

A SERVICE
to mark the
53rd Anniversary of
The Independence of Guyana
“One People, One Nation, One Destiny”



Theme

“Patriotism”

at

The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and
All Angels

on

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26th, 2019

at 11:00 A.M.

Dean of the Cathedral

The Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

Assistant Priest

The Reverend Canon George Knight

The Reverend Dr. Marcus Lashley

The Reverend Richard Kellman

Organist and Choir Master

Mr. John Bryan, BSc, B. Mus

The National Flag of Guyana

The National Flag of Guyana is called the ‘Golden Arrowhead;’
It bears five colours red, black, yellow, white and green.

The flag has the unique design of two triangles –
one within the other, issuing from the same base.

The Outer triangle is gold-colour (arrow-shaped),
with a narrow border of white along two sides.

The inner triangle is red with a narrow strip of black,
bordering the sides.

The background of the flag is green,
representing the agricultural and forest nature of Guyana.
The white border represents the rivers and water potential.

The golden arrow represents Guyana’s mineral wealth,
and the black border the endurance that will sustain
the forward thrust of the Guyanese people.

The red of the flag represents the zeal and dynamic
nature of nation-building which lies
before the young and independent Guyana

*The Guyana Flag was designed by Whitney Smith,
Director of the Flag Centre, Florida, USA.*

The Order of Service

Organ Prelude

All stand as the Cathedral Choir & Clergy enter the Cathedral

The Barbados Girls Guides presents the Flags of Barbados and Guyana

The Welcome and Invocation ~*The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we welcome you to this Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels, built on a site hallowed by the people of this place for the worship of God. Here, through the years, our forbearers have come to celebrate occasions of joy and to seek strength in times of fear and sorrow. Here they have known the unity of a common citizenship and the meaning of a common purpose in the service of God and each other.

Today, we meet to mark the 53rd Anniversary of the Independence of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and seek Divine guidance and blessing upon the celebrations.

But now, let us first keep silence and acknowledge God's presence among us.

Let us also remember how God's loving purposes are thwarted by our neglect of his commands.

And finally let us follow where others have gone before, and fill this place with our praise and prayer to God who makes us one, who by the example of His Son, Jesus calls us live together in peace and to honour our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit.

The Opening Hymn 382 ~ The Cathedral Choir and Congregation

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;

ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

‘Worthy the Lamb that died,’ they cry,
‘to be exalted thus;’
‘Worthy the Lamb,’ our lips reply,
‘for he was slain for us.’

Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748),
alt. as in Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised, 1950*

Hindu Reading: Kalika Ramdat and Narisha Ashwanauth

Selections by the Roraima Singers

- **Song: *Roraima Singer ~ Song of hope***
- **Song: *Roraima Singer ~ Children of Guyana***

Muslim Reading: Mufti Sultan Khan

The Psalm 33 *Exultate, justi*

1. REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
2. Praise the Lord with harp: sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

3. Sing unto the Lord a new song: sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.
4. For the word of the Lord is true: and all his works are faithful.
5. He loveth righteousness and judgement: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
6. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
7. He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap: and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.
8. Let all the earth fear the Lord: stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.
9. For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.
10. The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.
11. The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever: and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
12. Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah: and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.
13. The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men: from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

14. He fashioneth all the hearts of them: and understandeth all their works.
15. There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host: neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
16. A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man: neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
17. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him: and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
18. To deliver their soul from death: and to feed them in the time of death.
19. Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord: for he is our help and our shield.
20. For our heart shall rejoice in him: because we have hoped in his holy Name.
21. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us: like as we do put our trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

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

All sit

A Reading from the Old Testament: Isaiah 26:1-8

Lector: Dr. Nicole Moore-Clark, President of the Guyanese
Association in Barbados

A reading from the word of God written in the book of Isaiah,
Chapter 26, beginning at verse 1.

On that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; he sets up victory like walls and bulwarks. ² Open the gates, so that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in. ³ Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—in peace because they trust in you. ⁴ Trust in the LORD for ever, for in the LORD GOD you have an everlasting rock. ⁵ For he has brought low the inhabitants of the eight; the lofty city he lays low. He lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust. ⁶ The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy. ⁷ The way of the righteous is level; O Just One, you make smooth the path of the righteous. ⁸ In the path of your judgements, O LORD, we wait for you; your name and your renown are the soul's desire.

READER: The Word of the Lord

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

All remain seated

The Anthem: The Cathedral Choir ~ “*Look at the world*” (Rutter)

All remain seated

A Reading from the New Testament: Mark 12:13-17

Lector: Ms. Shakezia Kowlessar, Representative of the Guyana Students Association

A reading from the word of God written in Book of Mark, Chapter 12, beginning at verse 13.

