

Have a Holy & Blessed Easter

12TH APRIL 2009

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another

OUR MISSION

The Mission of St. Matthew's Church is to be: Joyfully rooted in Christ through worship, education and spiritual discipline; and alive in the Spirit in Christian Fellowship where our gifts are used to reveal God's love.

6:00a.m EUCHARIST: HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

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Organist: Mrs. Marge Knowles

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The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread

The Invitation

The Agnus Dei

Communion Hymns

Post Communion Prayer, The Dismissal;

Regina Coeli

Recessional Hymn

Chalice Bearers

Rosie Godet

Van Humes

Thomas Treco

Louis Hanchell

Choir

Charles Dillette

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Ken Davies, Van Humes

Ushers: 6:00a.m: * Joan Mitchell, Chris Smith Sr., Troy Ward Sr., Troy Ward Jr., Ronrick Bowe, Dominique Collie Jr.

10:45 a.m PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS:

The service begins in silence

PRIEST: Let us proceed in peace

PEOPLE: In the Name of Christ. Amen

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Gloria in Excelsis

Collect for the Day

1st Lesson:

Garth Strachan

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:14-29

Choir

2nd Lesson:

Torry Armstrong

Colossians 3:1-4

Gradual Hymn:

Easter Booklet

The Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Sermon :

Fr. James Moultrie

The Nicene Creed **(Page 104 BCP)**

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Dustan Babbs

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Recessional Hymn

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Chalice Bearers:

Lawrence Antonio, Dorothea Davis

Ushers: 10:30am * Laverne Cooper, Christian Murray, Christina Thompson, Deborah Taylor, Coffi McPhee, Keith Strachan, Alric Hepburn

7:00pm: Solemn Evensong, Sermon & Benediction

Officiant: Fr. James Moultrie

Organist: Mrs. Princes Butler

The Opening Hymn:

Psalm: 113

1st Lesson: Isaiah 51:9-11 Enola Burke

Office Hymn: 128 A&M

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2nd Lesson: Luke 24:13-25 Jackie Mycklewhyte

Nunc Dimittis; Creed & Prayers

Hymn; Sermon & Benediction

Attendance Statistics 5th April, 2009

Service	Congregation	Communicants
7:15am	185	130
10:30am	226	144
7:00pm	58	

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 5th APRIL 2009

ASH WEDNESDAY	12.00
EASTER	70.00
CHRISTMAS	10.00
BIRTHDAY	25.00
BULLETIN	100.00
CHURCH SCHOOL	39.00
COLLECTION	1,100.41
ENVELOPES	14,034.00
FLOWERS	160.00
INITIAL OFFERING	5.00
LENT OFFERINGS	160.00
LENTEN FOLDERS	139.55
RESURRECTION FLOWERS	210.00
TOTAL	<u>16,064.69</u>

SPECIAL: Organ	168.00	
Restoration	214.00	
Day Care	1280.35	= 1662.35

PARISH WEEKLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	\$ 2,765.77 = 21.46%
GENERAL EXPENSES	5,694.52 = 44.19%
SALARIES	2,887.50 = 22.41%
SOCIAL OUTREACH	385.00 = 2.99%
UPKEEP TO PROPERTIES	<u>1,154.79 = 8.95%</u>
TOTAL	<u>12,887.58 = 100%</u>

ASSISTANTS 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER 19th APRIL 2009

	7:15AM	10:30AM
1 st Lesson	Robin Forbes	YOUTH
Acts 3:12a, 13-15, 17-26		
Psalm 111	Choir	Choir
2 nd Lesson	James Smith	YOUTH
1 John 5:1-6		
Intercessions: B	Bryton Ward	YOUTH
Chalice Bearers	Thomas Treco Van Humes	Horatio Bannister Princess Butler
7:00pm:	David Knowles	Lawrence Antonio
		Iris Finlayson

USHERS: 7:15AM 10:30AM

* Danielle Perigord
Chris Smith Jr.
Shannon Perigord
Bryton Ward
Haille Boswick
Marcia Thompson

* Marsha Bain
Charmaine Saunders
Alexandria Curry
Alexine Curry
Inga Darville
Ayshah Elliott
Tonia Heastie
Shaunielle Bain

