

FEAST OF DEDICATION

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19TH, 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.

7:15am EUCHARIST: HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

(Order of service: page 101 Book of Common Prayer)

Organist: Mrs. Marge Knowles

Introit Hymn 242 A&M

Preparation Prayer

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Collect for Purity; The kyrie

Collect

1st Lesson

James Smith

Isaiah 57:14b-21

Psalm 22:22-30

CHOIR

2nd Lesson

Robyn Forbes

Ephesians

Gradual Hymn:

237 A&M

The Gospel:

Mark 6:30-44

The Sermon

Fr. James Moultrie

Intercessions: **B**

Bryton Ward

Act of Penitence, The Absolution; Greeting of Peace (page 123-125)

The Announcements

The Offertory Hymn

240 A&M

Presentation of Offerings:

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The Eucharistic Prayer: **Pages 131 – 144 (BCP)**

The Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of Bread

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The Invitation

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The Agnus Dei

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Communion Hymns

715, 719, 721 A&M

Post Communion Prayer, The Dismissal;

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Recessional Hymn

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A&M

Chalice Bearers

Louis Hanchell, Irrington Isaacs

7:15am: *Haille Bostwick, Ron Bowe, Dominique Collie Jr., Danielle Perigord, Shannon Perigord, Troy Ward

10:30am EUCHARISTIC/HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE:

(Order of service: page 98, BCP) Organist: Mrs. Vivienne Francis

Introit Hymn **DEDICATION BOOKLET**

Preparation Prayer: **Page 98**

Collect for Purity: The Kyrie

Collect for the Day

1st Lesson: **YOUTH**

Isaiah 57:14b-21

Psalm 22:22-30 **CHOIR**

2nd Lesson

Ephesians 2:11-22

Gradual Hymn: **DEDICATION BOOKLET**

Gospel: **Mark 6:30-44**

Sermon **Rev'd Dr. James B. Moultrie**

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

The Intercession: **B** **YOUTH**

Act of Penitence; The Absolution; The Greeting of Peace: **Page 123 – 125**

The Announcements

The Collection

Element Bearers:

The Offertory Hymn **DEDICATION BOOKLET**

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The Lord's Prayer 144

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The Agnus Dei 147

Communion Hymns: **DEDICATION BOOKLET**

Post Communion Prayer, The Dismissal; **Pages 147 – 149 (BCP)**

The Children's Hymn

Recessional Hymn **DEDICATION BOOKLET**

Chalice Bearers: **Ken Davies, Princes Butler**

Ushers: **10:30am** *Inga Darville, Marsha Bain, Shaunielle Bain, Yolande Christophe, Alexandria Curry, Alexine Curry, Ayshah Elliott, Tonya Heastie, Charmaine Saunders

6:00pm: FEAST OF DEDICATION

Solemn Evensong, Sermon & Benediction

Officiant: Rev'd Dr. James B. Moultrie

The Opening Hymn:

Psalm:

1st Lesson: Dorothea Davis

Office Hymn:

Magnificat: BCP page 67

2nd Lesson: Iris Finlayson

Nunc Dimitis; Creed & Prayers

Hymn; Sermon & Benediction

COLLECT FOR CHURCH DEDICATION

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshipped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 57:14b-21

"Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way." For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. For I will not continually accuse, nor will I always be angry; for then the spirits would grow faint before me, even the souls that I have made. Because of their wicked covetousness I was angry; I struck them, I hid and was angry; but they kept turning back to their own ways. I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will lead them and repay them with comfort, creating for their mourners the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and the near, says the LORD; and I will heal them. But the wicked are like the tossing sea that cannot keep still; its waters toss up mire and mud. There is no peace, says my God, for the wicked.

READER: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

Psalm 22:22-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; *but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *the saving deeds that he has done.

LEADER: Glory to the 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 Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" -- a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands-- remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

READER: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

The Gospel: Mark 6:30-44

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord

DEDICATION FESTIVAL

“Zeal for your house will consume me” (John 2:17).

Yesterday, July 18th, we celebrated the 207th Anniversary of the dedication of this church. Like the Temple of old in Jerusalem, this has always been an important church, not only for historical reasons, but because it is believed to be the place where God is present in the midst of His people. It is the presence of God, not the worship performed by human beings that makes this place holy and sacred. The Holy Spirit of God dwells here and, hopefully, in each one of us.

