

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, welcome to another celebration of the Lord's Day. A warm welcome to those who may be visiting us for the first time; please feel free to join us again.

June is the beginning of the hurricane season. The season begins on the first of June and ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. We are grateful to God for each day we go through the season without interruptions. At the same time there is opportunities given to us to make preparation on an individual, family, community and national level. For us who operate on the campus we will need to ensure we help to prepare the students for the season. The call to provide non-perishable food items for the students become especially important as, though students are encouraged to go home in the event of a hurricane some do opt to remain on the campus. We will need to ensure that those who choose to remain have the requisite nutrients during and immediately after the passage of a hurricane.

We continue to collect non-perishable food items and toiletries for the students. Kindly take these on Sundays. Thanks to those who continue to give donations. Please speak with Professor James Robertson if you plan to make a contribution.

Next Sunday June 24 the congregation is invited to a meeting immediately following the service at the Chaplain's Office to review the activities of the preceding six months and plan for the remainder of the year. You will receive documents shortly which review the activities and financial status of the congregation shortly. Included in these will be a draft of the strategic plan for the Diocese.

There is an old saying "we cannot be doing the work of God unless we are the people of God." This suggests first things first, that is, we are to be the people of God (disciples) and God will work through us to do the work of mission and evangelism in the world. Mission in this sense is the reconciling work of God to bring all of creation, including humanity, into a meaningful relationship with God. Evangelism is the good news that life is worth living because Jesus is alive. Disciples follow Jesus so that God may work in and through us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to make known God's presence to all people. Are you doing the work of God by sharing the good news with those you meet on a daily basis? If the answer is yes then you have accepted the call to intentional discipleship. If the answer is no then there is the need to practice being a child of God by virtue of your baptism. We are already children of God by virtue of our baptism however we need to put our status as children to work for God in God's service of reconciliation and healing in a world. What is the quality of your discipleship? Are you practicing intentional discipleship? (adapted from <http://www.churchleadership.org/apps/articles/default.asp?articleid=42814&columnid=4543>).

**Every blessing, Garth**

**Visioning Prayer:** Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, and by whose grace we have been called into a goodly fellowship of faith: Send down upon our bishops, other clergy, and all your faithful people an outpouring of your Holy Spirit for the renewal and mission of your Church. Give us a vision of where you would lead your Church, and so discern new things that you are doing in your Church and the world. By your grace, save us from unnecessary distractions, so that we may be able to determine your will for us, go forward perceiving that which is right, and have the courage to pursue the same, to the end that we may utilise the gifts which you have given to each of us for the furtherance of your will in simplicity, confidence and steadfastness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prayer for Discipleship:** Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have awakened your church to hear again the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ to come to Him to learn from Him. Grant that as we say 'yes' to His call to discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all the areas of our lives to His service, that in our personal, family and church lives, our work, recreational and social lives, we would act as Jesus would have acted if he were in our place; in His name and for His sake we pray. **Amen**

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## PENTECOST IV

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# Theme: Proclaim the Truth of Christ

## THE OPENING RITE BCP p. 101

Entrance Hymn #708

Collect BCP p.166

*The Ministry of the Word*

First Reading Ezekiel 17: 22-24

### Psalm # 92: 1-4, 11-14

To render thanks unto the Lord  
it is a comely thing,  
And to thy name, O thou most High,  
due praise aloud to sing.

Thy loving-kindness to shew forth  
when shines the morning light;  
And to declare thy faithfulness  
with pleasure ev'ry night.

On a ten-stringe'd instrument,  
upon the psal-te-ry,  
And on the harp with solemn sound,  
and grave sweet mel-o-dy.

For thou, Lord, by thy mighty works  
hast made my heart right glad;

And I will triumph in the works  
which by thine hands were made.

Those that within the house of God  
are planted by his grace,  
They shall grow up, and flourish all  
in our God's holy place.

And in old age, when others fade,  
they fruit still forth shall bring;  
They shall be fat, and full of sap,  
and aye be flou-rish-ing;

Give glory to the Father Son  
And Spirit equally  
As from the first it was is now  
And evermore shall be

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17

Gradual Hymn #690

Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord God Almighty reigns

Gospel Reading St Mark 4: 26-34

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## The Sermon

The Creed BCP p. 104

The Prayers of the People

Act of Penitence & Absolution BCP p.123-124

The Greeting of Peace BCP p. 124-125

Offertory Hymn #541

*Offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice*

## The Communion

Prayer over the Gifts BCP p. 126

Hymn During Communion #261

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 147-149

Prayer for those with Birthdays and Anniversaries

## The Blessing

Notices

Recessional Hymn #712

## Dismissal