

**CHURCH YEAR B: SUNDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2017 – SATURDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

CHURCH YEAR: 2017-2018													
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**HOLIDAYS & \*OBSERVANCES:** \*Dec. 1 – Advent 2017; \*Dec. 25 – Christmas; Dec. 26 – Boxing Day; \*Jan. 1 - New Year's; Jan. 9- Majority Rule Day; \*Feb. 15 – Ash Wednesday; \*March 25 - Palm Sunday; \*March 30 – Good Friday; \*April 1 – Easter; April 2- Easter Monday; \*May 10 – Ascension; May 20 – Pentecost; May 21 - Whit Monday; June 1 – Labour Day; \* July 10 – Independence Day; Aug. 6 – Emancipation Day; Oct. 8 – National Heroes Day; \*Dec. 2 – Advent 2018

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## NOTES

# **THE LECTIONARY**

### **A. INTRODUCTION**

1. At the biannual meeting in Guyana in June of this year the House of Bishops and the Standing Committee of the Provincial Synod decided that beginning this Advent the Revised Common Lectionary will be used by the Dioceses in the Province in place of the Lectionary printed in the Book of Common Prayer for the West Indies. The Revised Lectionary has been approved by the Provinces of York and Canterbury in the United Kingdom, the Episcopal Church of North America, the Churches of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Roman Catholic Church and some Conferences of the Lutheran and Presbyterian Churches.

This revision is designed to introduce a common theme or correlation in the Eucharistic readings for Sundays. The weekday readings remain the same for the other daily scriptural reading as found in the Prayer Book based on the two year cycle.

The weekday readings for the Eucharist and the Daily Offices are the same as in the Provincial Book of Common Prayer and are easier to follow.

2. In this Lectionary Pentecost 26/28 Proper, the Sunday before the last after Pentecost has been designated Harvest Thanksgiving. However, parishes in the Family Islands, where there are truly harvests, may find it more appropriate to observe that Festival on another Sunday.
3. The page numbers of the Collects are those of the Provincial Prayer Book.
4. Abbreviations used in this Lectionary: BCP-Book of Common Prayer, MP-Morning Prayer, EP-Evening Prayer, OH-Office Hymns, A&M-Ancient and Modern, Ps-Psalm, and, a, b or c - first, second or third parts of verses, AvD-Anniversary to the Diaconate, AvP-Anniversary to the Priesthood, R-Rector, AC-Assistant Curate.

### **B. THE DEDICATION AND THE PATRONAL OR FEAST OF TITLE FESTIVAL**

1. The Dedication and the Patronal or Feast of Title Festival of a church is observed on the actual date of that Festival.

2. In churches where the actual rededication date is unknown, it is the custom to observe the **FEAST** on the first Sunday in October.
3. In addition to the actual date stated in the calendar, the Patronal or Feast of Title as well as Dedication Feast may be celebrated also on the Sunday **BEFORE** or **AFTER** the **FEAST**. That Sunday is usually called the External Solemnity of the **FEAST**. (See pg. 11 BCP). On that Sunday, in that Church, the Collect and Readings for all services are those of the **FEAST** Day.
4. In this Diocese, when the **FEAST** of Dedication, Patronal or Titular **FEAST** occurs during the season of Advent or Lent, on the Sunday **BEFORE** or **AFTER** the **FEAST**, one service only, preferably a Mass, is allowed in celebration of the **FEAST**. The other services must be of the season.
5. The Patronal Festival of the Diocese, “The Nativity of St. John the Baptist,” is observed in **ALL** Parishes as a Principal Feast (See pg.10 BCP). It is observed as well on the Sunday **BEFORE** or **AFTER** the **FEAST DAY** depending upon that chosen by the Diocese.
6. The following Readings and Collect are used for the Dedication Festival:
  - *First Evensong on the Eve:* Psalm(s) 147, Genesis 28:10-22, O.H. 396 Part I and Doxology, Revelation 21:9-16, Collect pg.199 #12.
  - *Morning Prayer:* Psalm(s) 103, 2 Chronicles 29:6-11, Ephesians 2:8-23, Collect pg.199 #12.
  - *Evening Prayer:* Psalm(s) 122 & 132, 2 Chronicles 5:6 - 6:2, OH 396 Part I and Doxology, Hebrews 10:19-25, Collect p199 #12.
  - *The Eucharist:* 1 Kings 8:22-30, Psalm(s) 84:1-6, 1 Peter 2:1-5, 9, 10; Matthew 21:12-16; Gloria, Collect pg.199 #12, Creed, Preface of Dedication.
7. The Readings and Psalm(s) for the Patronal Festival or the Feast of Title are:
  - If the Feast is a Principal or Major Feast (pg.10, 11, 12 BCP) the Readings for Morning and Evening Prayer, the Eucharist and the Evening Prayer on the Eve are those printed in the Lectionary for all churches for that day.
  - On the Sunday **BEFORE** or **AFTER** (not both) the same Readings or Collect as indicated above are used.
  - If the **FEAST** is a Memorial or Commemoration (pg.16, 17 BCP) the Readings and Collect for Morning and Evening Prayer on the Feast Day are those in the Lectionary for that Patron Saint’s Church or Feast of Title’s Church **ONLY**; the Eucharistic Readings are given for all Churches in the Diocese to manifest