As beautiful and historic as this historic building is, it is only that: a building. St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians (3:16) insists that we are God’s Temple. We are the manifestations of God in the world today. And if the Spirit of God dwells in us, the glory of God will shine from and through us. This is a faith community, not just a beautiful building, and this is the place where prayers and supplications are offered to God. It is here that others experience the saving presence of God. It is here, in God’s Holy Temple, that they come to be sanctified, to be made holy.

But the readings for today from John’s Gospel and Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians give us two pictures of the Temple of God, two characterizations of the community of faith. The picture in the Gospel is a very sobering one. The Temple in Jerusalem became a marketplace in which the believers were more concerned with the business of the world than with spiritual matters. It is that worldly order that Jesus upsets when He drove them out of the Temple. In First Corinthians, Paul declares that we are the temples of the Lord. We are the ones called to take the Gospel to the rest of the world. Grace flows from us and from this sacred place and infects all who visit.

Which image more closely characterizes this community of St. Matthew’s? Is this community truly the presence of God in the world? Or is it simply a site where rituals and traditions are performed, but concerns of God take second place to doing things right? Are we more concerned with form than with substance? Are we growing as a parish family or are we stuck in the past? Will the zeal for this His Temple be unleashed in us? Do some of us need to be overturned in order to be reformed? Are we making a difference in the world? Are we truly disciples of Christ in the tradition of Matthew the Apostle, and Patron Saint of this Parish, who left all and followed Jesus?

As we celebrate the 207th anniversary of the dedication of this holy place, we are reminded that we are in fact the temples of the Lord; that we have been dedicated; that the Spirit of God has made us His living temples. My prayer is that we all rededicate our lives to God and to His service, leaving behind all our past failures and moving forward to the place where God wants us to be.

May He bless us as a people and as a parish, and may His presence always remind us that we are indeed His temples. May those who follow us here see signs of that in our rich spiritual legacy and find God in this place.

Fr. Jimmy M.

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.

FEAST OF DEDICATION

Today we celebrate our 207th Feast of Dedication with special services. The Dedication service will be held this morning at 10:30 and this evening, commencing at 6:00p.m. Parishioners are urged to attend and celebrate this historical event.

RECTOR'S APPEAL/GIFT DAY

The Vestry has agreed to erect memorials to Bishop Donald Knowles and Canon Addington Johnson, to commemorate their outstanding contributions to the Parish. To do so, we plan two gift days this year, one on our Feast of Dedication, Sunday July 19th and at our Feast of Title on Sunday September 27th. Special envelopes are provided for the occasion. Also, we plan to provide padding for our pews and if sufficient funds are raised we will achieve both objectives. I appeal to each member to do whatever you can do for this worthy cause

CONCERT

Denise Butler will lead a list of performers at a concert on Saturday 1st August, 2009 at 7p.m. at the National Arts Centre. Part proceeds will aid Foundations of Faith. Tickets are \$20.00 each or \$25 at the door and can be obtained at the Parish Office, Logos Bookstore Harbour Bay or call Rose Butler at 393-2822.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELLING

Will meet tomorrow 20th July @ 6:00pm in the Day Care Centre

Stewardship/Foundations of Faith/Communications/ Commitment Committees

Will meet on Wednesday, 20th July at 6:00pm in the Conference Room.

Congratulations!!

To Candice McPhee on passing her Bar Exams. She will be called to the Bahamas Bar in October. Prayers of thanksgiving to God are from her parents; Dorsey & Jennifer McPhee, her sister, Coffi and her Parish Family, who say; 'Well Done Candice, we love you.'

Thank You!

Melbourne, Blanch Cartwright and family sincerely thank, Frs. Moultrie, Haynes, Roach and their Parish Family for prayers and support rendered when their home was destroyed by fire. They say; "May God Bless and keep you all in His care"

CONDOLENCES

We extend sincere condolences to Michelle White, on the passing of her nephew, Jason Byles. We also extend condolences to Ginger Curry, on the death of her father, Vincent E. Percentie.

We assure you of our prayerful support.

Plea For Bulletins and Flowers Sponsorship

All persons who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, blessings, new births ormk, new beginnings; are reminded that they may share their joy, by sponsoring the bulletin or flowers for the occasion. No specific amount is required.

To Love and Serve

Without a destination there is no such thing as a journey. The destination can be distant. The route can in turns be circuitous or straight, scenic or express, smooth or bumpy. Even the occasional detour will not undo a journey. But if you don't have a destination you're just aimlessly wandering.

