

# The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels The Diocese of Barbados

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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Services 7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.

## The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost YEAR B

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist President: The Rev'd Dr. Marcus Lashley

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist President: The Rev'd Dr. Marcus Lashley Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Judy King

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

## Emergency Management (COVID-19) Churches (No. 12) Directive, 2021

The following protocols will be enforced: Attendance is limited to one hundred persons maximum, three feet apart in all directions; Temperature checks upon arrival; Wearing of Masks, Designated Seating; the Use of an Offering Box; Physical Distancing - Three (3) feet apart; No physical exchange of the Greeting of Peace; Sanitization of Hands before entering the Cathedral and before Communion.

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn** ~ 413

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand: bread of heaven,

feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through: strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:

songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791)

#### Opening Sentence "General"

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I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord. *Psalm 122:1* 

#### THE INVOCATION

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#### PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **ALL:**

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

#### **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.

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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: **Proper 12** Page 176 "The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost"

Let us pray.

God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Linda Springer 9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donna Russell

A reading from the Word of God written in the Second Book of Kings, chapter 4, verses 42-44.

#### Elisha Feeds One Hundred Men

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left."' <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord. **ALL:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:10-19 Exaltabo te, Deus

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- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Small 9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Juno Burrows

A reading from the Word of God written in the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians, chapter 3, verses 14-21.

#### Prayer for the Readers

<sup>14</sup>This is the reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts

through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord. **ALL:** Thanks be to God.

#### The Gradual **Hymn** ~ 463

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy praise!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

The Holy Gospel: John 6:1-21

**Gospellers:** 

7:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson 9:00 A.M. ~ The Rev'd Canon George Knight

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And also with you

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, chapter 6, verses 1 to 21.

#### **ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour**

#### Feeding the Five Thousand

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy

bread for these people to eat?' <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' 15 When Jesus realised that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

#### Jesus Walks on the Water

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

**ALL:** Praise to Christ our Lord.

#### The Sermon:

7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M. ~ The Rev'd Dr. Marcus Lashley

#### The Nicene Creed

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.** 

INTERCESSION FORM "C" with amendments Page 108 Intercessors:

7:00 A. M. ~ Mrs. Zida Hunte 9:00 A. M. ~ Mr. Edwin Pollard

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

#### LEADER:

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls: we pray for all children who will write the Barbados Secondary School Entrance Examination on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

#### LEADER:

For the peace and welfare of the world, for the witness and work of the Church, especially the Scottish Episcopal Church, and for the unity of all peoples:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

#### LEADER:

For our Bishops and all ministers of God's Word and Sacraments, that they may be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the Lord's coming: especially for Fr. Marcus as his ministry in the Cathedral comes to an end today.

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

#### LEADER:

For the leaders of the nations and for those in authority among us, that they may serve justice and promote the freedom and dignity of all people: we pray for peace for the people of Haiti, and for their new Prime Minister, Mr. Ariel Henry: for the people of St. Lucia as they prepare for General Elections; and for a just and peaceful solution to the unrest in Cuba.

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

#### LEADER:

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression, and for all who labour in the cause of human liberation and fulfillment:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

#### LEADER:

For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying; and for all who remember and care for them: especially we pray for mercy upon our world challenged by a global pandemic; we pray for healing where infections are resurgent, for equality of access to vaccinations in all countries, and for the capacity to overcome vaccine hesitancy in our country and across the world:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

#### LEADER:

For deliverance from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought, flood, or volcanic eruption, and for a just and proper use of God's creation: we especially remember the people of our country and the other islands of the Eastern Caribbean, recovering in the aftermath of hurricane Elsa; and we also pray for the people of Western Europe and China affected by floods.

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

#### LEADER:

For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light: especially those celebrating birthdays this week, Thorill, Coralie and Monica and Amber, and any other person not mentioned by name: Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Silence may be kept.

#### **ALL**:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people in the multitude of your mercies. Look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help: for you are gracious O Lord of love, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

#### **ACT OF PENITENCE**

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#### 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.

A period of silence shall be kept.

#### PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

#### **ALL:**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Amen*.

#### THE ABSOLUTION

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#### PRESIDENT:

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

ALL: Amen.

#### THE GREETING OF THE PEACE "A" Page 124

#### PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised 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.

#### PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory **Hymn** ~ 672

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou for ever near me, my master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway,

if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near: I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within: but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will: O speak to re-assure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

O let me see thy footmarks, and in them plant mine own; my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone; O guide me, call me, draw me,

#### uphold me to the end; and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my friend.

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

#### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER "B"

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#### 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 EUCHARISTC 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:

## **PROPER PREFACE** ~ "Of God the Father" Page 130 For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with 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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#### PRESIDENT:

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

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:

through Him from whom all good things do come.

#### **ALL:**

Blessing and honour and glory and power Be yours for ever and ever. 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 forever. Amen.

