

# St. Michael's Cathedral

# Services for The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:00 A.M. & 9.00 A.M.

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

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# The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost YEAR B

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist President & Preacher: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist President: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson Preacher: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne

**ANNOUNCEMENT** 

# Emergency Management (COVID-19) Churches (No. 16) Directive, 2021

The following protocols will be enforced: Attendance is limited to twenty-five persons maximum, six feet apart in all directions; Temperature checks upon arrival and signing of the Register; Wearing of Masks, Designated Seating; the Use of an Offering Box; Physical Distancing - Six (6) feet apart; No physical exchange of the Greeting of Peace; Sanitization of Hands before entering the Cathedral and before Communion.

The cooperation of everyone is required

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

# THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

The Opening Hymn ~ 5

New every morning is the love

our wakening and uprising prove; through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life, and power, and thought.

New mercies, each returning day, hover around us while we pray; new perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find, new treasures still, of countless price, God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we need to ask, room to deny ourselves, a road to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love fit us for perfect rest above; and help us, this and every day, to live more nearly as we pray.

Words: John Keble (1792-1866)

Opening Sentence "General"Page 100God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in<br/>spirit and truth. John 4:24

#### THE INVOCATION

PRESIDENT:

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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.

#### THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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#### 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 19Page 178"The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost"

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

# First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Alicia White 9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Sharron Lucas-Blackman

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Isaiah, chapter 50, verses 4 to 9a.

# The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
<sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.
<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

 <sup>7</sup> The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

- <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near.
- Who will contend with me?
- Let us stand up together.
- Who are my adversaries?
  - Let them confront me.
- <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?
- LECTOR: The Word of the Lord. ALL: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 116:1-8 Dilexi, quoniam

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1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,

because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

- 8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.
- 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: James 3:1-12

# Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Alicia White 9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Sharron Lucas-Blackman

A reading from the Word of God written in the Letter of James, chapter 3, verses 1 to 12.

# **Taming the Tongue**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be

tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

# The Gradual Hymn ~ 509

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said, if thou wouldst my disciple be; deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross! Let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm: his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel: thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength, and calmly every danger brave; 'twill guide thee to a better home, and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only he who bears the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three, all praise for evermore ascend: O grant us in our home to see the heavenly life that knows no end.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt.

# The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38 Gospeller: 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

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

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark, chapter 8, verses 27 to 38

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

#### Peter's Declaration about Jesus

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' <sup>29</sup>He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

# Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

GOSPELLER:	The Gospel of Christ.
ALL:	Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Sermon: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

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. Jeanette Rollock 9:00 A. M. ~ Mr. Shaquan Pompey

#### LEADER:

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:

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 Anglican Church in Tanzania; 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: 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 peoples. We remember the people of Afghanistan now under the rule of the Taliban, and the people of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas as they prepare for a General Election on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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: especially Aldon, Margaret, Colleen, Elsie, Eudora, Alice, Jonathan, Olga, Selina, Vida, Blair, Phyllis, Winifred, Marcia, and Ronald; 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, and for equality of access to vaccinations in all countries:

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 pray for the protection of people, planet and wildlife: We especially remember the people of Haiti as the death toll continues to mount from a massive earthquake; countries affected by tropical storms Grace and Ida; also, countries impacted severely by the effects of global warming, especially China, the USA and in Central Europe. 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; Ansena, Cynthia, Harold, Margaret, Tony, Coral, Karl, Kristin, Gail, and Julia 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

#### 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	<b>OF THE PEACE "A"</b>	Page 124

# PRESIDENT:

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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 ~ 348**

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word: from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses with every grace endued. Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore opprest, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distrest, yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?' And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace for evermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won; O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

#### **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**Page 126

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** ~ "The Lord's Day" Page 130 Because on this most glorious day, a triple light was given. On the first day of creation you brought light and life into being. On the first day, for our salvation, you raised your Son victorious over death; and on this day you gave your Holy and lifegiving Spirit to your church. 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 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 "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

- 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 ~ 503

Jesu, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the gathering waters roll, while the tempest still is high: hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenceless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from every sin; let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within; thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee; spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt

#### 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 BLESSING "Pentecost" Page 151

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 ~ 310

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode. On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? with salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove. who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage; grace, which like the Lord the Giver, never fails from age to age?

