The Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels

St. Michael's Row, Bridgetown, Barbados



Sunday, March 22nd, 2020

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March 22nd, 2020 The Fourth Sunday in Lent: Mothering Sunday

The Cathedral is closed to public worship; however, members are asked to pray the Office of Morning Prayer, at home with their household.

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"Fourth Sunday in Lent"

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: evermore give us this bread, that He may live in us, and we in Him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Comment: "David is chosen and anointed"

In this Hebrew scripture the Lord sends Samuel to anoint David to be the new king over Israel. God has rejected Saul as king but he remains in power and Samuel must go secretly on his mission. As so often happens in the Bible, one who seems least likely in the eyes of others is chosen by God to carry out the divine will.

Psalm 23

The Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

Second Reading (The Epistle): Ephesians 5:8-14

Comment "Live as children of light"

In this New Testament lesson, disciples are called to be a people of the light, forsaking all the works of darkness. Their present life is to be in sharp contrast with their actions before they became Christians. All that is done is to be exposed to the light. The passage closes with what was probably part of an ancient hymn used at baptisms.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

Comment: "The man born blind"

Our Gospel is the story of Jesus' healing of a man born blind. Jesus brings light into a dark world. Many people of the time regarded the man's blindness to be a result of sin, but Jesus helps him to see, at first physically, and then spiritually as well. The man withstands the criticism of the religious officials and worships Jesus as the Son of Man and his Lord.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

- 1. Confirmation Classes: Please note that registration for Confirmation Classes has started. It is anticipated that Confirmation will be celebrated in November, as part of the Diocese's "Mission 2020: God's Gathering" initiative. Interested persons can collect forms from the table at the west door of the Cathedral. Completed forms should be returned to the Office as soon as possible.
- **2. Luncheon:** Please note that the Annual Family Day luncheon, originally planned for Sunday, May 3rd, 2020 has been postponed.
- **3. A Solemn Musick for Good Friday:** This annual recital, originally scheduled for Friday, April 10th, 2019 has been cancelled.
- **4. Household Worship:** The cathedral is closed to public worship; however, members are encouraged to pray the office of Morning Prayer at the regular Sunday service times, 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., or at a time convenient to the family. The Daily Office can also serve as a personal or family discipline. The Daily Lectionary for Lent 4 begins on page 744, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 2, and the readings for Monday, March 23rd, 2020 are Genesis 49:1-28; Psalm 89:1-18; and Mark 7:24-37.
- **5. Office Hours:** The Cathedral Office will remain open on Monday to Friday, from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.
- **6. Cathedral Opening Hours:** The Cathedral will remain open for personal prayer and private devotion on a daily

basis, Monday to Friday 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and on Saturdays from 7:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Please see the attached Bishop's Pastoral Letter. (Attachment #1)



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week

22nd to 28th March 2020

Ms. Harriett V. W. Blackman ~ 22nd
Mrs. Audrey D. Cox ~ 26th
Mrs. Doreen Y. Weekes ~ 26th
Ms. Monica Henry ~ 27th



May God bless and strengthen you.



THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Through our Lenten penances, we move from the darkness of our old ways to the light of Jesus' way."



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