



Holy Cross
ANGELICAN CHURCH

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Theme 2008:

***“SERVING CHRIST THROUGH
MISSION & MINISTRY”***

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MISSION STATEMENT

***Holy Cross Anglican Church exists to bring people,
transform people, and equip people to live their full
potential within the body of Christ.***

HOLY CROSS ANGLICAN CHURCH

*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.*

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“YEAR OF EVANGELISM”

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!

(Please complete the blue visitors card at the ushers desk)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT / YOUTH SUNDAY

*The Clergy, Lay Ministers, Servers and Choir process silently into the Church.
The Introit Hymn is sung after the lighting of the Advent Candle.*

SERVICE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

THE CANDLE OF REVELATION

The Opening Words:

Leader: The revelation of God’s love for human-kind is seen through the gift of His Son and on the first Christmas. We have learned what God is like through the life and teaching of Jesus, and we have discovered the true meaning of love through His death on our behalf.

The Lighting of the Four Advent Candles:

[As the three candles are relit, and the fourth candle is lighted, the leader says:]

Leader: Today, we relight the Candle of Expectation, recalling God’s promise to send a Saviour, and the Candle of Preparation, remembering John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus, and the Candle of Proclamation, reminding us of the joy that comes from telling others of His coming. Now, as we light the Candle of Revelation, our lives are filled with the greatness of His love, revealed through the coming of the Christ -Child

The Prayer:

All: Father, we thank you for the manner in which you revealed yourself through Jesus and we praise you for the greatness of your love. Guide us during these final days of Advent, that the revelation of Your love may be seen by others in us, in Jesus’ name. Amen.



**7:00 A.M. SAID EUCHARIST
ORDER OF SERVICE**

Introit Hymn Hark!	<i>A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding</i>	47 A&M
Opening Sentences		
Prayer of Intention.....		BCP 101
Collect for Purity		
The Kyries		
Collect	Advent 4 & 1, St. Thomas -	BCP 158, 157 & 182
The First Lesson.....		Mrs. Rosaline Johnson
Psalm.....		132:8-15
The Second Lesson.....		Mr. Samuel Hall
Gradual Hymn	<i>On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry</i>	50 A&M
The Holy Gospel		Luke 1:26-38
The Sermon		
The Apostle's Creed		BCP 106
The Intercession		Form D - BCP 111
		Miss Valarie Johnson
The Act of Penitence		
The Exchange of Peace		
The Offertory Hymn	<i>Great God, What Do I See And Hear?</i>	52 A&M
The Consecration		Form B - BCP 135
Communion Hymns	<i>Draw Nigh And Take The Body Of The Lord</i>	313 A&M
	<i>We Are But Little Children Weak</i>	331 A&M
	<i>Lord When You Came To The Seashore</i>	91 M.B.
Post-Communion Prayer.....		BCP 148
Announcements/Notices/Birthdays		
Recessional Hymn	<i>My Saviour First Of All</i>	151 G.P.



9:00 A.M. FAMILY EUCHARIST



Introit Hymn*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* 47 A&M
 Opening Sentences.....BCP 100
 Collect For Purity.....BCP 101
 The KyriesBCP 102
 The Collects

Fourth Sunday of Advent.....BCP 158

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Sunday of Advent.....BCP 157

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Saint Thomas..... BCP 182

Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Transition Prayer

O God, by your grace you have called us in this diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our retiring Bishop, Drexel, and our incoming Bishop, Laish, and all of our Clergy and people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. Remove from us any encumbrances or sin that restrict us, and increase within us your reconciling love. Pour out upon us your spirit of peace and of unity. Make us receptive to the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we journey onward. Renew our vision, energy and passion for your work and ministry. Fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, and help us to show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson.....Miss Morganne Bethel

Reader : A Reading from the Word of God written in 2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16

4. But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: 8. Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; 9. and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11. from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares

to you that the LORD will make you a house. 12. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. 15. But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God



THE PROPER PSALM132:8-15

*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*

The Second Lesson.....Scouts

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Romans 16:25-27

25. Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26. but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- 27. to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Gradual Hymn*On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry* 50 A&M



***The Holy Gospel*Luke 1:26-38**

Gospellor: *The Lord be with you*

All: And also with you

Gospellor: *A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke 1:26-38*

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour

26. In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27. to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." 29. But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34. Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35. The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37. For nothing will be impossible with God." 38. Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospellor: *This is the Gospel of Christ*

All: *Praise to Christ our Lord*



Praise & Worship

The Sermon

Intercessions.....Form D BCP 111

Miss Falon Williams

Act of Penitence.....BCP 123

The Greeting of Peace

Liturgical Dance

First Offertory Hymn*Great God, What Do I See And Hear* 52 A&M

Second Offertory Hymn.*Until Then* 273 MB.