our solidarity with that particular Church. This is the practice even for those feasts like St. Faith's and St. Christopher's Churches, which are not in our Calendar.

### C. PROCESSIONS

1. At the beginning of each Mass, there is a Procession of the Ministers at their entry to the Sanctuary. (Pg. 97 BCP). Depending upon the occasion, from the fourth century, it is either a Simple or Solemn one. The latter takes place on the Principal Sundays and the Principal and Major Festivals. (Pages 10-12 BCP).
2. On these Festivals, Stations may be made at the places printed in the Lectionary (pg.4-5), or on the Feast Day.
3. During Lent and Advent the Great Litany or suitable Seasonal Liturgical Hymns may be sung.
4. After Evening Prayer in this Diocese and in many others, at Easter, Christmas, Pentecost and other Principal and Major Festivals, as well as during the month of May, processions at that time are held in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
5. Directives:
  - Processions during the Festival of Dedication with a Station at any suitable location in the Church:
    - V.** Happy are they who dwell in your house.
    - R.** They will always be praising You.
    - Prayer:** BCP #14, pg.79.
  - Processions in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary on any of her feasts, or the external solemnities, or during the month of May have the following Station at the Entrance to the Sanctuary:
    - V.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
    - R.** Be it unto me according to Your word.
    - Prayer:** BCP pg.185 or pg.195.
  - Apostles and Evangelists in their honour on their feast day or their external solemnity:
    - V.** Their sound has gone out into all lands.
    - R.** And their words to the end of the earth.
    - Collect:** BCP pg.175 Proper 8 (Apostles), pg.181 Proper 28 (Evangelists).
  - Any other Saint:
    - V.** The righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.
    - R.** The memory of the just is blessed.

**Collect:** BCP pg.194 Saint.

**D. VARIOUS BITS OF INFORMATION**

1. On Weekdays which are Ferias (i.e. a day which is not a Saint’s Day), two lessons and a Psalm(s) from the Weekday Lectionary are appointed. However, the celebrant, if he/she so desires, may use one of the Propers from “Various Occasions” (BCP pg.196). These are sometime called Votive Masses.
2. On the Sunday evenings after Pentecost 1 (Trinity Sunday) Hymn 20 CPWI Standard may be used alternatively with Hymn 12 as the Office Hymns.
3. The following are the dates for 2018:

Ash Wednesday..... February 14<sup>th</sup>  
Easter..... April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ascension Day..... May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Pentecost..... May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Advent..... December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**E. THE ADVENT WREATH**

1. The Advent Wreath has four red, purple or blue candles in a ring around a white or gold candle. Sometimes it has three of the colors mentioned and one rose and one white. The first candle is lit on Advent Sunday; additional ones are lit, one on each Sunday, and the white or gold one on Christmas Day.
2. The new candle each week may appropriately be lit after the Introit Hymn.
3. All five candles may appropriately be alight during services through the Christmas season.
4. There are several traditions about the meaning or theme of each candle. The scheme that accords best with the Lectionary is:

Advent 1.....The Patriarchs  
Advent 2.....The Prophets  
Advent 3.....John the Baptist  
Advent 4.....The Virgin Mary  
Christmas.....The Christ

5. Each of the four Sundays then reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. “The Patriarchs” can naturally focus on Abraham, our father in faith, and David, Jesus’ ancestor in whose city He was born. “The Prophets” give an

opportunity to reflect on the way the birth of the Messiah was “foretold”. John, who proclaimed the Saviour, and Mary, who bore Him in her womb, completes the picture.

