

DIOCESE OF BARBADOS



CHRISM MASS

Thursday April 1, 2021

10.00 AM

at

The Cathedral Church of
St Michael and All Angels

President
The Right Reverend Michael Maxwell
Bishop of Barbados

Unity, Renewal of Vows and Promises

The Chrism Mass reminds us of our oneness in Christ through Baptism and its holy anointing, made possible by the ministry of the Bishop and his priests.

The Chrism mass is also a key moment in which the unity of the Bishop with his priests is manifested and renewed. During the liturgy, the entire assembly is called to renew its baptismal promises; deacons and priests also renew their vow of obedience to the local Bishop and their commitment to serve God's people.

At the end of the Chrism Mass, the Holy Oils are brought back to parishes of the diocese for use in the coming year.

One Flock, One Eucharist

Gathered Around the Bishop

The Procession of the Officiating Ministers will enter the Cathedral during an Organ Voluntary.

INTROIT HYMN 703

The earth, O Lord, is one wide field
of all thy chosen seed;
the crop prepared its fruit to yield;
the labourers few indeed.

We therefore come before thee now
by fasting, and by prayer,
beseeching of thy love that thou
wouldst send more laborers there.

Not for our land alone we pray,
though that above the rest;
the realms and islands far away,
O let them all be blessed.

Endue the bishops of thy flock
with wisdom and with grace,
against false doctrine, like a rock,
to set the heart and face.

To all thy priests thy truth reveal,
and make thy judgments clear;
make thou thy deacons full of zeal
and humble and sincere.

And give their flocks a lowly mind
to hear and to obey;
that each and all may mercy find
at thine appearing-day.

OPENING SENTENCE

BISHOP: You are a chosen race, a royal Priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.

ACCLAMATION

BISHOP: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

PEOPLE: **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BISHOP: Let us pray

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

BISHOP: Let us pray

Almighty God, who by the power of the Holy Spirit anointed your Son to be Messiah and Priest forever, grant that all whom you have called to his service may confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share in his eternal priesthood; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *The Rev'd Suzanne Ellis*

Isaiah 61:1-8

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Aliens shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers; but you shall be called the priests of the LORD, men shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, Instead of your shame you shall have a double portion, instead of dishonour you shall rejoice in your lot; therefore in your land you shall possess a double portion; yours shall be everlasting joy. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

PSALM 23 (Crimond Version)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff my comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *The Rev'd Peter Boxill*

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, every one who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and

the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GRADUAL HYMN 508

A charge to keep I have,
a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save,
and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,
my calling to fulfill,
O may it all my powers engage
to do my Master's will.

Arm me with jealous care,
as in thy sight to live;
and, O, thy servant, Lord, prepare
a good account to give.

Help me to watch and pray,
and on thyself rely;
and let me ne'er my trust betray,
but press to realms on high.

THE GOSPEL

The Rev'd Roslyn Harper-Johnson

Luke 4:16-21

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

THE SERMON

HYMN BEFORE REAFFIRMATION -700

Lord, pour thy Spirit from on high,
and thine ordained 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 crown of glory shine.

REAFFIRMATION OF VOWS

After the Sermon, the Bishop sits in a chair before the Altar and addresses those who are to renew their vows.

The Clergy stand facing the Bishop, who says these or similar words.

My Brothers and sisters, the ministry we share is none other than the sacrificial ministry of Christ, who gave himself up to death on the cross for the salvation of the world. By his glorious resurrection he has opened for us the way of everlasting life. By

the gift of the Holy Spirit he shares with us the riches of his grace.

We are called to proclaim his death and resurrection, to administer the Sacraments of the New Covenant which he sealed with his blood on the cross, and to care for his people in the power of the Spirit.

Do you here, in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to your ministry.

ANSWER: I do.

BISHOP: Do you reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study?

ANSWER: I do.

BISHOP: Do you reaffirm your promise so to minister the Word of God and the Sacraments of the New Covenant that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

ANSWER: I do.

BISHOP: Do you reaffirm your promise to be a faithful servant of all those committed to your care, patterning your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

ANSWER: I do.

The Clergy kneel.

The Bishop then stands and makes this affirmation

And now, as your Bishop, I too, before God and you, rededicate myself and reaffirm the promises I made when I was ordained. Pray for me that despite my own unworthiness I may faithfully fulfil the office of Chief Pastor which Jesus Christ has entrusted to me.

Pray that I may become more like our High Priest and Good Shepherd, the Teacher and Servant of all, and so be a genuine sign of Christ's loving presence among you.

RESPONSE: Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.

Bishop and Clergy

May the Lord who has given us the will to do these things, give us also the grace and power to perform them.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

BISHOP: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, to give his life a ransom for many.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

ANSWER: And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 528

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou has sought, so let me seek
thine erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that while I stand
firm on the Rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things thou dost impart,
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O give thine own sweet rest to me,
that I may speak with soothing power
a word in season, as from thee,
to weary ones in needful hour.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as thou wilt, and when, and where;
until thy blessed face I see,
thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

When the offerings are presented at the altar, the following shall be said:

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:

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
for you anointed your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit and with power;
and you anoint us with the same Spirit in baptism,
making us a Holy people in the royal priesthood
of the new covenant.

