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February 25th, 2018

9:00 A.M.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR B
9:00 A.M HOLY EUCHARIST

President and Preacher
The Most Rev'd & Dr. The Hon. John W.D. Holder

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude:

Opening Hymn **413** “**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,**”

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791), from *Arglwydd arwain trwy'r anialwch*, Welsh,
alt.; translation: William Williams (1717-1791),
and Peter Williams (1722-1796)

The Invocation

PRESIDENT: Let us pray

All

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Kyries

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect *“The Second Sunday in Lent”*

PRESIDENT:

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever. **Amen**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7. 15-16

Lector: Mr. Edwin Pollard

A Reading from the Word of God written in the book of Genesis, Chapter seventeen beginning at the first verse

7When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

15 God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 22:22-30

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23. For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.

24. My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"

26. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nation shall bow before him.

27. For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

28. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25
Lectors: Church Army Representative

A reading from the Word of God written in the book of Romans, the fourth chapter beginning at the thirteenth verse

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be

guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ ²³ Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual **Hymn: 700 “Lord, pour thy Spirit from on high,”**

Lord, pour thy Spirit from on high,
and thine ordainèd servants bless;
graces and gifts to each supply,
and clothe thy priests with righteousness.

Within thy temple when they stand,
to teach the truth as taught by thee,
Saviour, like stars in thy right hand,

let all thy church's pastors be.

Wisdom, and zeal, and faith impart,
firmness with meekness, from above,
to bear thy people in their heart,
and love the souls whom thou dost love:

To watch, and pray, and never faint,
by day and night their guard to keep,
to warn the sinner, cheer the saint,
to feed thy lambs, and tend thy sheep.

So, when their work is finished here,
may they in hope their charge resign;
so, when their Master shall appear,
may they with crowns of glory shine.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), 1833

The Holy Gospel Mark 9:2-9
The Gospeller: **The Rev'd Richard Kellman**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
Mark the nine chapter, beginning at the second
verse**

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to

Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

READER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord

The Sermon: The Most Rev'd & Dr. the Hon. John W.D. Holder

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

**He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;**

**He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Intercession Form “**B**”

The Intercessor: **Ms. Donnah Russell**

LEADER

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
ALL: That we all may be one.

LEADER

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve you.
ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

LEADER

We pray for all Bishops, Priest, and Deacons;

ALL: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

LEADER

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

ALL: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

LEADER

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

ALL: That our works may find favour in your sight.

LEADER

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEADER

Give to the departed eternal rest;

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

LEADER

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

LEADER

Let us pray for our needs and those of others

Silence may be kept.

ALL

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords to your will; and the good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PRESIDENT

Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT

We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn of Fellowship: "Let there be peace on earth"

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God our Creator
Children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment,
And live each moment
In peace and eternally

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

~~WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS~~

Selections by the Choir:

“I Waited For The Lord” (Felix Mendelssohn)
“The Lord Bless You And Keep You” (John Rutter)

THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory **Hymn: 367 “Fill thou my life, O Lord my God”**

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:

Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and deed,
however small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak.

So shalt thou, Lord, receive from me
the praise and glory due;
and so shall I begin on earth
the song for ever new.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care,
be turnèd into song;
and every winding of the way
the echo shall prolong.

So shall no part of day or night
unblest or common be;
but all my life, in every step,
be fellowship with thee.

*Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889),
alt. as in Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised, 1950*

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer

ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT The Lord be with you.

ALL **And also with you.**

PRESIDENT Lift up your hearts.

ALL **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDENT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRESIDENT

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God: For you bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with the whole company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

ALL:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth and full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Great Thanksgiving “A”

PRESIDENT

All Holy and glorious Father,
Our Creator God,
we give you thanks because in your loving wisdom you
brought all things into being,
and are truly worthy of praise from every creature you have
made.

