

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; have a blessed and meaningful time worshipping with us.

For the month of January I invite you to reflect again on some of the stories of hymns Dr Chambers shared with us. Dr Chambers was a lover of hymns and music and he looked forward to singing hymns on Sundays. This week we reflect again on the hymn Because He Lives. The hymn selected for reflection on Easter Sunday is: "Because he lives." It is numbered 170 in the CPWI Hymnal. The authors are Gloria Gaither (b 1942) and William Gaither (b 1936). The late 1960s were dark days for Bill and Gloria Gaither. Both of them were struggling with health problems, and Gloria was pregnant with their third child. The world around them was swirling with news of the Vietnam War, civil unrest, the drug culture, and violence in the streets. The question arose "Was this any kind of world in which to raise a child?"

They were discouraged and disheartened, but they looked with signs of hope. One day in the Spring, Bill walked out of his office to inspect a newly paved parking area. Construction workers had covered it with several coats of asphalt. Bill was satisfied with the job that was done, but as he turned, he noticed a tiny blade of grass poking through the layers of rock and tar to reach into the sunlight. In early summer the baby was born, and when Bill and Gloria brought their child home, they wrote this song of joy, remembering the blade of grass that prospered even in a hostile environment.



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.

More important, they remembered that their baby could indeed face uncertain days because Christ lives. So may the living Christ stand among us and in forgiving us, breathe his peace into our hearts.

In preparation for discussions at the annual meeting I invite members of the Vestry to meet in the Chaplain's Office this morning immediately following the service. The objective is to review the income and expenses for 2018 and make projections for 2019.

Our annual congregation meeting is next Sunday immediately following the service and not the first Sunday of February as previously announced. We meet in the Chaplain's Office.

On the first Sunday of February Rev Veronica Thomas will be admitted as Rector of the Negril Little London Cure. The service is in Little London and it begins at 3:00pm. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

Sunday February 10, 2019 is Deanery Day service at Jamaica College starting at 9:00am. There will be no 7:00am service here at the chapel as we make way for UWI's annual Commemoration service. Everyone is invited to attend the Deanery Day service. Please let me know if you would like to be transported to the service.

Every blessing. Garth

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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Theme: Epiphany II

THE OPENING RITE BCP p. 101

Entrance Hymn: #465

Collect: BCP p.166

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalm 36:5-10

Thy mercy, Lord, is in the
heav'ns;
Thy truth doth reach the clouds:
Thy justice is like mountains
great;
Thy judgments deep as floods:

Lord, thou preservest man and
beast.
How precious is thy grace!
Therefore in shadow of thy wings
men's sons their trust shall place.

They with the fatness of thy
house
shall be well satisfy'd;
From rivers of thy pleasures thou
wilt drink to them provide.

Because of life the fountain
pure remains alone with thee;
And in that purest light of
thine we clearly light shall see.

Thy loving-kindness unto them
continue that thee know;
And still on those upright in
heart your righteousness be-
stow.

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Gradual Hymn #559

Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord God Almighty reigns...

Gospel Reading: St. John 2: 1-11

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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 #670 (omit stanzas 2&4)

Offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice

The Communion

Prayer over the Gifts BCP p. 126

Hymn During Communion #449

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 147-149

Prayer for those with Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

Notices

Recessional Hymn #462

Dismissal