SICK MEMBERS

Matilda Adderley, Rev'd Fr. Hugh Bartlett, Mildred Black, Bishop Laish Z. Boyd, Iris Brennen, Milo Butler Jr., Raleigh Butler, Michelle Campbell, Kendall Carroll, Leon Cartwright, Thomas Cooper, Florene Crawley, Peter Drudge, Anthony Dean, Bishop Michael Eldon, Monique Farrington, Vandoline Forbes, Raquel Hepburn, Margo Isaacs, Elva Knowles, Gina Knowles, Joan Pyfrom, Anthony Roberts, Paul Roberts, Lucille Sands, Sammy Sands, Felix Seymour, Shelagh Strachan, Garyn Taylor, Cleola Thompson, Sybil Carey Treco, Kenneth Treco.

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Maurice Armbrister, Patricia Bain, Naomi Basden, Dora Bartlett, Paula Crawford Brown, Allanah Burrows, Kennice Burrows, Eugene Butler, Cyril Carey, Dwayne Carr, Lucy Cartwright, Mercedes Cartwright, Maxine Chung, Edna "Miss Jon" Clarke, Mary Collie, Alvin Cooper, Leon Cooper, Peter Daniels, Rayette Darling, Osborne Davis, Michael Dean, Robert Douglas, Hiram Farquharson, Donald Farrington, Martha Flowers, Carol Francis, Carmeta Gaitor, Troika Hanna, Una Harding, Lancelot Haven, John Johnson, Howard Kemp, George Kerr, Edward Knowles, Peter Knowles, Sidney Knowles, Esther Francis Leonard, Angela Martin, Elsa 'Lassie' Johnson McKenzie, Kelia Marshall, Linda Marshall, Barbara McKnight, Judy Miller, Willamae Morris, Rollon Pearce, Roseanne Pitcher, Josephine Raeburn, Mario Ramirez, Charles B. Sands, Val Sands, Christian Seymour, Michael Sherman, Gwen Smith, Monica Thompson, Carl G. Treco, Ricardo Treco, Dora Turnquest, Sal Ricardo Williams.

AT HOME

Cheryl Algreen, Mizpah Antoine, Ruth Cash, Jennifer Cates, Ken Chamberlain, Paul Clare, Anthony Dean, Royann Duhard, Edith 'The Valley Girl', May Ferreira, Gladys Gardiner, Patricia Kerr, Leon and Verna Knowles, Randolph Knowles, Clara Malone, Sir Clement Maynard, Paula Newbold, Dora Simms, Thelma Strachan, Zerline Styles, Frankiemae Thompson, Richard Turner.

RECOVERING

Jillian Bartlette, Felix Bowe, Antoinette Cartwright, Maizie Evans, Alexandria Fernander, Lorraine Francis, Stephanie Francis, Joy Frith, Carol Gomez, Annette Heastie, Angela Knowles, Wellington Lewis, Sandra Lockhart, Eugene Maycock, Rose Pearce, Gertrude Perpall, Canon Neil Roach, Andre Rutherford, Aubrey Sherman, Esecia Sherman, Carlyne Smith, Deborah Taylor, Patricia White.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DAVID & TONYA MAYNARD – 16TH (20YRS.); CHARLES & SHELLY MORRIS – 18TH (11 YRS.);
FELIX & ORMANIC BIEN-AIME – 17TH (10 YRS.); BERCHNAL & ANN MOSS – 16TH (4YRS.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Edith Powell – 12th; Lecious Hall – 13th; Bernardette Moultrie, Barry Stuart – 14th; Emily Colebrooke, Shelly Darville, Raven Davis, Regan Davis, Laurie Lowe – 15th; Michelle Carey, Kermon Dalancey, Allen Major, Tonia Maynard, Jonathan Moss – 16th; Raschel Kemp, Candice King, Diana Laroda – 17th; Vernoica Adderley, Leonie Gargasson, Jair Haven – 18th;

Genesis 3

The Old Testament

Exodus 14:10-14,21-25;15:20-21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

The Old Testament

Isaiah 54:5-14

For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of host is his name; The Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the Lord has called you a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, like the wife of a man's youth, when she is cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing wrath for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord your Redeemer. This is like the days of Noah to me: Just as I swore that the waters of Noah would never again go over the earth, so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you and will rebuke you. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you. O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted, I am about to set your stones in antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires. I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the prosperity of your children. In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.

