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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, MAY 19TH, 2019 Service: 9:00 A.M. A Celebration

of

THE SUNG EUCHARIST

in Thanksgiving for

The ending of the 131st Installation Week

of

St. Michael's Lodge No. 2253 EC

at

The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels

On

The Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday, 19th May 2019 at 9.00 A.M.

President The Rev'd Canon George W. Knight

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Opening Hymn ~ 381

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him, praise him, angels, in the height; sun and moon, rejoice before him, praise him, all ye stars of light: praise the Lord! For he hath spoken, worlds his mighty voice obeyed; laws, which never shall be broken, for their guidance he hath made.

Praise the Lord! For he is glorious; never shall his promise fail; God hath made his saints victorious, sin and death shall not prevail. Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, his power proclaim; heaven and earth, and all creation, laud and magnify his name!

Words: John Kempthorne (1775-1838), 1796

The Opening Sentence "Easter" Page 98 Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed. Come, let us adore Him. Alleluia!

PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever, Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE INVOCATION

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ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.

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Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord: you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Collect: "Fifth Sunday of Easter" Page 170

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18 Lector: Bro. Kevin C. Walters, Worshipful Master

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 11, verses 1 to 18.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psaln	า 148

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Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights. 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. 3 Praise him. sun and moon: praise him, all you shining stars. 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; for he commanded, and they were created. 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; 9 Mountains and all hills. fruit trees and all cedars: 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; 12 Young men and maidens, old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, for his Name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

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.**

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6 Lector: Ms. Danita Layne

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Revelation to John, Chapter 21, verses 1 to 6.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn ~ 263

THOU art the way: by thee alone from sin and death we flee; and he who would the Father seek must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the truth: thy word alone true wisdom can impart; thou only canst inform the mind and purify the heart.

Thou art the life: the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm; and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the way, the truth, the life: grant us that way to know, that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

Words: George Washington Doane (1799-1859)

The Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35 The Gospeller: The Rev'd Richard Kellman

ALL:	And also with you
Reader:	The Lord be with You

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, the thirteenth Chapter, beginning at the thirty-first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

(John 13:31-35)

At the end of the reading:

Reader:This the Gospel of Christ.ALL:Praise to Christ our Lord

THE SERMON ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

THE NICENE CREED

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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.*

An Intercession for United Nations' International Day of Families ~ (*Prepared by the Family Life Commission, Church Mission Committee of the Diocese of Barbados*)

INTERCESSOR: Mrs. Juno Burrows

PRIEST:

Gathered as a spiritual family in response to the divine command, let us unite our hearts and minds as we intercede for our world. God has promised to hear us when we pray in faith and in the name of His son, and so with that assurance, let us confidently approach our merciful Father.

Intercessor:

For the global family, let us pray that our artificial divisions may cease, and that the labour of those who strive for unity and peace in our global community, may be immensely blessed. Lord hear us.

R: Lord graciously hear us.

Intercessor:

Let us pray for greater care of our fragile ecosystem and that we may be more responsible in our interaction with the environment. That as good guardians and stewards, we may hand over a less polluted world to the next generation. Lord hear us.

R: Lord graciously hear us

Intercessor:

United by one Caribbean Sea, let us thank Almighty God for the lessons of our shared history and the hope which fuels our common aspirations. May we as a people ever strive for greater unity, inter-cooperation and the grace to share the best of who we are and what we have with each other. Lord hear us.

R: Lord graciously hear us.

Intercessor:

The families of our region have all been severely impacted by violence, pain and loss; we pray for the spirit of peace to rest

upon the heart and home of every Caribbean person. Lord hear us.

R: Lord graciously hear us.

Intercessor:

Let us bring before God the special needs and concerns of those among us who are being abused, exploited and treated disrespectfully in their homes. We thank God for those who bring healing and relief to all who feel marginalised and discriminated against. Let us ask God to give us courage to face the challenges to strong family life in this new age. Lord hear us.

R: Lord graciously hear us.

Intercessor:

For our families, impacted by the absence of parents due to migration, divorce, illness and imprisonment. We pray that our heavenly father may strengthen the foster-parents who daily give of their best to create a safe, harmonious and religious home. Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

Intercessor:

We lift up before God, families who are poor, those with limited means and those who are troubled. We pray for a greater Spirit of charity so that we may be more sensitive to the needs around us and be motivated to greater Christian action and advocacy. Lord hear us.