6. The prayers below reflect these four themes. The second and third prayers in each case are written with children in mind, and the third is to be said by the congregation together. Only one prayer need be used on any occasion, though the second and third fit well together in each case.

## ADVENT 1

1. Blessed are You, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:  
to You be praise and glory forever!  
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith  
and to journey in the hope of Your promised fulfillment.  
May we be obedient to Your call  
and be ready and watchful to receive Your Christ,  
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path  
for You are our Light and our Salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**
2. God of Abraham and Sarah,  
and all the patriarchs of old, You are our Father too.  
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of David.  
Help us in preparing to celebrate His birth  
to make our hearts ready for Your Holy Spirit  
to make His home among us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the Light who is coming into the world.
3. **Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
born in David’s city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king;  
Be born in our hearts this Christmastide,  
be king of our lives today.**

## ADVENT 2

1. Blessed are You, Sovereign Lord, just and true,  
to You be praise and glory forever!  
Of old You spoke by the mouth of Your prophets  
but in our days You speak through your Son  
whom You have appointed the Heir of all things.  
Grant us, Your people, to walk in His Light  
that we may be found ready and watching

when He comes in glory and judgment;  
for You are our Light and our Salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

2. God our Father,  
You spoke to the prophets of old  
of a Saviour who would bring peace.  
You helped them to spread the joyful message  
of His coming kingdom.  
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate His birth,  
to share with those around us  
the Good News of Your power and love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the Light who is coming into the world.
3. **Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
the prophets said You would bring peace  
and save Your people in trouble.  
Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide  
and show all the world God's love.**

### ADVENT 3

1. Blessed are You, Sovereign Lord, just and true;  
to You be praise and glory forever!  
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth  
as a burning and shining light.  
May we Your servants rejoice in His Light,  
and so be led to witness to Him,  
Who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom,  
Jesus our Saviour and King of kings.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**
2. God our Father,  
You gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age  
a son called John.  
He grew up strong in spirit,  
prepared the people for the coming of the Lord,  
and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins.  
Help us, who have been baptized in Christ,  
to be ready to welcome Him into our hearts,  
and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the Light who is coming into the world.

- 3. Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare,  
for You were very near.  
As Christmas grows closer day by day,  
help us to be ready to welcome You now.**

#### **ADVENT 4**

1. Blessed are You, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:  
to You be praise and glory forever!  
Your light has shone in our darkened world  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;  
grant that we who have seen Your glory  
may daily be renewed in Your image  
and prepared like her for the coming of Your Son,  
Who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

2. God our Father,  
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary  
that she was to be the mother of Your Son.  
Though Mary was afraid,  
she responded to Your call with joy.  
Help us, whom You call to serve You,  
to share like her in Your great work  
of bringing to our world Your love and healing.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the Light who is coming into the world.

- 3. Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary Your mother and ours.  
Bless Your Church preparing for Christmas;  
and bless us Your children who long for Your coming.**

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

1. Blessed are You, Sovereign Lord, King of peace:  
to You be praise and glory forever!  
The new Light of Your incarnate Word  
gives gladness in our sorrow,  
and a presence in our isolation.  
Fill our lives with Your Light,  
until they overflow with gladness and praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

2. God our Father  
today the Saviour is born  
and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light.  
Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy,  
to live in the Light of Your Son,  
and to share the Good News of Your love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the Light who has come into the world.
3. **Lord Jesus, Light of light,  
You have come among us.  
Help us who live by Your Light  
to shine as lights in Your world.  
Glory to God in the highest!**

## **F. THE BLESSING OF THE CRIB**

1. *Before the Midnight Eucharist:*  
Today you will know that the Lord is coming to save us:  
**And in the morning you will see his glory.**

Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:  
The Lord Himself will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means '*God is with us*'.

**Thanks be to God.**

2. *After the Midnight Eucharist:*

A light will shine on us this day:  
**The Lord is born for us.**

Hear the words of Saint Luke:  
When the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, '*Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.*' So they hurried away, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

**Thanks be to God.**

3. *On other occasions:*

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.  
Come and worship the Lord:

**for a great light has shone on the earth.**

Hear the words of the Book of Wisdom:

When peaceful silence lay overall and the night was in the midst of her swift course,  
from your royal throne, O God, down from the heavens, leapt your almighty Word.