The Collect

Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also

I wish you all a happy Easter Season. I do so on behalf of my wife and our sons. I conclude this message by sharing with you the words of one of our wonderful Easter hymns, written 200 years ago by Thomas Kelly. These words speak about the surprise, the power, the life-giving joy and victory that characterize Easter: must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

READER: The Word of the Lord

ALL: **Thanks be to God**

EASTER MESSAGE BY THE BISHOP

Dear Friends,

I greet you all at this Easter Season, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, from the dead. Easter is about resurrection. I know we often think about Easter bunnies, and Easter baskets, and Easter picnics; but Easter is really based upon Jesus rising from the dead, conquering sin and death, and bringing us all into a new relationship with the Heavenly Father. As we celebrate Easter, there are a number of words that immediately come to mind.

First of all, there is **SURPRISE**. We cannot deny that, on the first Easter day, there was surprise when the disciples and others found that the tomb was empty. They should have been surprised, because it is not routine in the human experience for people to rise from the dead.

Secondly, Easter is about **POWER**. It is about the power that God displayed in raising His Son from the dead. It is about the power which was given to the Church to do the work that Jesus had left her to do. And it is because of that power that we have to reach out to help and to touch each other, sharing the Gospel.

Thirdly, Easter is about **LIFE-GIVING**. God gave Jesus, His Son, His life back after He had died and had been buried. We are called to be life-giving toward others by our fellowship, by our love, by our care, by our concern, and by our kindness. All of these are ways in which we give life to the world.

Easter, then, can only be understood in its true nature through Jesus Christ as the one who came, walked, talked, preached, and worked miracles among us. He was the one who died and rose again.

For some people, this maybe difficult to grasp, but Jesus can only be fully understood through our faith, through our believing in Him. When we, believing in Him, live in such a way that others can see how we live, it is then that others are convinced about the Gospel.

Dear friends, remember that you may be the only Bible that someone reads, you may be the only scripture passage that someone interprets. Therefore, by our living, we are called to draw others into faith and into relationship with Jesus. By our living, we are called upon to convince others that what we say we believe is worthwhile.

COME see the place where Jesus lay,
And hear Angelic watchers say,
"He lives, Who once was slain:
Why seek the living 'midst the dead?
Remember how the Saviour said
That He would rise again."

O joyful sound! O glorious hour,
When by His own Almighty power
He rose, and left the grave!
Now let our songs His triumph tell,
Who burst the bands of death and hell,
And ever lives to save.

The First-begotten of the dead,
For us He rose, our glorious Head,
Immortal life to bring;
What though the saints like Him shall die,
They share their Leader's victory,
And triumph with their King.

No more they tremble at the grave,
For Jesus will their spirits save,
And raise their slumbering dust:
O risen Lord, in Thee we live,
To Thee our ransom'd souls we give,
To Thee our bodies trust.

May God bless and keep you during this Easter Season



The Rt. Rev'd. Laish Zane Boyd Sr.

**BISHOP OF THE BAHAMAS AND
THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS**

The Psalm 114:1-8

In exitu Israel

- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary, *and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ails you, O sea, that you flee? *O Jordan, that you turn back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams?* you little hills, like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water, *the flint-stone into a flowing spring.

LEADER: Glory be to Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSE: As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever Amen

The Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord

READING FOR 10:45 A.M.

The First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the

people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

READER: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

Psalm 118:14-29

Confitemini Domino

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD'S doing, *and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; *we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *you are my God, and I will exalt you."

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

LEADER: Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

RESPONSE: As it is in the beginning is now and shall be forever

Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." Matthew 28:7

Today, with hundreds of millions of the faithful around the world we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the most significant event of all history

- it is God's endorsement of all that Jesus said and did during his life among us
- it is the sign and seal of God's approval upon him
- it is the event by which all the other events in the life of Christ are validated and confirmed.

The astonishing events of the first Easter were baffling to His Disciples:

- how at first those closest to Jesus did not believe that he had been raised from the dead
- how they had to be convinced by his presence among them that the empty tomb was much more than a case of grave robbery - and the reports of his being seen much more than the wishful thinking of people cast into deep grief by the brutal death of one whom they loved.