UNTIL THEN

My heart can sing when I pause to remember
A heart-ache here is but a stepping stone
Along a trial that's winging always upward
This troubled world is not my final home.

The things of earth will dim and lose their value
If we recall they're borrowed for a while
And things of earth that cause the heart to tremble
Remembered there will only bring a smile.

Chorus:

But until then my heart will go on singing
Until then with joy I'll carry on
Until the day my eyes behold the city
Until the day God calls me home.

This weary world with all its toil and struggle
May take its toll of misery and strife
The soul of man is like a waiting falcon
When it's released it's destined for the skies

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Sursum Corda.....BCP 126

The Preface

Eucharistic PrayerForm C - BCP 137

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Invitation

The Agnus Dei



Communion Devotional.....*Take The Bread and Take The Wine*

Take the Bread and Take the Wine

Take the bread and take the wine,
prepare for the meal of the Lord
Let us recall the Saviour's words,
"Do this in remembrance of me"
I do believe, I do believe
That Jesus died for me.
And by his blood, His precious blood
One day I will be free.

Communion Hymns*Draw Nigh And Take The Body Of The Lord* 313 A&M
We Are But Little Children Weak 331 A&M
Lord When You Came To The Seashore 91 M.B.

LORD WHEN YOU CAME TO THE SEASHORE

Lord, when you came to the seashore, You weren't seeking the wise or the wealthy But only asking that I might follow.	Lord you knew what my boat carried; Neither money nor weapons for fighting But nets for fishin', my daily labour.
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Chorus:

O Lord, in my eyes You were gazing, Kindly smiling, my name You were saying; All I treasured, I have left on the sand there Close to You, I will find other seas	Lord, have you need of my labour, Hands for service, a heart made for loving My arms for lifting the poor and the broken
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Lord, send me where you would have me,
To a village, or heart of the city;
I will remember that You are with me.

Post Communion Prayer.....BCP 148

The Blessing

Greetings/Announcements/Birthdays



MY SAVIOUR FIRST OF ALL

When my life work is ended, and I cross the swelling tide,
When the bright and glorious morning I shall see;
I shall know my Redeemer when I reach the other side,
And His smile will be the first to welcome me,

Chorus:

I shall know Him, I shall know Him,
As redeemed by His side I shall stand;
I shall know Him, I shall know Him,
By the print of the nails in His hand.

Oh, the soul thrilling rapture when I view His blessed face,
And the luster of His kindly beaming eye;
How my full heart will praise Him for the mercy, love, and grace,
That prepares for me a mansion in the sky.

Oh, the dear ones in glory, how they beckon me to come,
And our parting at the river I recall;
To the sweet vales of Eden they will sing my welcome home,
But I long to meet my Saviour first of all.

Thro' the gates to the city in a robe of spotless white,
He will lead me where no tears shall ever fall;
In the glad song of ages I shall mingle with delight;
But I long to meet my Saviour first of all.

6:30 P.M. SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

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| 1. Sheryl Major | - A.C.W. | - Genesis 3:8-15 |
| 2. Trevor Bethel | - A.C.M. | - Genesis 22:15-18 |
| 3. Agatha Watson | - Altar Guild | - Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 |
| 4. Villann Johnson | - Auxiliary | - Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9 |
| 5. Anson Gill | - St. Ambrose Guild | - Luke 1:26-35, 38 |
| 6. Beverly Archer | - Usher Ministry | - Matthew 1:18-23 |
| 7. Kelpurnia Spence | - Choir | - Luke 2:8-16 |
| 8. Tammi Clarke | - A.Y.A. / C.Y.M. | - Matthew 2:1-13 |
| 9. Daphne Clarke | - Lay Minister | - John 1:1-14 |



Chalice Assistants

- 7:00 a.m. - Sandra Johnson, Vernice Cooper, Kenneth Mortimer
 9:00a.m - Janet Sargent, Bernard Turner, Patrick Edwards, Brian Higgs

Ushers

- 7:00 a.m - Elva Tynes, Clarkson Darville, Ronald Thompson
 9:00 a.m. - Junior Ushers