Hear the words of Saint John:

God's love for us was revealed when God sent his only Son into the world  
so that we could have life through Him.

**Thanks be to God.**

Let us pray,  
that God our Father will bless this crib,  
and that all who worship His Son,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
may come to share His life in glory.

God our Father,  
on this night (day) Your Son Jesus Christ  
was born of the Virgin Mary for us  
and for our salvation.

Bless this crib,  
which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth;  
may all who see it be strengthened in faith  
and receive the fullness of life He came to bring,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

In the faith of Christ,  
and in Your name, O God most holy,  
we hallow this crib of Christmas,  
to set before the eyes of Your children  
the great love and humility of Jesus Christ Your only Son;  
who for us, and for our salvation,  
came down as at this time from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
of the Virgin Mary His mother,  
and was made man;  
to whom with You and the same Spirit  
be all honour, majesty, glory, and worship,  
now and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**  
May the grace of Christ our Saviour be with us all. **Amen.**

## **G. CANDLEMASS, BLESSING AND PROCESSION**

*A hymn may be sung while the candles are lit.  
The people stand*

*President:*

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,  
pour into the hearts of Your faithful people  
the brilliance of Your eternal splendour,  
that we, who by these kindling flames  
light up this temple to Your glory,  
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,  
and so be counted worthy to stand before You  
in that eternal temple where You live and reign,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever. Amen.

*The ministers and people go in procession to the font, or to the door of the church,  
or to another suitable place. As they process the Nunc Dimittis is sung in one of these  
forms, or in another suitable version.*

A light to lighten the nations  
**and the glory of Your people Israel.**

Now, Lord, You let Your servant go in peace:  
Your word has been fulfilled.

A light to lighten the nations  
**and the glory of Your people Israel.**

My own eyes have seen the salvation:  
which You have prepared in the sight of every people.

A light to lighten the nations  
**and the glory of Your people Israel.**

A light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.

A light to lighten the nations  
**and the glory of Your people Israel.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be forever. Amen.

A light to lighten the nations  
**and the glory of Your people Israel.**

*or*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace:  
according to Thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation:  
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the nations  
and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Final Responsory*

*President:*

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration  
of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom He has been born,  
to live His life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**Help us, who have received the Bread of Life,  
to be thankful for Your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who have found the Lord in His temple,  
to trust in Your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the Light of the world.

**Help us, who now extinguish these candles,  
never to forsake the Light of Christ.**

*All now extinguish their candles.*

Here we now stand near the place of baptism.

**Help us, who are marked with the cross,  
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to His passion.

**Help us, for whom Lent is near,**

**To enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in Your name.

**Help us, who now go in peace,  
to shine with Your Light in the world.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **H. COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Glory and honour and power:  
are Yours by right, O Lord our God;

**For You created all things:  
and by Your Will they have their being.**

Glory and honour and power:  
are Yours by right, O Lamb who was slain:

**For by Your Blood You have ransomed for God  
a kingdom of priests from every race and language,  
from every people and nation.**

*The names of those to be remembered may be read aloud. Silence may be kept after each name, or group of names, or after all the names have been read, and candles may be brought to the altar in memory of those persons mentioned.*

*These words are used:*

This is the will of Him that sent me  
that I should lose nothing of all that He has given me,  
**and I will raise them up at the last day.**

*One or more of the sections that follow are used.*

Lord God, creator of all,  
You have made us creatures of this earth,  
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.  
According to Your promises,  
may all who have died in the peace of Christ  
share with Your Saints in the joy of heaven  
where there is neither sorrow nor pain,  
but life everlasting.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

*or*

Grant to us, Lord God,  
to trust You not for ourselves alone,  
but for those also whom we love  
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;  
that, as we believe Your power to have raised  
our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,  
so may we trust Your love to give eternal life  
to all who believe in Him;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*or*

**Give rest, O Christ, to Your servants with Your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all:  
and we are mortal, formed from the dust of the earth,  
and unto earth shall we return.  
For so You did ordain when You created me, saying,  
'*Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*'  
All we go down to the dust;  
and weeping o'er the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Give rest, O Christ, to Your servants with Your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*This prayer may be said by all.*

**Hear us, O merciful Father,  
as we remember in love  
those whom we have placed in Your hands.  
Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of Your own fold,  
lambs of Your own flock, sinners of Your own redeeming.  
Enfold them in the arms of Your mercy,  
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and in the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.**