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD "A"** Page 145

#### 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 COMMUNION

The Invitation "B"

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#### 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 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/Spiritual Communion

#### The Communion **Hymn** ~ 504

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears, within, without, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,

wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve: because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown has broken every barrier down), now to be thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above, O Lamb of God, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871)

**Anthem** ~ "King of Glory, King of Peace" (Eric H. Thiman)

#### THE POST COMMUNION "A"

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#### **ALL:**

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

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you this day and forever more.

#### ALL: Amen.

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### THE DISMISSAL

The Recessional Hymn ~ 372

NOW thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessèd peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649)

Organ Postlude

#### WELCOME AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL



#### The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

**Comment:** "Elisha feeding a hundred people" In our Hebrew Bible lesson, **God's abundant provision for** 

the people is shown in the multiplication of the first fruits from the village of Baal-shalishah. The prophet Elisha insists that the people be fed with limited supplies, and when they are set before the people, God gives increase. In accordance with the prophet's word, there is food left over when all have eaten. The miracle recalls the manna sent from God in the Sinai wilderness, and, for Christians, anticipates Jesus' feeding of the multitude.

#### Psalm 145:10-19

A hymn of praise to the Lord, who is mighty in deeds, yet tender and compassionate. Second Reading (The Epistle): Ephesians 3:14-21

**Comment:** "Prayer for wisdom, strength, and Christ's indwelling"

In our epistle lesson the author, in the language of praise, expresses fervent hope that the community of the church might know the rich abundance of God's indwelling Spirit. There is a power and wisdom which comes only from Christ, surpassing all knowledge. The blessing of knowing Christ exceeds all that can be imagined, and will be at work for every generation of those who are, through faith, members of Christ Jesus and his church.

The Holy Gospel: John 6:1-21

**Comment:** "Christ feeding the five thousand"

Our gospel is the story of the feeding of the five thousand people by Jesus. The narrative recalls the story of the food miraculously provided to the Israelites in the wilderness. So do the people declare Jesus to be the new prophet whom God had promised to raise up in Moses' place. But then they misunderstand Jesus' mission and want to make him a king because he has provided them with food. The story contains a number of other themes. The twelve baskets of fragments may signify the mission to the Gentile nations. Christians perceive in this meal a foretaste of the messianic banquet in heaven. It also prefigures the Eucharist. Jesus is the bread come down from heaven.

#### **CATHEDRAL NEWS**

**Financial Stewardship:** The ministry of the Cathedral is supported primarily by its members' contributions weekly and monthly. However, if you would like to support the stewardship of this sacred place, please donate to St. Michael's Cathedral, Bridgetown, St. Michael.

Friends and well-wishers may write to stmichaelcathedral@caribsurf.com or call 1 246-427-0790 for more details. Meantime, donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606. Special projects at this time are: Audio Equipment (cost: \$20,000.00; donations as at June 30, 2021: \$14,640.00); Ashfall Clean-up (cost: \$15,000.00; donations as at June 30, 2021; \$2,911.00) and Online Ministry. Donations may also be made in marked envelopes and placed in the Offering Box or brought to the Administrative Office. All donations are appreciated.

**Cathedral Ministry:** The Rev'd Dr. Marcus Lashley's assignment to the Cathedral will come to an end on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Today, Sunday will therefore be his last Sunday among us in his capacity as Assistant Priest. We thank God for his ministry over the past eight years and extend best wishes to him in his future service to Christ and the nation.





**THE DAILY OFFICES:** The recitation of Morning and Evening Prayer forms part of the discipline of clergy and laity. The Daily Office can also serve as a personal or family discipline. The Daily Lectionary for Proper 12, begins on page 765, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 1, and the readings for Sunday are Psalms 24 and 29; 2 Samuel 1:17-27; Romans 12:9-21; for Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, are 2 Samuel 2:1-11, Psalms 56 and 57, and Acts 15:36-16:5 and for the rest of the week as follows on page 765.

**Flowers:** The Cathedral Church takes this opportunity to thank anonymous donors for their gift of the flowers adorning our church today, as we celebrate with the Rev'd Dr. Marcus Lashley on his last Sunday as Assistant Priest of the Cathedral family.

#### THEME FOR THE WEEK

"We must respect the Spirit of God in others."



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, July 2021.

Mr. Thorill O. Martin ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Ms. Coralie Sandiford ~ 26<sup>th</sup> Ms. Monica Davis ~ 28<sup>th</sup>



May God bless and strengthen you.





Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Mr. Aldon and Mrs. Margaret Browne, Mrs. Colleen Byer, Ms. Eudora Cooper, Ms. Alice P. Hall, Mr. Jonathan Holder, Mrs. Olga Holder, Ms. Selina Jones, Mrs. Vida King, Mr. Blair Murray, Ms. Phyllis Springer, Ms. Winifred Trotman, Ms. Marcia Watson, and Mr. Ronald Wilkinson.





**Bereavement:** We extend sincere condolences to the family of the late Mr. Allison Daniel who died on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We thank God for his life, work, and witness among us.

May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.



#### **CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

Today, Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, July 28th, 2021 10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



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