Servers Guild

- 9:00 a.m - **1st MC**Zane Boyd
2nd MC/Cross BearerKenneth Adderley
ThuriferJoash Boyd
Boat BearerEdward Rolle
Crucifer/Cross BearerLeonard McPhee
1st Acolytes/Alter ServersChristopher McPhee & Wayne Clarke
2nd Acolytes/Torch BearersJade Nixon & Justin MacKenzie



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Once more the Christian community is preparing to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This yearly celebration gives each of us the opportunity to reflect on God's greatest gift to the world - Jesus the Christ - The Bible reminds us in John 3:16 *"For God so loved he world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

I encourage you to take some time this Christmas to think seriously about the real reason for the Season. Remember, it's not just about fun, food and frolic; it's about celebrating Jesus. When we celebrate Jesus we celebrate life, joy, peace and hope. I pray that each of us will spend more time this Christmas, giving thanks to our good and gracious God for these great gifts He has given us, through His Son, Jesus. For many of the residents of our country, this Christmas will not be so bright, for various reasons; many are unemployed, many are sick, many are lonely, many are mourning the loss of loved ones, and many are worried about the future. We are asked to remember these individuals in our prayers.

This will be our second Christmas with you here at Holy Cross and we almost did not live to see it. God has spared us for a purpose - thanks be to God! I ask that you remember us in prayer this Christmas. Pray that Almighty God will give us the grace necessary to do the work He has called us to do.

My prayer for all of you is that you truly experience the joy, peace, love, goodwill and hope that this Season brings. May you have a safe holiday.

Wendy, Pamela and Danswell join me in extending to all of you God's richest blessing this Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, happiness and exciting opportunities.

Fr. Norman Lightbourne +

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations and best wishes to **Mr. Jarrel Hall** on winning the "*Baritone Of The Year*" Award at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida. He is the second Freshman in the history of the school to win this prestigious award. Let us continue to pray for him as he continues his studies. Jarrel is the son of **Miss Joan Cooper**.

PARISH NOTICES

Bible Study

- Tuesday Bible Study Group will meet on 23rd December at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Centre.
- Wednesday Bible Study is closed and will re-open on 7th January 2009.

Healthy Templers

Healthy Templers is closed and re-open on 6th January 2009.

Small Business Owners

The Pastoral Care Ministry reminds the congregation to patronize the small Business Owners of our Parish. As members are aware, our Small Business Owners have unique gift items that will delight our loved ones at Christmas time. Names and addresses of the Business Owners are available in the Small Business directory or from members of the Pastoral Care Ministry.

2009 Envelopes

The 2009 Envelopes will be ready by the end of the year and those persons who do not have envelopes and wish to have some, are asked to contact the Parish Office.

Calendar of Events

The Head of each Organization/Ministry is asked to kindly submit a list of events scheduled for 2009 as soon as possible. A budget for the ensuing year must also be submitted.



Fr. Norman and Mrs. Wendy Lightbourne Pamela and Danswell
Wish to express their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the Holy Cross Parish Family for the prayers, visits, telephone calls and numerous acts of love extended to them during their recent ordeal. Your kindness is appreciated and will always be remembered. May the blessings of God be with each of you always.

CURSILLO NOTICE

Greetings!

I know in my heart that you are having an awesome Advent in joyful preparation and anticipation for the wonderful event in December and at the second coming of the King of Kings.

This is just a reminder about the Cursillo 20th Anniversary Apostolic Action Challenge. I congratulate all those wonderful persons who have completed their Pledge; believe me, there is joy on earth and in heaven ov3r your faithfulness.

I respectfully urge all others to let us hear from you before 31st December, 2008 with your Pledge payment please. I thank you in advance for what I know will be a sacrifice for many! Christ has no hands, heart and mind to distribute his resources but ours. Let us therefore invest His resources by carrying out this Cursillo Apostolic Action Challenge.

Have a joyful Christmas, a spirit-directed New year and Fourth Day. Ultreya! Payments may be given to Mesdames Tressie Lynch, Gene Haynes or Rose Mae Thompson.

Rose Mae Thompson

DIOCESAN & OTHER PARISHES' NOTICES

Christ The King

We are invited to attend a Christmas concert entitled "*In A Little Town*" **this evening at 8:00 p.m. at Christ the King Parish in Ridgeland Park.** There will be selections from Christmas Oratorios and other Holiday Music presented by Jeffrey Sturup, the Choir of Christ the King, The Bahamas Christian Chorale plus other Native Artistes and Ensembles.

Diocesan Thanksgiving Service

Our Diocesan Service of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Archbishop Gomez is set for Sunday 11th January 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Kendall G.L. Isaacs Gymnasium at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre. Plan to be present.

