



BARBADOS MOTHERS' UNION

*A Service for
The Commissioning of Executive Officers*

THEME: "Listen, Observe, Act – In step with God"

Sunday 17th February , 2019

5.00pm

***The Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels
Bridgetown***

CHAPLAIN

The Rev'd Angela Phillips

DEAN

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

PRESIDENT

The Right Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell

Bishop of Barbados

ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT HYMN – CPWI 97

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we
ever more be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light:
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;

there forever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips

Answer: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

Priest: O God, make speed to save us.

Answer: O Lord, make haste to help us

(Here all standing, the Priest shall say)

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost;

Answer: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.

Priest: Praise ye the Lord.

Answer: The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM: 84

O how amiable are thy dwellings * thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the
Lord * my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young * even thy altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house *they will be always
praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee *in whose heart are
thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well *and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength *and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer *hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender *and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts *is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God *than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence *the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts * blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end.

Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Mrs. Annette Browne,
First Vice President*

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 4, verses 1-14

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You have seen

for yourselves what the LORD did with regard to the Baal of Peor—how the LORD your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, while those of you who held fast to the LORD your God are all alive today.

See, just as the LORD my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children—how you once stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, “Assemble the people for me, and I will let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me as long as they live on the earth, and may teach their children so”; you approached and stood at the foot of the mountain while the mountain was blazing up to the very heavens, shrouded in dark clouds. Then the LORD spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice. He declared to you his covenant, which he charged you to observe, that is, the ten commandments; and he wrote them on two stone tablets. And the LORD charged me at that time to teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 850

Search me, O God, and know my heart today,
Try me, O Lord, and know my thoughts, I pray;
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Thy word and make me pure within;
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine;
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord, in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, start the work in me;
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

MAGNIFICAT

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :and my spirit hath rejoiced in
God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :all generations shall call me
blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me :and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :throughout all
generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :he hath scattered the
proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :and to the Holy Ghost;As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Mrs. Deanna Pollard.*

Second Vice President,

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of James Chapter 1, verses 19 -27

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for

orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen :thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared :before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever shall be:
world without end. Amen

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. **Amen.**

(Kneeling)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

(Then the Priest standing up shall say)

Priest. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Priest O Lord, save the Queen.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest . O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECTS

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them

the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

WELCOME: *The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey Gibson.*
Dean of the Cathedral of St. Michael and All Angels,

HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON

HYMN 325

Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
proclaim Christ Jesus, saviour, Lord, and king,
that all the world his worthy praise may sing

.
Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:

give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours which cares for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and king for evermore

SERMON: *The Right Rev'd Michael Maxwell*

HYMN BEFORE THE COMMISSIONING

HYMN 312

God made me for himself, to serve him here
with love's pure service and in filial fear;
to show his praise, for him to labour now;
then see his glory where the angels bow.

All needful grace was mine through his dear Son,
whose life and death my full salvation won;
the grace that would have strengthened me, and taught,
grace that would crown me when my work was wrought.

And I, poor sinner, cast it all away,
lived for the toil or pleasure of each day
as if no Christ had shed his precious blood,
as if I owed no homage to my God.

O Holy Spirit, with thy fire divine,
melt into tears this thankless heart of mine:
teach me to love what once I seemed to hate
and live to God, before it be too late.

THE COMMISSIONING OF OFFICERS

BISHOP:

We have come together here to worship God and to commission newly elected members to office in the Mothers' Union; this is a joyful and important occasion. Each office carries great responsibility, for the Mothers' Union is a worldwide society within the Church, with special concern for all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

Members, do you accept office in the Mothers' Union.

ANSWER: I do, the Lord being my helper

BISHOP: Will you serve God in this way, in the firm belief that the power of the Holy Spirit will guide and direct all who call upon him?

ANSWER: I will, putting my trust in God

BISHOP: (Taking each person in turn by the right hand)

.....I admit you to the office.....of.....
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

(When all have been commissioned the Bishop turns to the congregation and says:

Members of the Barbados Mothers' Union. Will you now welcome your new officers.

BISHOP: Will you remember them in your prayers and give them your loyal support and encouragement?