R: Lord graciously hear us.

Intercessor:

And finally, let us in the silence of our hearts or aloud, lay before the source of Divine Mercy, the intentions of our hearts and those who have asked us to pray for them.

Silence

The Prayer of the Woman's Auxiliary (To be said by members)

PRIEST:

Almighty God, Your son shared the life of an earthly home, abundantly bless all our homes with the gladness of your presence, may we one day be joined with you in His perfect heavenly home. All these humble petitions we ask in His name and by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

THE ACT OF PENITENCEPage 123The President introduces the Act of Penitence; congregation15

kneels.

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. (1 John 1:8,9)

A period of silence shall be kept.

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

FORM "B"

ALL:

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT:

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

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ALL: Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE FORM "A"

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.

The President then greets the congregation

PRESIDENT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you

Hymn of Fellowship: (see printed version)

Let there be love shared among us Let there be love in our eyes May now your love sweep this nation Cause us O Lord to arise Give us a fresh understanding Of neighbourly love that is real Let there be love shared among us Let there be love.



Welcome, Remarks, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Offertory Hymns ~ 178

Antiphon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King, o'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia! Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia! Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see, who sat, and spake unto the three, 'Your Lord doth go to Galilee.' Alleluia! Alleluia!

That night th' Apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear, and said, 'My peace be on all here.' Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord, he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! Alleluia!

'My pierced side, O Thomas, see; my hands, my feet I show to thee; Not faithless but believing be.' Alleluia! Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side; 'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been; for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise in laud, and jubilee, and praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Antiphon

Words: Jean Tisserant (14??-1494), from O filiae, 17th century, Latin; translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS Page 126

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

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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: But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has won for us eternal life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices and angels and archangels and with all the 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 are 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"

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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 every 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 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

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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

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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 INVITATION

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Form A

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 and thanksgiving.

ALL:

Grant gracious Lord that we may 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

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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

COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn ~ 616

O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray that all thy church might be for ever one, grant us at every eucharist to say with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done:" O may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy church, O Lord, we intercede; make thou our sad divisions soon to cease; draw us the nearer each to each, we plead, by drawing all to thee, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity. We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold; O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep, back to the faith which saints believed of old, back to the church which still that faith doth keep; soon may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease, may we be one with all thy church above, one with thy saints in one unbroken peace, one with thy saints in one unbounded love: more blessèd still, in peace and love to be one with the Trinity in Unity.

Words: William Bright (1824-1901)

Hymn ~ 597

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here. Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

> Words: Brian Wren (1936-). Words © 1971, 1995 Stainer & Bell Ltd.

Anthem ~ "The trumpet shall sound" (Handel)

Hymn for the Blessing of the Children: 657

Lord, I would own thy tender care, and all thy love to me; the food I eat, the clothes I wear, are all bestowed by thee.

'Tis thou preservest me from death and dangers every hour; I cannot draw another breath unless thou give me power.

Kind angels guard me every night, as round my bed they stay: nor am I absent from thy sight in darkness or by day.

My health and friends and parents dear to me by God are given; I have not any blessing here but what is sent from heaven.

Such goodness, Lord, and constant care I never can repay; but may it be my daily prayer, to love thee and obey.

Words: Jane Taylor (1783-1824)

to praise your Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live his risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live

ALL: Amen.

ALL:

RECESSIONAL HYMN ~ 375

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; rejoice in his word, ye angels of light; ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made, and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth, in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth; praise him who hath brought you his grace from above.

praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

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O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound; each jubilant chord, re-echo around; loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone, and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song to him be outpoured all ages along: for love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), based on Psalm 150

The Dismissal:

PRESIDENT:The Lord be with you.ALL:And also with you.

PRESIDENT:Go in peace and serve the Lord.ALL:In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude



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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Comment: "God saves the Gentiles"

In this reading from the story of the early church, followers of Jesus living in Judea and Jerusalem are astonished to learn of the conversion of Gentiles as Peter tells them of his heavenly vision and how the Holy Spirit fell upon the new believers. The vision helped Peter understand that the observance of food laws and the like was not essential for discipleship.