*The Conclusion*

*A Hymn may be sung*

*The President may say this prayer:*

God of love,  
may the death and resurrection of Christ,  
which we have celebrated in this Eucharist,  
bring us, with the faithful departed,  
into the peace of Your eternal home.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Rock and our Salvation. **Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

## **I. COVERING OF CROSSES, STATUES, ETC...**

The ancient custom of covering objects as an expression of grief was never confined only to religious occasions. In a household on the death of a member of the family, all photographs, paintings and other objects were either covered or bordered with black crepe. Persons who entered the house saw these external signs of mourning. In the secular world we still put wreaths on doors and on buildings to indicate death of a former resident or employee.

At Military and State Funerals, military bands drape their drums in black – muffle them – and cover all crowns and other insignia in the same colour. Black arm bands are also worn in some units and on some persons.

Formerly, the Sunday before Palm Sunday was the time when the Church began her mourning period by solemnly observing the events leading up to our Lord's betrayal, passion, crucifixion and death on the cross. In the old missals this Sunday which was called Passion Sunday still retains the name Lent V. The Sunday which begins Holy Week – Palm Sunday – is now called the Sunday of the Passion.

The Gospel in the older missals contained the words, "*... but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple.*" John 8:59

All crosses, statues and paintings (pictures) are covered or hidden with purple cloths.

## **J. THE EASTER OR PASCHAL CANDLE**

1. The candle symbolizes the presence of the Lord in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, which led the Israelites through the Red Sea from bondage into a new life. At the Easter Vigil it is to be lighted prior to the procession into the darkened church. So within the administration of Baptism at the Easter Vigil or on other occasions when the Paschal Candle is lighted, it is seen to represent the Christ leading the newly-baptized to a new life.

2. The recent liturgical reforms restored the Paschal (Easter) Candle to its former status as a symbol of the timeless and universal person of Christ and not simply representing the visible resurrected presence of HIM. For that reason it is no longer extinguished after the Gospel on Ascension Day and put away. It is not extinguished until after the Evensong on the Feast of Pentecost. It should be placed near the Font and lighted at Baptisms and also at Funerals, when it is placed near the coffin.
3. It has been suggested that when the lighting of candles takes place at Holy Matrimony, the two parental candles should be lighted from the Easter Candle.

## **THE CALENDAR**

### **1. Principal Feasts**

The Principal Feasts observed in this Church are the following:-

Easter Day  
Ascension Day  
The Day of Pentecost  
Trinity Sunday  
All Saints' Day – 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Christmas Day – 25<sup>th</sup> December  
The Epiphany – 6<sup>th</sup> January

These feasts take precedence over any other day of observance. All Saints' Day may be observed on the Sunday following 1 November in addition to its observance on the fixed date.

### **2. Sundays**

All Sundays of the year are feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition to the days listed above, the only feasts appointed on fixed days to take precedence over a Sunday are:-

The Naming of Jesus  
The Baptism of the Lord  
The Birth of Saint John the Baptist  
Saint Peter and Saint Paul  
The Transfiguration of the Lord  
Saint Mary the Virgin  
Holy Cross Day  
Saint Michael and All Angels

The feast of the Epiphany may be observed on the Sunday before January 6 if that day is a weekday. Should that Sunday be 1 January, either the Naming of Jesus or the Epiphany may be observed. The Sunday after Epiphany is always observed as the feast of the Baptism of Christ.

The feast of the Dedication of a church, and the feast of its patron or title, may be observed on, or be transferred to, a Sunday, except in the seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter.

All other feasts of our Lord, and all Major Feasts appointed on fixed days in the Calendar, when they occur on a Sunday, are normally transferred to the first convenient open day within the week.

Harvest Thanksgiving may be observed on a Sunday as determined by local custom.

## **PROSPECTIVE ORDINANDS**

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Please continue to pray for our Ordinands who are currently studying at Codrington College, Barbados.

### **On the Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast vouchsafed to call me, thy unworthy servant, to minister at thine altar, be merciful to my sins, and make me a fit minister to thee, that thou mayest graciously receive sacrifice at my hands, and number me amongst thy faithful priests. Let the holy office with which I have been invested, render me acceptable in thy sight, O Lord; and grant that, trusting in thy mercy, though in myself mist unworthy, I may worthily partake of those holy mysteries, which I presume to celebrate; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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