS *{All stand}*

1. God save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the King!

2. Thy choicest gifts in store  
On him be pleased to pour;  
Long may he reign;  
May he defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice  
"God save the King!"

## NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland;  
March on to glory, your bright banners waving high.  
See how the world marks the manner of your bearing!  
Pledge to excel through love and unity.  
Pressing onwards, march together  
To a common loftier goal;  
Steady sunward, tho' the weather  
Hides the wide and treachrous shoal.  
Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland,  
'Til the road you've trod lead unto your God,  
MARCH ON, BAHAMALAND.

## NATIONAL PLEDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

"I pledge my allegiance  
to the Flag and to The Commonwealth  
of The Bahamas for which it stands:  
one people united in love and service."

## RECESSIONAL HYMN: ALL YE SAINTS OF LIGHT PROCLAIM

1 All ye saints of light proclaim,  
Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Life and mercy in His name,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

*Refrain:*  
*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,*  
*Come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright;*  
*Shine all around us by day and by night,*  
*Jesus, the Light of the world.*

2 Hear the Saviour's earnest call,  
Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Send the gospel truth to all,  
Jesus, the Light of the world. *[Refrain]*

3 Why not seek Him then today,  
Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Go with truth the narrow way,  
Jesus, the Light of the world. *[Refrain]*

4 Come, confess Him as your king,  
Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Then the bells of heav'n will ring,  
Jesus, the Light of the world. *[Refrain]*

### RECESSIONAL HYMN: CPWI 823 WHO ARE THESE LIKE STARS APPEARING

1. Who are these like stars appearing,  
These, before God's throne who stand?  
Each a golden crown is wearing;  
Who are all this glorious band?  
Alleluia! Hark, they sing,  
Praising loud their heavenly King.

2. Who are these in dazzling brightness,  
Clothed in God's own righteousness?  
These, whose robes of purest whiteness,  
Shall their lustre still possess,  
Still untouched by time's rude hand?  
Whence came all this glorious band?

3. These are they who have contended  
For their Saviour's honour long,  
Wrestling on till life was ended,  
Following not the sinful throng;  
These, who well the fight sustained,  
Triumph by the Lamb have gained.

4. These are they whose hearts were riven,  
Sore with woe and anguish tried,  
Who in prayer full oft have striven  
With the God they glorified;  
Now, their painful conflict o'er,  
God has bid them weep no more.

5. These, the Almighty contemplating,  
Did as priests before him stand,  
Soul and body always waiting  
Day and night at his command:  
Now in God's most holy place  
Blest they stand before his face.

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**DIOCESE THEME 2023: “BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH  
COMMUNION” – Acts 2:42-47**



*Theme verses: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”*



**PRAYER ON LEAVING THE CHURCH**

Grant, O Lord, that the lessons I have learned may take root in my heart; that I may remain faithful to the confession of my faith; and that, aided by your continuing grace, I may put my faith into practice in my daily life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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