We are on a shared journey. Our mission statement points us toward our common destination. So it is important that we make an effort to commit our common mission to memory. Here it is:

*To love and serve Christ,
To love and serve one another in Christ,
To love and serve the world for Christ.*

Don't be embarrassed if you couldn't have recited it without reading it here. You are probably not alone. But I urge you now to spend a few minutes memorizing it and to remind yourself of it every time you think of our faith family.

In meetings with the staff and the lay leadership of the Cathedral, I am emphasizing that all of our ministries must clearly serve this mission and I am devoted to helping us all stay clear about what this brief but powerful set of phrases means. I want to underscore that we are Christ-centered.

All that we do begins and ends in the crucified and risen Lord. We are a called community. Our Lord has called us together in this time and in this place to serve as his hands and feet. He feeds us with his Body and Blood, guides us with the Word, and empowers us by the Holy Spirit to continue his ministry of reconciliation.

To put this a slightly different way, we are committed above all else to be disciples of Jesus Christ. He is our Lord, our Savior, our Teacher, our Friend. His love shapes who we are and makes us his instrument. Each and everyone of us is called to minister in his name.

Our mission and ministry centers on Jesus Christ. He guides us. He works through us. He gives us strength and walks with us every step of the way.

We begin with the opening phrase: To love and serve Christ. This brief but potent expression guides our Worship and our Christian Formation. Let me explain by way of unpacking the phrase and then talking about what the vision means for these ministries. To love and to serve Christ means several related and yet distinct things. Loving Christ involves our affections, and also our minds and wills. We are drawn to Christ in our hearts, first and foremost because he loved us first. We want to know him intimately.

That means Christian Formation is about personal growth but also something each of us must do to contribute our spiritual part to the life of the community.

To Love and Serve

Our relationship with him takes priority over all other things in our life. Serving him means that we acknowledge him as our Lord. We devote ourselves to him because he is utterly dedicated to us. He knows the good for us and we follow his lead.

Our principal act of love and devotion is worship. Excellent worship in the Anglican Tradition is at the heart of all we do. The Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal guide us in offering ourselves as a living sacrifice to the crucified and risen Christ. As the Cathedral of the Diocese of the Bahamas, we have a special duty and privilege to set a high standard of Anglican worship and to model worship as prescribed by the Book of Common Prayer. By God's grace, we already do this and will continue that strong tradition.

Loving and serving Christ also requires a sustained commitment to excellence in Christian Formation for all ages. Note that I use the term Christian Formation and not the term Christian Education. That's because "Christian Formation" represents a broader concept of spiritual growth, character development, and what one philosopher called soul-making than does "Christian Education." More can be said about this but this will suffice for our purposes.

A community born from the waters of Baptism (in other words, the Church) is a community dedicated to nurturing each other in what St. Paul calls taking on the mind of Christ.

(The Anglican Digest)

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

Total funds received to date = \$732,851.62: W/E 12th July = \$50.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEEKLY

TODAY: 7:15am Holy Eucharist & Sermon; 10:30am Sung Mass & Sermon; Children's Chapel (Parish Hall)
7:00pm – Evensong, Sermon and Benediction.

TUESDAY: Eucharist – 7:00am – Church; Bible Study – 6:00pm
Conference Rm. – St. Matthew's Players – 7:00pm.

WEDNESDAY Eucharist – 7:00am & 1:00pm – Church, Davidic Dance 5:30-7p

THURSDAY Eucharist – 6:00am; Practice for Sunrise Choir – 6:00pm;
Practice for Senior Choir – 7:30pm

FRIDAY Acolyte Practice - 6:00pm; Evening Prayer; CYM – 7:00pm

SATURDAY 7:00am – Men's Fellowship; Church School – 9:30 –
12:00noon Youth Centre; Girls Brigade – Youth Centre-
12:30pm; Ladies Charm Class, Man in Demand – .
Parish Hall – 1:00pm, Altar Guild 2:00pm

SICK MEMBERS

Matilda Adderley, Mildred Black, Bishop Liash Z. Boyd, Iris Brennen, Raleigh Butler, Kendall Carroll, Leon Cartwright, Thomas H. Cooper, Florene Crawley, Raymond Deal, Neil Dillette, Peter Drudge, Bishop Michael Eldon, Vandoline Forbes, Jeremy Harding, Van Humes, Margo Isaacs, Elva Knowles, Gina Knowles, Joan Pyfrom, Anthony Roberts, Paul Roberts, Lucille Sands, Sammy Sands, Felix Seymour, Shelagh Strachan, Gwendolyn Stuart, Cleola Thompson, Kenneth Treco.