In the end - they were all convinced, they believed and they lived – free from the shackles of death and sin. Today we live too, knowing that the purpose of life is not death, Easter says. The purpose of life is life . . . a life that triumphs over death forever.

Celebrating Easter is the best thing that the church can do because it is a celebration of all that is good, all that is true, and all that is beautiful.

Remember Jesus' final words on the cross? "It is finished. When the soldiers taking Jesus' body down from the cross stabbed him with a spear point, "blood and water came out" (John 19:34). That rush of fluids revealed what was the actual final cause of death for Jesus - a burst aorta. Jesus died of a broken heart. The breaking of Jesus' heart was what "finished" Jesus' sacrifice. On Easter morning the great surprise is that sacrifice was not the end of Jesus' mission. Out of Jesus' broken heart there emerged a new heart, a resurrected heart, an unbreakable, unstoppable heart. God has put that new heart in us, taking away the heart of fear, doubt and death He has given us a heart of victory and new life.

On Easter "It is finished" becomes "Now it begins."

Have a Blessed Easter

Fr. Double 'D'

Thank You For Easter Flowers

We say "Thank You" to all who helped in any way to make our church so beautiful for our Queen of

Feasts, Easter.

We thank the following persons who have donated flowers in memory of loved ones or in thankfulness for blessings received:

Thomas & Kathy Treco, in memory of their parents, Herbert & Maggie Treco, Michael & Cassandra Cartwright, John, Miriam & Myrtle Knowles, Joseph, George & Viola Wells, Rosie Thompson, Avis, Alice, Muriel, Nathaniel & Kirtland Cartwright; in memory of Michael & Cassandra Cartwright & Herbert & Maggie Treco; by grandchildren Shann & Paul Lowe, great-grandchildren, Wayne & Allysa Lowe; Lloyd & Orinthia Nesbeth; in memory of their parents, & family members; John Nesbeth, James Nesbeth, Elfreda Miller, William & Lottie Chung, Larry, Melmouth & Mark Chung; By Fr. James & Bernadette Moultrie, in memory of their fathers James Moultrie Sr. & Clyde Williams, grandmother, Pauline Hall; By Oswald, Veronica & Kriston Moore, Charles & Kyshna Radnetter and children, in memory of their son, brother & uncle, Kyshaun Fountain, fathers and grandfathers, Leroy Dean & Hezekiah Moore; By Hilda Knowles, in memory of her husband, Joel Knowles; By Gloria Crawford, in memory of her husband, Dr. Richard Crawford; By Michelle White and children, in memory of her husband & their father, Dr. George White; By the Carroll family, in memory of parents, Bruce & Maybell Carroll, sister, Glair Cleare; brother, Anthony Carroll; aunts, Alma Rolle & Sarah Cash, Cousins. Yorick Carroll & Walyer Rolle; By the children of William & Lorraine Martin, and their sister, Mary, Angela Martin; by Ethelyn Franks, daughter Yolanda & family, in memory of parents and grandparents, Emanuel & Thelma Franks; by Peggy Francis, in memory of her father Albert Francis & her aunt Elizabeth Clarke; by Thomas & Carolyn Evans & children, Veronique, Tameka, Thomas Jr. and Thomea, in memory of their parents, sister, grandparents & aunt, Samuel & Mabel Evans, Elizabeth Evans Hanna & Tommy's foster father, James Campbell; by Sonia Johnson, in memory of her mother, Hazel Wallace. In loving memory of Jade Butler from Craig & Terel Butler; by Claudette & brother, Anthony Allens, in memory of their parents Cecil & Winifred & brother, Alexis Allens.



The Second Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

READER: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

EASTER SUNDAY, 2009

“He is not here, He is arisen” (Mark 7:6).

Many people believe that Christmas is the most important event in the history of Christianity. It is not. Easter is. It was only at the Resurrection of Jesus that people took serious notice that He was the Messiah. Even the disciples did not fully understand, comprehend or believe until after the Resurrection. That is why Easter is referred to as "The Queen of Feasts".

Over 2000 years ago the world did not take much notice of the Resurrection of Jesus. The reason for this was because it was a humble, hidden event. After the Resurrection Jesus did not appear in triumph in the Temple in Jerusalem, humiliating those who humiliated Him. Only those whom He called by name, with whom He broke bread and to whom He spoke words of peace were aware of what happened. And even then they had great difficulty believing because it was an incredible, incomprehensible event. Like us, they were slow to believe. They were later to discover that it was the most important event in all Christianity, which event we celebrate today.