13 Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. ¹⁴And they came and said to him, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to

no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? ¹⁵Should we pay them, or should we not?’ But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, ‘Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.’ ¹⁶And they brought one. Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ ¹⁷Jesus said to them, ‘Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ And they were utterly amazed at him.

READER: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

All stand

The Hymn 271

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with light and comfort from above;
be thou our guardian, thou our guide,
o’er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,
and make us know and choose thy way;
plant holy fear in every heart,
that we from God may ne’er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living way,
nor let us from his pastures stray;
lead us to holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heaven, that we may share
fullness of joy for ever there;
lead us to God, our final rest,

to be with him for ever blest.

Words: Simon Browne (1680-1732), with others

All sit

The Address ~ *Mrs. Cita Pilgrim,*

Consul General of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana

All stand

The Hymn 384

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting
sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend
thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before
him!

Let the amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.

*Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680),
from Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren, German;
translation: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

The Sermon ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

All stand

The Hymn 742

I vow to thee, my country,
all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love:

the love that asks no question,
the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.

And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies,
we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently

her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace.

Words: Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

All sit or kneel

The Prayers

1. For the Nation

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the people of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give the people of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that they may use their liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

2. For the Government

Almighty God our heavenly Father, send down upon the President and members of the Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

3. For the Youth

Lord, we thank you for the challenge and opportunities of our world, for the freedom of travel and the richness of meeting across the frontiers of nation, race and culture; we thank you that injustice and inequality among people move us with deep disturbance. We also give you thanks for friends and homes, for youth and strength, for hopes and dreams, and pray that the youth of Guyana would be honest, live up to the best we know, and grow in your knowledge

and love with such boldness and generosity of spirit to serve your world with healing and saving hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

4. For Healing, Tolerance and Unity

Dear Lord, your people are divided, unloving, prejudiced at times, inclined to misunderstanding and intolerant; Make us instead united, loving open to learning, understanding, forgiving and tolerant that your people would live and work, worship and serve in peace and harmony in the years ahead. May your Spirit dwell in all people across the rivers and bind them in one united stream for justice and righteousness all their days; in your name we pray.

All: Amen.

5. All join in saying the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

All stand

The Offertory Hymn ~ 189 vs. 1-4, & last

To thee, our God, we fly
for mercy and for grace;

O hear our lowly cry,
and hide not thou thy face.

Refrain

*O Lord, stretch forth thy mighty hand,
and guard and bless our fatherland.*

Arise, O Lord of Hosts!
be jealous for thy name,
and drive from out our coasts
the sins that put to shame.

Refrain

Thy best gifts from on high
in rich abundance pour,
that we may magnify
and praise thee more and more.

Refrain

The powers ordained by thee
with heavenly wisdom bless;
may they thy servants be,
and rule in righteousness.

Refrain

Though vile and worthless, still
thy people, Lord, are we;
and for our God we will
none other have but thee.

Refrain

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Closing Prayers and Blessing

The Retrieval of the flags by The Barbados Girls Guide

Recital of the National Pledge followed by

The National Anthems of Guyana & Barbados

The National Pledge of Guyana

I pledge myself to honour always the Flag of Guyana
and to be loyal to my country
to be obedient to the laws of Guyana
to love my fellow citizens
and to dedicate my energies towards
the happiness and prosperity of Guyana.

The National Anthem of Guyana

Dear land of Guyana, of rivers and plains;
Made rich by the sunshine, and lush by the rains,
Set gem-like and fair, between mountains and sea,
Your children salute you, dear land of the free

Green land of Guyana, our heroes of yore,
Both bondsmen and free, laid their bones on your shore.
This soil so they hallowed, and from them are we,
All sons of one Mother, Guyana the free.

Great land of Guyana, diverse though our strains,
We're born of their sacrifice, heirs of their pains,
And ours is the glory their eyes did not see,
One land of six peoples, united and free.

Dear land of Guyana, to you will we give,

Our homage, our service, each day that we live;
God guard you, great Mother, and make us to be
More worthy our heritage, land of the free.

*Words by A. L. Luker.
Music by R.C.G. Potter.*

The National Anthem of Barbados

In plenty and in time of need
When this fair land was young
Our brave forefathers sowed the seed
From which our pride has sprung
A pride that makes no wanton boast
Of what it has withstood
That binds our hearts from coast to coast
The pride of nationhood

Chorus

We loyal sons and daughters all
Do hereby make it known
These fields and hills beyond recall
Are now our very own
We write our names on history's page
With expectations great
Strict guardians of our heritage
Firm craftsmen of our fate
The Lord has been the people's guide
For past three hundred years.
With Him still on the people's side
We have no doubts or fears.
Upward and onward we shall go,
Inspired, exulting, free,
And greater will our nation grow
In strength and unity.

*Words by Mr. Irving Burgie.
Music by Mr. C. Van Roland Edwards.*

Remain in place as the Flag party, Cathedral Choir and Clergy depart.

Organ Postlude



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