Again and again
we have turned away from you;
yet in every age your steadfast love has called us to return,
to live in union with you: for it is your eternal purpose
to put new life into all things
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ
Who took our human nature upon Him you have redeemed
the world from the bondage of sin: and by the power of your
Holy Spirit you have gathered a people to yourself, to make
known in ever place His perfect offering which He made to
the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord;
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us
His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed
He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take this,
and eat it: This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And after supper

He took the cup of wine: and when he had given thanks,
He gave it to them and said:
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

PRESIDENT

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT

And so, Heavenly Father,
Rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation;
His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice
made once for all upon the Cross;
His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;
His Glorious Ascension into heaven; and looking for
for his Coming in glory; we offer to you
this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving; and grant that all who eat and
drink of the Body and Blood, of your Son, our great
High Priest, may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.

Unite us with all Bishops, all other ministers of your Word
and Sacraments, and with the whole people of God, living
and departed, whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,
That we may be found ready to join the company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles, and all your
saints, when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:
Forever giving you thanks and praise
through Him from whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you,
Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and
heaven, in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
Be yours for ever and ever. Amen.
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

PRESIDENT

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name;
your kingdom come; your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

THE COMMUNION

The invitation

PRESIDENT

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL

Grant gracious Lord, that we so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen

THE AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace**

The Administration of Communion

Hymns: 416 *“I, the Lord of sea and sky,”*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*
I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

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Hymn: 571 ***“And now, O Father, mindful of the love***

And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary’s tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;
for lo! Between our sins and their reward
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to thy mercy’s breast,
O do thine utmost for their souls’ true weal;
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part with thee.

Words: William Bright (1824-1901)

Hymn: 615 ***“O thou, before the world began,”***

O thou, before the world began,
ordained a sacrifice for man,

and by the Eternal Spirit made
an offering for the sinner's stead;
our everlasting priest art thou,
pleading thy death for sinners now.

Thy offering still continues new
before the righteous Father's view;
thyself the Lamb for ever slain,
thy priesthood doth unchanged remain;
thy years, O God, can never fail,
nor thy blest work within the veil.

O that our faith may never move
but stand unshaken as thy love!
Sure evidence of things unseen,
now let it pass the years between,
and view thee bleeding on the tree,
my Lord, my God, who dies for me.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), 1745

The Anthem ~ “Ave Verum Corpus” (Elgar)

Hymn for the Blessing of the Children: 646

“Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,”

Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,
look upon a little child,
pity my simplicity,
suffer me to come to thee.

Fain I would to thee be brought;
gracious Lord, forbid it not;
in the kingdom of thy grace
give a little child a place.

Fain I would be as thou art;
give me thy obedient heart:
thou art pitiful and kind;
let me have thy loving mind.

Let me above all fulfill
God my heavenly Father's will;
never his good Spirit grieve,
only to his glory live.

Lamb of God, I look to thee;
thou shalt my example be:
thou art gentle, meek and mild;
thou wast once a little child
Thou didst live to God alone;
thou didst never seek thine own;
thou thyself didst never please:
God was all thy happiness.

Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb,
in thy gracious hands I am:
make me, Saviour, what thou art;
live thyself within my heart.

I shall then show forth thy praise,
serve thee all my happy days;
then the world shall always see
Christ, the holy Child, in me.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ALL:
Eternal God and Heavenly Father,
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood

of your Son Jesus Christ.

Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you, and all persons in you,
with gladness and singleness of heart,
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing “*Lent*”

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow Him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

ALL Amen.

The Recessional **Hymn: 351** “*Thy hand, O God, has guided*”

Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King’s feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.

When shadows thick were falling,

and all seemed sunk in night,
thou, Lord, didst send thy servants,
thy chosen sons of light.
on them and on thy people
thy plenteous Grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
One church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
One church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
One church, one faith, one Lord.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1821)

The Dismissal

Organ Postlude:

(Worshippers are invited to sit silently and listen to the voluntary, but those who wish to leave at this point may do so quietly)

THEME FOR THE WEEK

**“God’s redeeming love blesses our sacrifices
for others.”**



WELCOME AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Comments: “God blesses Abraham and Sarah”

In our opening lesson, **God appears to Abram and enters into covenant with him, promising to make him an ancestor to multitudes.** Abram is now a changed person. He will henceforth be called Abraham, and his wife Sarai will now be called Sara. The covenant is to be an everlasting covenant made not only with Abraham and Sarah, but with all generations which issue from them. The Hebrew people will come to see this covenant as the originating source of their own identity, and Christians will find an example of saving faith in Abraham’s response to God’s promise.