CONGREGATION: We will

BISHOP: I call on you now to pray that God will bless his servants and provide such gifts and powers as may be needed for the work ahead. Let us pray in silence

BISHOP: O God, we ask that you bless your servants with a sense of your presence, and knowledge of your constant love. Give wisdom and understanding, your guidance, and the humility to accept it. Grant all members the grace to support and uphold all who work in your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

O God you have called us from many nations and people; we ask you to bless the work of the Mothers' Union, prosper its branches throughout the world. Give wisdom and courage to those who hold office and serve on its councils. Unite its members in faith and love, and grant us your peace in our hearts and homes, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER OF RECOMMITMENT (FOR ALL PRESENT)

Heavenly Father, as members of God's Family, we recommit our life to you. We seek your blessing in all we do: your presence in our fellowship, your inspiration in our activities, your strength in our service to the Church and to the community. Help us to be faithful in prayer and worship, outgoing in our witness to the gospel. May we advance your kingdom, and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER

Loving Lord, We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family

life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. Amen

INTERCESSIONS : Sis. Jillien Callender-Layne, Executive Secretary

LEADER: Our God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, who sent Your Son into this world to be our Saviour and Redeemer, we offer You these prayers in His name.

Your response after each petition will be 'hear our prayer'

LEADER: Lord God, bless all those whom you have called to the ministry of the Church. We pray especially for Michael our Bishop, Jeffrey our Dean and Angela our Chaplin. May they lead us boldly and walk with us lovingly. **LORD IN YOUR MERCY**

LEADER: Hear us O Lord as we pray for Sandra our Governor-General, Mia Amor our Prime Minister all members of Parliament and the Senate. **LORD IN YOUR MERCY.**

LEADER: For all protective and social services we pray. Endow them with love, sympathy, understanding, firmness and the deeper knowledge that Jesus Christ is the only one who can make people whole. **LORD IN YOUR MERCY.**

LEADER: We bring to you O loving Saviour, all those who suffer pain or loss. All healing is with you, we can only bring them to you in love, sincerity and tenderness. **LORD IN YOUR MERCY**

LEADER: Father in heaven we ask for Your blessing on the church and all its affiliate organisations. We pray for all leaders in the Mothers' Union, our Worldwide President Sheran, Provincial President Hermine, Diocesan President Joyce, for all Branch Leader and all members. **LORD IN YOUR MERCY**

ALL Accept our prayers and intercessions, Father, according to your wisdom, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MOTHERS' UNION BENEDICTION (To be sung kneeling)

Into Thy hands, O Lord, My wayward self I give;
Help me in all I do, A better life to live;
That joy in simple things abound, The humble task, the daily round;
A cheerful voice, thy praise to sound, Into Thy hands, O Lord.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, The family I love;
Grant them where e'er they go, A blessing from above;
That wonder and content they find,
With happy heart and generous mind;
In this fair world Thou hast designed, Into Thy hands, O Lord.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, The hope of every race;
Lead us in paths of peace, Unto Thy healing grace;
O grant us faith and strength we pray,
To meet the perils of each day;
So all mankind may find the way;
Into Thy hands, O Lord, Into Thy hands, O Lord.

GREETING OF PEACE

(The President and people join hands to sing)

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 as our Father, Family all are we
Let me walk with my family In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me Let this be the moment now
With every breath I take Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment, and live each moment In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me

OFFERTORY HYMNS: 747

Shall we not love thee, Mother dear,
whom Jesus loves so well?
And to his glory year by year
thy joy and honour tell?

Bound with the curse of sin and shame
we helpless sinners lay,
until in tender love he came
to bear the curse away.

And thee he chose from whom to take
true flesh his flesh to be;
in it to suffer for our sake,
by it to make us free.

Thy Babe he lay upon thy breast,
to thee he cried for food;
thy gentle nursing soothed to rest
the incarnate Son of God.

O wondrous depth of grace divine
that he should bend so low!
And, Mary, O what joy 'twas thine
in his dear love to know!
Joy to be Mother of the Lord,
and thine the truer bliss,
in every thought and deed and word
to be for ever his.

And as he loves thee, Mother dear,
we too will love thee well;
and to his glory year by year
thy joy and honour tell.

Jesu, the Virgin's Holy Son,
we praise thee and adore,

who art with God the Father One
and Spirit evermore.

HYMN 416

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 words to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send 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

REMARKS : President of the Barbados Mothers' Union

RECESSIONAL HYMN 400

We have a gospel to proclaim
Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved, His life He gave

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

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2019 – 2021

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