Clergy Retreat 2009

The Annual Clergy Retreat will take place on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th January (immediately after the Thanksgiving Service). The Retreat will be conducted by the Rt. Rev'd Alfred Reid,

Ecumenical Health Care Ministry Retreat & Seminar 2009

The Ecumenical Health Care Ministry will hold a Retreat on Saturday, 17th January 2009 - 9:30 to 12:00 Noon at St. Margaret's Parish, Kemp Road. The Theme: "***Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.***" (1 Thess. 5:11)

The Enthronement

The Enthronement of Bishop Coadjutor, Laish Boyd, will take place on Sunday 8th February 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral.

PRAYER BOX AND PRAYER REQUEST FORMS

The Prayer Box is situated at the left of the Church as you enter, and the Prayer Request forms are on the Usher Stand. Please use the Prayer Request Form, when in need, and drop it into the Prayer Box, which is opened when the Prayer Group meets on Mondays.

LET US PRAY FOR

- ◆ The Strategic Planning Project for the Diocese on Mission & Ministry
- ◆ The Development of Ministries within our Parish and Diocese
- ◆ The Mission of our Parish
- ◆ The Vision for our Parish
- ◆ Our Companion School, Claridge Primary
- ◆ The Full Utilization of our Parish Centre



THE SICK: **JILLIAN BARTLETT, GAIL BOWE, SAMANTHA BOWE**, Sybil Butler, **MARY CARROLL, PHILIP CLARKE**, Willistine Dean, Kirtley Dorsette, **GEORGE EDWARDS**, Bishop Michael Eldon, **HARRIET INGRAHAM**, L.B. Johnson, **INEZ KING**, Elridge Knowles, **MARSHA KNOWLES, VIOLET CARTWRIGHT, KENWARD MAYCOCK, LADY LAURIE MILLER, WILSON PIERRE**, Mary Hilton Pinder, Fr. Marlin Poitier of North Carolina, **FLORENCE PRATT**, Elaine Sands, Claude Smith, **DUKE SMITH**, Eric Smith, **RITA SWEETING**, Elizabeth Taylor, Marina Thompson, **ANGELINA TURNQUEST, KENNETH WALCOTT**, Ethlyn Wells, **DAWN WILSON**, Terrance Winder.

AT HOME: Lena Armbrister, Dorton & Elsie Chandler, Roscoe Cleare, William Cox, Eldridge & Violet Knowles, Iva Knowles, Prescola Lockhart, Franklin Martin, William Mortimer, Vera Petrie, Bloneva Rahming, Patricia Thompson, Eloise Wilson.

OUR OVERSEAS STUDENTS: Robert M. Bartlett, Christopher Bethel, Travis Bethel, Wilshire Bethel, Erica Bonaby, Adam Burrows, Ernest Burrows Jr., Thane Campbell, Winston Campbell, Aria Chandler, Alithia Clarke, Rasheeda Darville, Verron Darville, Gabrielle Dawkins, Jamaal Ferguson, Lenae Foulkes, Lisa Fox, Anthony Gomez, Jarrel Hall, Yasmin Hanna, Christina Hermanns, Geanne Hilton, Shani Holland, Zachary Hume, Scott Jupp, Danswell Lightbourne, Jannele Lightbourne, Tempara Lockhart, Anwar McCartney, SeDale McKenzie, Selwyn McKenzie, Gabrielle McKinney, Elam Moxey, Shari Moxey, Ava Rodland, Kenya Rolle, Bratisha Smith, Karla Wells, Kurt Wells, Kristina Wallace Whitfield, Charmaine Williams.

OUR SEMINARIANS ABROAD: Letha Strachan, Alvarado Adderley.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- Dec. 21 - Edward E. Williams, Carlin Carter, Jr.
Raynell Rahming, Samantha Russell
- Dec. 23 - Tanya Kemp, Frank Reid, Sr. Troy Sands,
Ceara Ferguson, Dayke Bethel
- Dec. 24 - Mario Rodland
- Dec. 25 - Pamela chandler, Theda Weech
- Dec. 26 - Tammi Clarke
- Dec. 27 - Anguerita Miller, Paul Bevans



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

- Dec. 23 - Carl & Lisa Bethel
Roscoe & Rose Cleare
- Dec. 24 - Leonard & Elva McPhee
- Dec. 25 - Douglas & Angeline Turnquest
- Dec. 26 - Patrick & Coreen Douglas



SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Wed. Dec. 24 11:00 p.m. - Special Choral Music
11:30 p.m. - Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
Solemn Procession, Blessing of the
Manger
- Fri. Dec. 26 7:00 a.m. - Mass
- Sun. Dec. 28 7:00 a.m. - Mass & Sermon
9:00 a.m. - Procession, Solemn Sung Mass &
Sermon
7:00 p.m. - Youth Ministries Christmas
Extravaganza
- Wed. Dec. 31 10:00 p.m. - Mass of The Holy Name

REST IN PEACE

Pearl McMillan - Grandmother of Coralie & Ethan Adderley
Renee McNeil - Sister of Shyvonne Anderson
Aunt of Edisha Laing



EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

The Clergy and congregation of Holy Cross Parish extend heartfelt condolences to the McMillan, Adderley, McNeil, Anderson, Laing, families. May their soul rest in peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND HOLY DAYS

December



- 24th - Christmas Eve Service with special Choral Music
- 25th - Christmas Day
- 26th - Boxing Day
- 28th - Youth Ministries Christmas Extravaganza II

January

- 1st -9th - Novena (nine days of Prayer)
- 3rd - Anglican Young Adults Retreat
- 9th - 12 Hour Pre-Enthronement Prayer Vigil
at Christ Church Cathedral at 6:00 p.m.
- 10th - Day of Fasting
Youth Leaders In-House Conference (Holy Cross)
- 17th - Youth Commitment Exercise
Ecumenical Health Care Ministry Council Retreat
- 18th - Youth Commitment Sunday

February

- 02 - Altar Servers Re-Dedication Ceremony
- 08 - The Enthronement of Bishop Laish Boyd at
4:00 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral
- 13th-15th - Youth Discovery IV

THE HOUSE OF PRAYER

Just close your eyes and open your heart
And feel your cares and worries depart.
Just yield yourself to the Father above
And let Him hold you secure in His love.

For life on earth grows more involved
With endless problems that can't be solved,
But God only asks us to do our best -
Then He will take over and finish the rest.

So when you are tired, discouraged and blue,
There's always one door that is opened to you
And that is the door to the house of prayer,
You'll find God waiting to meet you there.



And the house of prayer is no farther away
Than the quiet spot where you kneel and pray,
For the heart is a temple when God is there
As we place ourselves in His loving care.

And He hears every prayer and answers each one
When we pray in His name, "Thy will be done."
And the burdens that seemed too heavy to bear
Are lifted away in the house of prayer.

Helen Steiner Rice

I will never leave you or forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5

SERMON NOTES

PREACHER: _____

SERMON TEXT: _____

Points I Want to Remember:

Illustrations I Want to Remember:

How Does This Word from God apply to My Life:

DECEMBER 28, 2008
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
YEAR B

Collect			Christmas 1 Pg. 158	
1st Lesson	-	Samuel Hall	-	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm			147	
2nd Lesson	-	Althea Bonaby	-	Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7
Gospel			John 1:1-18	
Intercessions	-	Alexandria Cartwright	-	Form E Pg 112

9:00am Family Eucharist

1st Lesson	-	A.C.M.
2nd Lesson	-	A.C.M.
Intercessions	-	A.C.M.



Chalice Assistants

7:00 a.m.	-	Joey Turnquest, Darnell Adderley, Cecilia Askew
9:00 a.m.	-	Daphne Clarke, Brian Higgs, Maxwell Turner, Leo Foulkes

Ushers

7:00 a.m.	-	Tony Gomez, Debbie Smith, Agatha Wells
9:00 a.m.	-	Elizabeth Burrows, Deidra Sands, Carla Lynch-Sweeting, Patricia Fowler, Donna Darville, Laverne Thompson, Amanda Johnson

Servers Guild

9:00 a.m.	-	1st MCBrian Higgs, Sr.
		2nd MC/Cross BearerRhashida Curry
		ThuriferZane Boyd
		Boat BearerMichael Wallace
		Crucifer/Cross BearerPatricia Douglas
		1st Acolytes/Alter ServerPaige Fowler & Kenrisha Major
		2nd Acolytes/Torch BearersJade Nixon & Godwin Douglas
		3rd Acolytes/Torch BearersKarisma Rolle & Christia Fowler

6:30 P.M.

YOUTH MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA II

PLAN TO ATTEND!!

MASS**MORNING
PRAYERS****EVENING
PRAYERS**

MASS	MORNING PRAYERS	EVENING PRAYERS
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