Psalm 22:23-31

A son of praise to the Lord, who rules over all and cares for the down-trodden.

Second Lesson: (The Epistle) Romans 4:13-25

Comments: “The promise to those of Abraham’s faith”

In this reading Paul explains that the new relationship with God is open to everyone who follows in Abraham’s faith. This means that righteousness before God comes through God’s free gift and the response of faith – not because of obedience to the law. This was first true in the case of Abraham, who trusted in God’s promise before the law even existed. Now it is true for all who have faith and so show themselves to be among Abraham’s descendants from many nations.

The Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Comments: “Christ revealed as God’s beloved Son”

Our gospel is **the story of Jesus’ transfiguration**. The narrative draws upon themes and symbols from Israel’s past and its hopes for the future. Moses and Elijah represent the law and the prophets, whose promises Jesus fulfills. The chosen disciples see divine glory reflected in Jesus’ human person. A voice from the cloud declares that he is god’s beloved Son.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

- 1. Registration:** The Cathedral is currently seeking to update its membership record. Consequently, members are asked to complete the registration forms which are available and return them to the office as soon as possible.
- 2. Worship.** Archbishop John Holder is president and preacher at today’s 9 o’clock Sung Eucharist in the Cathedral, in celebration of his ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Barbados and as Archbishop of the Church of the Province of the West Indies. A hearty welcome is extended to all as this historic moment is observed. The Dean, Clergy, Parochial Church Council and members of the Cathedral record their sincere appreciation to Archbishop Holder and family for their ministry and wish them well in the years ahead. God’s blessing for a happy retirement.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Bishop's Retirement: Members would be aware, that The Most Rev'd & Dr. the Hon. John W. D. Holder will retire as Bishop of the Diocese of Barbados and consequently as Archbishop of the Province of the Church in the West Indies, on February 28, 2018, having attained the age of 70 years. The following may be noted:

Regulation C3 "Of the Cathedral Chapter", 12

I. Whenever the See be vacant, the guardianship of the spiritualities belongs to the Dean and Chapter. The Chapter shall meet within seven days of a vacancy and shall appoint a person who need not be a member of the Chapter to administer the Diocese during the vacancy. The Archbishop shall be notified forthwith of the name and address of the Diocesan Administrator.

Regulation C1 "Of The Bishop", 3

II. When a vacancy in the See has been formally notified by the Archbishop according to the provisions of the Canons of the Church in the Province of the West Indies, the Diocesan Administrator appointed in accordance with Regulation C3:12 shall within fourteen days summon a meeting of the Synod Council and the Council shall forthwith instruct the Secretary to summon the members of Synod for the purpose of choosing a Bishop for the Diocese. Twenty-one days' notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be given.

Your prayers are invited during this period of transition.

Looking Ahead!

Volunteers: The office of the Administration is seeking your assistance once again in a cleanup venture for our church yard as an ongoing process. Please bring your rakes, weed whackers, lawn mowers, trimmers, gloves and goggles. Garbage bags will be provided. **Saturday, March 10th 2018 starting at 5:30 A. M.** Food and drinks will be provided. Let's be proud of our church and its surroundings.

Congratulations to all celebrating birthdays this week.

February 2018

Ms. Pauline O. Bynoe ~ 25th

Ms. Ayodele Yarde ~ 27th

Ms. Cecile P. Foster ~ 28th

March 2018

Mr. Ian C. Weekes ~ 2nd

Mrs. Fay Cooke-Nurse ~ 3rd



May God bless and strengthen you.



CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

February 25th to March 3rd

Today, February 25th, The Second Sunday in Lent

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist

President and Preacher:

The Most Rev'd & Dr. The Hon. John W.D. Holder

Tuesday, February 27th

12:15 Holy Eucharist

Thursday, March 1st

12:15 P.M Holy Eucharist: Lenten Devotions

Friday, March 2nd

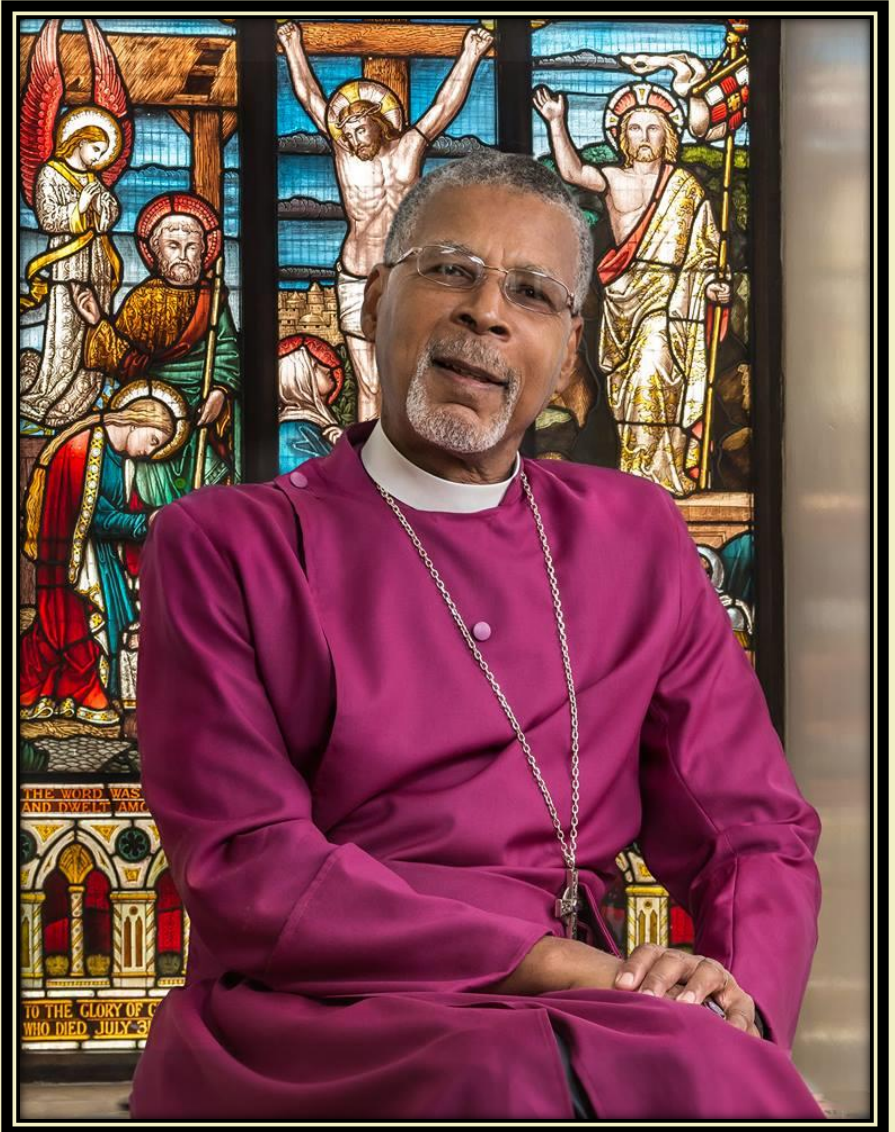
5:00 P.M The Way of the Cross

Next Sunday, March 4th, The Third Sunday in Lent

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist

6:00 P.M. Evensong



The Most Rev'd & Dr. The Hon. John W.D. Holder, CBE, LLD

Bishop Holder was confirmed at the age of nine, and was prepared by the late Father Ashford Jones, then Vicar of St. Margaret's Church, New

Castle, St. John. He was ordained by Bishop G.C.M. Woodroffe of the Windward Islands as a deacon in 1974 in St. Vincent and later as a priest.

The Rev. Canon Dr. John Holder was elected as Bishop of Barbados in the year 2000. He was consecrated on the Feast Day of St. Aidan, August 31, 2000.

On December 10, 2009, history was created when Bishop of Barbados, the Right Rev Dr. John Holder was elected archbishop of the Church in the Province of the West Indies (CPWI) at a meeting of the Provincial Synod in Guyana.

He was one of the pioneers for the development of a new CPWI hymnal for use in the Anglican worship in 2011. Also in 2011, he was awarded the CBE and the LLD (Hon) by the University of the West Indies (UWI).

He is married to his lovely wife Betty and they are the proud parents of a son, Dr. Stuart Holder.





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