Jesus rose as a sign to those who loved Him and followed Him that God's love is stronger than death. The resurrection of Jesus must not be separated from the resurrection of humankind saved by Him. By entering fully into human life in the Incarnation, and by experiencing the bitterness of death, Jesus became the Savior to all people. The death of Jesus was part of God's plan and the fulfillment of John 3.16-17: "God so loved the world...But God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Salvation became available at Easter, not Christmas.

At Easter we still feel the pain of the world, the pain in our families, and among our friends, and the pain in our own hearts as we remember the somber days of Lent. But this morning a new element has been introduced into our lives. The Resurrection lights us up with hope for a better and a different world, free from pain and suffering. Everything is different because Jesus is alive and speaks His words of peace today as He spoke them to the disciples long ago. Faith in the Resurrection is the basis of our hope of eternal life, a faith that enables us to bear patiently the trials of life. Therefore there is much joy in our hearts this morning and a deep sense of peace because we know that Jesus died for our sins and rose again for our redemption.

This is a day of celebration. This is the day Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave. He did this, not just for Himself, but for us and He wants us the share in His great victory over sin and death. That is cause for much celebration. And so we say, "He is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!"

I wish each of you and your families a Blessed Easter and a life of Joy and Peace.

Fr. Jimmy M.



**Happy
Easter**

THE REGINA COELI

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, Alleluia.
He whom thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia.

As he promised, hath arisen, Alleluia.
Pour for us to him thy prayer, Alleluia.

V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia
R: For the Lord hath risen indeed, Alleluia

LET US PRAY

O God, who by the resurrection of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; has vouchsafed to give joy to the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that with the help of His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **R: Amen**

ANTIPHON FOR EVENSONG DURING EASTER

**At the end of the Sabbath
As it began to dawn
Toward the first day of the week
Came Mary Magdalene and the other
Mary to see the Sepulchre
Alleluia ! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

WELCOME

We welcome all who are sharing in our worship services today and pray that they may be well fed spiritually, by the Word and Sacrament and strengthened by the fellowship of believers.

VESTRY MEETING:

Will be held on Wednesday April 15th, 2009 at 6:00p.m.

TUTORIALS FOR BJC & BGCSE

Tutorials for the following BJC & BGCSE: English Language, Mathematics and Religious have started on Tuesdays at 6:00pm. All students interested in receiving extra assistance in these areas are asked to register with Fr. Don Haynes, the Youth Director.

BIBLE STUDY

Has been suspended for Holy Week and Easter and will resume on Tuesday 21st April. We are currently in the Book of Isaiah.

CURSILLISTAS!! NEWS ALERT**GENERAL ULTREYA**

On Saturday 25th April, 2009, a General Ultreya for the entire Cursillo Community will be held at St. Matthew's Parish Church at 7.00 pm. All are invited to be there!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Classes for all prospective Confirmands for 2009 have begun. All individuals who wish to be confirmed should have registered by now.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Parents and Guardians, please ensure that your sons and daughters get involved in the positive youth programs offered at Saint Matthew's Parish. Only you can make these activities work by your participation in them. Kindly consult your bulletin for meeting time and places. We thank you for your co-operation

THE ANGLICAN YOUTH ENSEMBLE:

Will present "Ride On King Jesus", on Sunday 3rd May, 2009, at St. Matthew's Parish, at 8:00pm. Tickets: \$10.00 Available at Addington House.

THE SONS OF THUNDER

Presents 'Men Praising God on Saturday 18th April, beginning @ 7:00pm at the Parish o The Most Holy Trinity. Tickets; any ACM or Herbert Scott at 477-2891

ACW News:

A.C.W monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday April 14th, 2009 at 7:00p.m.

St. Margaret's A.C.W celebrate their 45th Anniversary on April 22nd, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The 45th Anniversary of St. Matthew's ACW will be celebrated with a Thanksgiving Service on Friday 24th April At 7:30pm. The Theme: 'MINISTERS OF GOD, COMMITTED IN FAITH, THROUGH CHRIST'. The ACW of the Parish of St. Barnabas will celebrate their 45th Anniversary and installation of officers on Sunday, 19th April @ 5:00pm.

