

**DOMINICA OVERSEA
NATIONALS ASSOCIATION
(D.O.N.A.)**

Annual Service of Thanksgiving



St John The Baptist Catholic Church,
3 King Edward Road, Hackney
London E9

6pm on Sunday, 8th July 2007

Principal Celebrant:
Fr Elveau Augustine

ORDER OF SERVICE

STAND WHEN THE BELL RINGS

Procession with the Dominican Flag –
Mr Clifton Brand

ENTRANCE HYMN - *Oh, the love of my Lord* *Estelle White*

1. Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see
he has given to me
and his giving is gentle as silence.
2. Every day, every hour, every moment
have been blessed by the strength of his love.
At the turn of each tide
he is there by my side,
and his touch is as gentle as silence.
3. There've been times when I've turned
from his presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on his name
in the dark of my shame,
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

WELCOME/GREETING: *Fr Elveau Augustine*

KYRIE: Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie
eleison

GLORIA: (Glory, Glory, Glory to God) – *Led by
the Choir*

OPENING PRAYER: *Fr Elveau Augustine*

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

FIRST READING: *Ms Agnes Adonis*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 66:10-14

Towards her I send flowing peace, like a river

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.

Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

This is the word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Choir*

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.
Response: *Cry out with joy to God all the earth.*

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!'
Response: *Cry out with joy to God all the earth.*
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deed among men.
Response: *Cry out with joy to God all the earth.*
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.
Response: *Cry out with joy to God all the earth.*

4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.
Response: *Cry out with joy to God all the earth.*

SECOND READING: *Ms Patsy Redman*

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the
Galatians 6:14-18**

The marks on my body are those of the Lord Jesus

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brother. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - STAND

Alleluia (Caribbean Version)

Halle Halle Halle-luia!

Halle Halle Halle-luia!

Halle Halle Halle-luia!

Halleluia! Halleluia!

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you

Response: And also with you

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10:1-2. 17-20

Your peace will rest on that man.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The Kingdom of God is very near to you" But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into the streets and say "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near". I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town'.

The Seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord', they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name'. He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given your power to treat underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven'.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Shorter Form, verses 1-9, read between

SIT – HOMILY: *Fr Elveau Augustine*

STAND - CREED

INTRODUCTION OF BIDDING PRAYERS:

Reverend Hewlette Andrew

Lord in your mercy

Response: Hear our prayers

We ask our Lady to intercede in our prayers as we say:

HAIL MARY ...

COLLECTION:

PANIS ANGELICUM

Martha, Julie, Rosa

OFFERTORY PROCESSION/ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:

Amos Charles & Hilma Alfred

OFFERTORY HYMN: - *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation.*

Joachim Neander (1650-80)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation.
All you who hear,
now to his altar draw near,
join in profound adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, let us offer
our gifts at his altar;
let not our sins and transgressions
now cause us to falter.
Christ, the High Priest,
bids us all join in his feast.
Victims with him on the altar.
3. Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that
is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now in praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from
his people again,
now as we worship before him.

STAND

LITURGY/PRAYER OF THE EUCHARISTIC:

The Lord be with you

Response: And also with you

Lift up your hearts

Response: We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

Response: It is right to give him thanks and praise

KNEEL

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION:

Christ has died – Alleluia

Christ is risen – Alleluia

Christ will come again, Alleluia, leluis

DOXOLOGY:

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours Almighty Father, forever and ever.

GREAT AMEN: *(Caribbean Version)*

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

COMMUNION RITE: (Please Stand)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done
hallowed be thy name
On earth as it is in heaven
hallowed be thy name
Give us this day, our daily bread
hallowed be thy name
And forgive us our trespasses
hallowed be thy name
As we forgive those who trespass against us
hallowed be thy name
And lead us not into temptation,
hallowed be thy name
But deliver us from all that is evil,
hallowed be thy name

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,
hallowed be thy name
For ever and ever and ever,
hallowed be thy name
Amen, Amen, it shall be so,
hallowed be thy name
Amen, Amen, it shall be so,
hallowed be thy name.
Hallowed be thy name.

SIGN OF PEACE:

The peace of the Lord be with you always

Response: And also with you

Let us offer each other the sign of peace



LAMB OF GOD:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace.

KNEEL

COMMUNION HYMN: - *I watch the sunrise*

John Glynn

1. I watch the sunrise
lighting the sky,
casting its shadows near.
And on this morning
bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.

*But you are always
close to me
following all my ways.
May I be always
close to you
following all your ways, Lord*

2. I watch the sunlight
shine through the clouds,
warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day
life seems to say:
"I feel your brightness near me".
For you are always

3. I watch the sunset
fading away,
lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening
closes its eyes
I feel your presence near me.

For you are always

4. I watch the moonlight
guarding the night,
waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent,
earth is at rest –
only your peace is near me.
Yes, you are always

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

HARMONICA PERFORMANCE:

Mr Amos Charles – Great is thy Faithfulness

VOTE OF THANKS – *Mr Darren Sylvester*

DOMINICA NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Isle of Beauty, isle of splendour,
isle to all so sweet and fair.
All must surely gaze in wonder,
at thy gifts so rich and rare.
Rivers, valleys, hills and mountains,
all these gifts we do extol.
Healthy lands so like all fountains,
giving cheer that warms the soul.

Dominica! God has blest thee,
with a clime benign and bright.
Pastures green and flow'rs of beauty
filling all with pure delight.
And a people strong and healthy,
full of Godly reverent fear.
May we ever seek to praise thee,
for these gifts so rich and rare.

Come ye forward, sons and daughters,
of this Gem beyond compare.
Strive for honour, sons and daughters,
do the right, be firm, be fair.
Toil with hearts and hands and voices,
we must prosper! sound the call.
In which everyone rejoices
“All for each, and each for all!”

FINAL BLESSING:

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The Spirit Lives to set us free

Damian Lundy

1. The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light

Walk in the light, (3)
Walk in the light of the Lord
2. Jesus promised life to all,
the dead were wakened by his call.
3. He died in pain on Calvary,
to save the lost like you and me.
4. We know his death was not the end,
He gave the Spirit to be our friend.
5. By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
The Father's kindness is revealed.
6. The Spirit lives in you and me,
His light will shine for all to see.

The National Pledge

Before God and all mankind, I pledge allegiance to the flag of the Commonwealth of Dominica and to the Sovereign Republic for which it stands.

My love, my loyalty and skills, in the service of Dominica and my fellow citizens, I promise to work diligently and to help build a prosperous and peaceful Nation.

Please stay and join us for light refreshments

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