Your apostles anointed the sick and healed them, and by your
grace, the ministry of healing continues in your Church.

For you sustain us with your presence
and drive away sickness of body and spirit,
giving us new life and health that we may serve you
both now and ever more.

Therefore we praise you with all the company of heaven,
who for ever 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.**

PRESIDENT:

We give thanks to you Lord our God, for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be
your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and
above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these
last days you sent Him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to
be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In Him, you have
delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, a death He freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

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."

ALL:

Therefore, Father, according to his command, we remember His death, we proclaim His resurrection, we await His coming in glory.

PRESIDENT:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

The Bishop extends his hands over Bread and Wine

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and His blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice that we, made acceptable in Him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop extends his hands over Oils

Send your Holy Spirit on these oils, that those who in faith and repentance receive this holy unction may be made whole,

The Bishop extends his hands over the Oil

(and that those who are sealed with this chrism may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ.)

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and ever.

RESPONSE: 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 for ever. 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 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 Invitation

PRESIDENT: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL: **Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we
will sing glad songs of praise to Him.**

THE COMMUNION HYMNS: 568, 579

HYMN 568

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus, thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour;
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus, at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
in the solemn sacrament.

All for Jesus, thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus, thou hast died;
all for Jesus, thou art with us;
all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this the church's song must be,
till, at last, we all are gathered,
one in love and one in thee.

HYMN 579

Come with us, O blessed Jesus,
with us evermore to be;
and, though leaving now thine altar,
let us nevermore leave thee.
Be thou one with us for ever,
in our life thy love divine
our own flesh and blood has taken,
and to us thou givest thine.

Come with us. O mighty Saviour,
God from God, and Light from Light;
thou art God, thy glory veiling,
so that we may bear the sight.
Now we go to seek and serve thee,
through our work as through our prayer;
grant us light to see and know thee,
in thy people everywhere.

Come with us, O King of glory,
by angelic voices praised;
in our hearts as in thy heaven,
be enraptured anthems raised.
Let the mighty chorus ever
sing its glad exultant songs;
let its hymn be heard for ever –
peace for which creation longs.

THE POST COMMUNION

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

PEOPLE: And also with you

PRESIDENT: Let us pray

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the body and blood of your Son, and for uniting us through Him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your word and sacraments. We pray that they may be to us godly examples in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with them may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

THE BLESSING

PRESIDENT: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

PEOPLE: The maker of heaven and earth.

PRESIDENT: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

PEOPLE: From this time forth for evermore.

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, who for the salvation of mankind gives to his people many gifts and ministries to the advancement of His glory, stir up in you the gifts of His grace, sustain each one of you in your own ministry; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen

DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN 306

Facing a task unfinished,
that drives us to our knees,
a need that, undiminished,
rebukes our slothful ease,
we who rejoice to know thee,
renew before thy throne
the solemn pledge we owe thee,
to go and make thee known.

Where other lords beside thee
hold their unhindered sway,
where forces that defied thee
defy thee still today,
with none to heed their crying
for life, and love, and light,
unnumbered souls are dying,
and pass into the night.

We bear the torch that, flaming,
fell from the hands of those
who gave their lives, proclaiming
that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission,
the same glad message ours;
fired by the same ambition,
to thee we yield our powers.

O Father who sustained them,
O Spirit who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them
to toil with zeal untired,
from cowardice defend us,
from lethargy awake!
Forth on thine errands send us,
to labour for thy sake.

Holy Chrism

Over the years of its existence, the Holy Chrism has been known by many names, such as "oil," "oil of Thanksgiving," "oil of anointing," "Chrism," "Chrism of thanksgiving," "Chrism from heavens," "mystical Chrism," "myrrh," "divine myrrh," "mystical myrrh," "great myrrh," and "holy and great myrrh." Today, the terms generally used are "Holy Myrrh" or "Holy Chrism."

Chrism and its uses

The first chrism was made by the prophet and Law giver, Moses, according to directions given him by God, and used by him to consecrate the Tabernacle and anoint Aaron for the service of the High Priest. All subsequent prophets, high priests and kings over Israel were likewise chrismated, as was anything or anyone reserved exclusively to the service of God or to a life of holiness. We find in the Old Testament scriptures many references to this special rite: "I have found David My servant, with My holy oil have I anointed him" (Ps. 88:19); "Touch not Mine anointed ones" (Ps. 101:15).

The word "chrism" or "anointment" is also directly related to "Christ" as "the Anointed One" (Ps. 2:2; John 2:41). It is in Christ that the first anointing given under the old Law was fulfilled: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit" (Acts 10:38)