The ACW Council's 37th Annual Conference is scheduled to be held May 17th - 20th, 2009 in Nassau. The deadline for Registration was March 31, 2009. Registration Fee is \$15.00. Kindly contact Emily Colebrook, Secretary or Wilma Marshall, Assistant Secretary to register.

CURSILLO GATHERING

TO: ALL CLERGY AND ALL CURSILLISTAS

In an effort to bring all cursillistas together to remember and celebrate, a spirit-filled cursillo weekend has been planned for, 4th to 6th June, 2009 at Super Club Breezes. Accommodations for the weekend are all inclusive – 3 meals daily, living quarters, and accessibility to all facilities!

SINGLE OCCUPANCY 2 NIGHTS \$350.00 PER PERSON

DOUBLE “ 2 NIGHTS \$250.00 “ “

TRIPLE “ 2 NIGHTS \$230.00 “ “

Registration forms can be obtained from the parish office or parish representatives. A deposit of \$50.00 is required on or before 31st march, 2009. Please act urgently! Let us celebrate!

ST. MARY'S PARISH, OLD BIGHT CAT ISLAND

The Committee for the Restoration of St. Mary's Parish, Old Bight, Cat Island will present 'An Old Fashion Cat Island Concert' on Friday 24th April, 2009, at St. John's College Auditorium @ 7:00pm. Ticket \$5.00. Tickets are available from the parish office.



Happy
Easter

EUCCHARISTIC READINGS 12th APRIL 2009	MORNING PRAYER WHITE	EVENING PRAYER EASTER SUNDAY
Gloria, Collect: Easter pg. 167, Acts 10:34-43, Ps. 118:14-29, Colossians 3:1-4, Mark 16:1-8, Creed, Preface of Easter	Christ our Passover pg. 37, Ps. 148, 149, 150, Exodus 12:1-14 John 1:1-8	Ps. 113, 114 or 118, Isaiah 51:9-11, OH 128, Luke 24:13-35 or John 20:19-23
13th APRIL - MONDAY	WHITE	EVENING PRAYER
Gloria, Collect: Easter pg. 167, Acts 2:14, 22-32, Ps. 16:8-11, Matthew 28:9-15, Preface of Easter	Ps. 93, 98 Jonah 2:1-9 Acts 2:14, 22-32 or 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Ps 66 Exodus 12:14-27 John 14:1-14
14th APRIL TUESDAY	WHITE	Evening Prayer
Gloria, Collect: Easter pg. 167, Acts 2:36-41, Ps. 33:18-22, John 20:11-18, Preface of Easter	Ps. 103 Isaiah 30:18-21 Acts 2:36-47 or 1 Corinthians 15:12-28	Ps. 111, 114 Exodus 12:28-39 John 14:15-31
15th APRIL WEDNESDAY	WHITE	Evening Prayer
Gloria, Collect: Easter pg. 168, Acts 3:1-10, Ps. 105:1-8, Luke 24:13-35, Preface of Easter	Ps. 97, 99 Micah 7:7-15 Acts 3:1-10 or 1 Corinthians 15:29-41	Ps.115 Exodus 12:40-51 John 15:1-11
16th APRIL THURSDAY	WHITE	Evening Prayer
Gloria, Collect: Easter pg. 168, Acts 3:11-26, Ps. 8, Luke 24: 36b-48, Preface of Easter	Ps. 146, 147 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Acts 3:11-26 or 1 Corinthians 15:41-50	Ps. 148, 149 Exodus 13:3-10 John 15:12-27
17th APRIL FRIDAY	WHITE	Evening Prayer
Gloria, Collect: Easter pg. 168, Acts 4:1-12, Ps. 116:1-8, John 21:1- 14, John 21:1-14, Preface of Easter	Ps. 136, Daniel 12:1-4, 13, Acts 4:1-12 or 1 Corinthians 15:51-58	Ps. 118, Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16, John 16:1-15
18th APRIL - SATURDAY	WHITE	
Gloria, Collect: Easter pg. 167, Acts 4:13-21, Ps. 118:14-18, Mark 16:9-15, 20, Preface of Easter	Ps. 145, Isaiah 25:1-9, Acts 4:13-31, or 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10	Ps. 104, Exodus 14:5-22, O.H. 128, John 14:1-7