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Maurice Armbrister, Patricia Bain, Naomi Basdon, Dora Bartlett, Elizabeth Burrows, Paula Crawford-Brown, Eugene Butler, Cyril Carey, Dwayne Carr, Lucy Cartwright, Mercedes Cartwright, Maxine Chung, Mary Collie, Alvin Cooper, Cynthia Cooper, Andrew Curry, Peter Daniels, Rayette Darling, Osbourne Davis, Michael Dean, Robert Douglas, Hiram Farquharson, Donald Farrington, Martha Flowers, Carol Francis, Carmeta Gaitor, John Gordon, Troika Hanna, Una Harding, Lancelot Haven, John Johnson, Howard Kemp, George Kerr, Edward Knowles, Jerome 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, Dora Turnquest, Sal Ricardo Williams.

AT HOME

Mizpah Antoine, Ruth Cash, Jennifer Cates, Ken Chamberlain, Paul Clare, Anthony Dean, Royann Duhard, Mae Ferriera, Gladys Gardiner, Patricia Kerr, Leon & Verna Knowles, Randolph Knowles, Clara Malone, Sir Clement Maynard, Paula Newbold, Thelma Strachan, Zerlene Styles, Frankiemae Thompson, Richard Turner.

RECOVERING

Jillian Bartlett, Felix Bowe, Michelle Campbell, Antonette Cartwright, Maizie Evans, Alexandria Fernander, Lorraine Francis, Stephanie Francis, Joy Frith, Carol Gomez, Annette Heastie, Angela Knowles, Wellington Lewis, Eugene Maycock, Rose Pearce, Gertrude Perpall, Canon Neil Roach, Andre Rutherford, Aubrey Sherman, Carlyne Smith, Ena Stubbs, Patricia White.

Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

Alexandria Taylor – 19th; Ormanic Bien-Aime, Anthony Roberts, Simone Roth – 20th; Edward Fox, Lee Wallace, Brian Knowles, Mable Carey, Anthony Newman – 21st; Kent Fawkes, Christopher Nixon, Deborah Taylor, Adelaja Wallace; – 22nd; Franklyn Burrows, Claudia Johnson, Corrington Kemp, Lillian Roberts, Trae Williams, Vincent King – 23rd; Dale Babbs, Antoinette Bowe, Jackie Mycklewhyte, Sandra Lockhart, Cecil R. Storr – 24th; Dionne Cartwright, Anastasia Curtis, Madeline Dean, Madeline Gardiner – 25th.

Attendance Statistics 12th July 2009

Service	Congregation	Communicants
7:15am	184	121
10:30am	158	119
7:00pm	22	

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 12th JULY 2009

BIRTHDAY	200.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB -	00.00
DEDICATION	50.00
PENTECOST	3.00
GIFT DAY - MEMORIALS	201.00
INITIAL OFFERING	00.00
CHURCH SCHOOL	42.00
COLLECTION	683.32
ENVELOPES	7,620.00
ADVENT	00.00
EASTER	00.00
EPIPHANY	00.00
LENT	00.00
TOTAL	<u>8,799.32</u>

SPECIAL: Organ	45.00
Restoration	113.00
Day Care Centre	170.00 = 328.00

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 SUNDAY 26th JULY 2009

	7:15AM	10:30AM
1 st Lesson	ACW	ACW
2 Kings 2:1-15		
Psalm 114	CHOIR	CHOIR
2 nd Lesson	ACW	ACW
Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16		
Intercessions: C	ACW	ACW
Chalice Bearers	Dave Forbes Thomas Treco	Jackie Mycklewhyte Dorothea Davis

3:30 PM ST. MARGARET'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

USHERS: 7:15AM	10:30AM
* Cher Strachan	* Dorsey McPhee
Silma Lewis	Catherine Archer
Mark Seymour	Tamika Bodie, Janae Francis
Chris Smith Sr.	Rozalia Bowe, Brenda Heastie
Gail Thompson	Vylana Davis, Alice Inniss
Marcia Thompson	Brian Finley