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear, for a glory and a coveringshowing that the Lord is near. Thus they march, the pillar leading, light by night and shade by day; daily on the manna feeding which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, since of Zion's city, I, through grace, a member am, let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name. Fading is the world's best pleasure, all it's boasted pomp and show; solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), 1779

Organ Postlude



AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

**Comment:** "The servant is vindicated by God"

Our first reading tells of the servant who speaks for the Lord and suffers persecution, but still trusts in God's help and vindication. This is the third of the "servant songs" which come from a period late in Israel's exile. The servant might be thought to be the faithful of Israel, the prophet himself, or another historical or idealised figure. The people are weary and tired of the Lord's calling, but the servant steadfastly continues. Christians have long perceived in these words a foretelling of Jesus' mission.

# Psalm 116:1-8

An offering of thanksgiving and praise by one who has been rescued from death.

Second Reading (The Epistle): James 3:1-12

# **Comment:** "Dangers of the unbridled tongue"

In this New Testament lesson, the community is reminded that one who instructs others will be held to a high standard, and such a position should only be aspired to by those wellformed in faith. **Of particular concern are habits of speech.** The tongue is compared to a small rudder able to control a large ship at sea. There is great danger in an uncontrolled tongue, and many forms of careless speech are enumerated. The Christian must learn self-discipline in order that God may be glorified.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

# **Comment:** "Peter's confession of faith"

In the gospel, Peter recognises that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus then describes the true nature of the ministry of the Son of Man and what it means to follow in his way. The passage reminds us that during Jesus' lifetime and afterwards, there was speculation about his role. Some saw him as a kind of re-embodiment of John the Baptist or another prophet. Peter is called "Satan" because his words are a temptation to turn away from the suffering and death which come before resurrection. Disciples must also learn that the true self and true life are found by those who will let themselves be lost for the sake of Jesus and the gospel.

#### **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.

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**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 19, begins on page 770, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 1, and the readings for Sunday are Psalms 24 and 29; 1 Kings 19:8-21; Acts 5:34-42; for Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, are 1 Corinthians 1:1-19, Psalms 56, 57, 58, and 1 Kings 21:1-16, and for the rest of the week as follows on page 770.

#### THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Our Christian lives of faith mean good works rather than good words."



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Ms. Ansena M. S. Walters ~ 12<sup>th</sup> Ms. Cynthia A. Sylvester ~ 13<sup>th</sup> Mr. Harold W. Banfield ~ 14<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Margaret A. Best-Grant ~ 14<sup>th</sup> Mr. Tony H. Herbert ~ 14<sup>th</sup> Ms. Coral I. Martin ~ 14<sup>th</sup> Mr. Karl D. A. Banfield ~ 16<sup>th</sup> Ms. Kristin A. D. Smith ~ 16<sup>th</sup> Ms. Gail V. P. Hall ~ 16<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Julia Bourne-Pompey ~ 18<sup>th</sup>



May God bless and strengthen you.



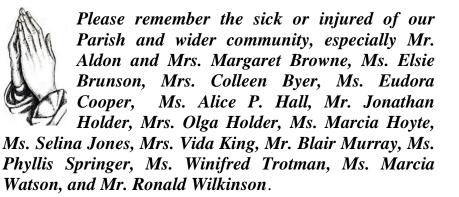


Mr. Leonard M. Hunte and Mrs. Zida S. Hunte, who are celebrating their 46<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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Mr. Anthony Moore and Mrs. Sandra Moore, who are celebrating their 33<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021







#### **CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

Today, Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



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