Psalm 148

The whole of creation and all peoples join together in praise of the Lord.

Second Lesson: (The Epistle): Revelation 21:1-6

Comment: "New heaven, new earth."

In this lesson, John the Seer has a vision of the renewal of all creation and of the new Jerusalem as the city in which God will abide with redeemed humanity. The old order has passed away and death is no more, neither pain nor the causes of distress and sadness. Christ in victory, the Alpha and Omega, promises living water to any who thirst.

Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35

Comment: "Love one another."

In our Gospel lesson, **Jesus speaks to his disciples on the night that he is to be betrayed and handed over to death.** Yet, his dying as the Son of Man will also be the way that God is glorified—both because of Jesus' sacrifice on behalf of others and because of his resurrection and victory over the power of death. Jesus' disciples will now be known by their following of his new commandment—that they love one another with the same sacrificial love he has shown them.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Gifts, Memorials and Thanksgiving: Members are invited to donate items for use in worship in memory of loved ones who have passed, and to celebrate birthdays, wedding and confirmation anniversaries and other achievements. Donation options may also include **flowers to decorate the church on** First Sundays or during the Church's Festivals. To offer your donation, you may contact the Administrative Assistant.

Bereavement: Sincere condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Sybil Oneta Alleyne of Station Hill, St. Michael, whose funeral service took place on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 2:00 P.M in the Cathedral; the family of the late Myrle D. Johnson, of Simmons Road, Rendezvous, Christ Church, whose funeral took place on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at St. Matthias Church, Christ Church, at 2:00 P.M.; and the family of the late Mrs. Oslyna Agard-Griffith, of Palm Road, Tudor Bridge, St. Michael, whose funeral will take place on Thursday, May 23rd, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at the Cathedral.

May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.

Novena: The nine days between Ascension Day and Pentecost, **May 31 to June 8, 2019** offer us an opportunity for prayer and reflection. We invite you to pray, "Thy Kingdom Come" - that the Holy Spirit would come and bless and challenge us to witness to God's life-changing work. To find

out more about "Thy Kingdom Come", visit: www.thykingdom.global

DIOCESAN NEWS

Annual Diocesan Synod: This year's opening Session of the Synod will be held on Sunday, May 19th, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. This year's Synod will be under the theme: **"A Rising Church to Raise Our Nation."** Business sessions will be held on Monday, May 20th, 2019 and Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 at the Ivan Harewood Centre, Christ Church. Both sessions will commence at 9:00 A.M.

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

May 19th, 2019 The Fifth Sunday of Easter 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist with Baptism Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist in attendance The St. Michael's Lodge #2253 ECPreacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

5:00 P.M. ~ Synod Service under the theme "A Rising Church to Raise Our Nation."Bishop's Charge ~The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell, MA

> **Tuesday, August 21**st **12:15 P.M.** ~ Holy Eucharist

> Wednesday, August 22nd 10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Thursday, August 23rd 12:15 P.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Next Sunday, May 26th Sixth Sunday of Easter 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist 11:00 A.M. ~ 53rd Independence Church Service

of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana 6:00 P.M. ~ Evensong



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating Birthdays this week May 19th – 25th, 2019

> Ms. Sheila McCollin ~ 20th Ms. Beverley M. Small ~ 20th Mr. Lawrence E. Pollard ~ 21st Ms. Donnah M. Russell ~ 22nd Mr. Leslie Layne ~ 23rd



May God bless and strengthen you.

"The practise of Christian charity is the finest praise of the Lord."



LEADERS OF ORGANISATIONS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Fellowship:	Mr. John Moore
Mothers' Union:	Mrs. Colleen Byer
Church Army:	Captain Donnah Russell
Woman's Auxiliary:	Ms. Shirley Clarke
Ushers' Guild:	Mrs. Juno Burrows
Outreach Committee:	Mrs. Delores Hinds
Guild of Servers:	Major Charleston Maxwell
	and Mr. Jerry Alleyne
Health Ministry:	Dr. Wendy Sealy
Sunday School:	Mrs. Harriett Blackman
Flower Guild:	Mrs. Anita Yarde

Guild of St. Raphael: Mr. Darwin Clarke





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