

St. Michael's Cathedral

Services for The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 10th, 2021 7:00 A.M. & 9.00 A.M.

The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels

The Diocese of Barbados

Diocesan Bishop

The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. John. Maxwell, M. A.

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The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

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7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist President & Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Judy King

ANNOUNCEMENT

Emergency Management (COVID-19) Churches (No. 18) Directive, 2021

The following protocols will be enforced: Attendance is limited to a maximum of one hundred and thirty-five (135) persons, (Nave 83; Balcony 27; Sanctuary/Chancel 16; and Lady Chapel 9); Temperature checks upon arrival and signing of the Register; Wearing of Masks above the Nose and under the Chin; 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** ~ 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)

Opening Sentence "General"

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

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.

THE KYRIES

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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 23**

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"The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost"

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Jeanette Rollock 9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Darwin Clarke

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of, Amos chapter 5, verses 6 to 7, and 10 to 15.

- Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
- Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!
- They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
- Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,
- you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;
- you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.
- For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—
- you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.
- Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.
- Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
- and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.
- Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

Psalm 90:12-17 Domine, refugium

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- 12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.
- 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: Hebrews 4:12-16

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Jeanette Rollock 9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Darwin Clarke

A reading from the Word of God written in the Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 4, verses 12 to 16.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

The Gradual **Hymn** ~ 533

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!

How sweet their memory still!

But they have left an aching void the world can never fill.

Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest: I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be, help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

Gospellers:

7:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson 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 10, verses 17 to 31.

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children,

and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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

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. ~ Ms. Alicia White 9:00 A. M. ~ Mrs. Mary Weekes

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 in the Anglican Communion; we pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa, 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: In the Anglican Church in the Province of the West Indies, we pray for Howard our Archbishop; in this Diocese we pray for our Bishop Michael, Wilfred retired Bishop of Croydon, Rufus retired Diocesan Bishop, and John retired Diocesan Bishop and Archbishop. We pray for this Cathedral Church, for the Dean and other clergy, and all who worship and work here. 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 pray for Sandra our Governor General, Mia our Prime Minister, and all members of Parliament; and we give thanks for the successful hosting of the Fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD 15), recently concluded. 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, Blair, Phyllis, Winifred, Marcia, and Ronald; the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying and for all who remember and care for them: Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER:

For mercy and protection upon our world affected by the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. We pray for all who are affected by this disease: those in hospital or other facilities; the doctors, nurses and all medical personnel who tend the sick; the Chief Medical Officer and all who set public policy; and all who work to keep us safe from this disease.

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER:

For deliverance from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought, flood, fire, or volcanic eruption, and for a just and proper use of God's creation: We especially remember the people of Haiti in the aftermath of an earthquake. Where people are in danger, give them refuge; where they have suffered loss, give them comfort and restoration; where they are in despair, give them hope.

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.

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER:

For those celebrating birthdays this week; Justin, and Cheryl, 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** ~ **539**

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine: it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart: it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

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" Page 131

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

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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 ~ 569

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; alleluia, he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how: though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, Bread of angels, thou on earth our food, our stay; alleluia, here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own; alleluia, born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest; thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high; alleluia to the Saviour, who has gained the victory; alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity; alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

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"

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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 ~ 307**

Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring; Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings; kingship with him his servants gain; with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all, Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth this world of time to consecrate, this world of sin by grace to heal, Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Christ's are our lips, his word we speak; prophets are we whose deeds proclaim Christ's truth in love, that we may be Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

We are the church; Christ bids us show

that in his church all nations find their hearth and home, where Christ restores true peace, true love, to all mankind.

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Organ Postlude



AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Comment: "Turn from injustice to the poor, that you may live"

In our opening reading, the prophet denounces corruption and injustice, but offers hope to the survivors of the impending destruction if they will seek the Lord and love good while hating evil. God's judgement will be like fire on all the iniquities of the people of the northern kingdom in Palestine. They will not live to enjoy their ill-gotten luxury. The prudent individuals will be shocked into silence.

Psalm 90:12-17

The psalmist reflects on the passing character of human life in the face of the Lord's wrath and asks the everlasting God for wisdom to make use of the time.

Second Reading (**The Epistle**): Hebrews 4:12-16

Comment: "Approach the throne of grace with boldness"

The reading reminds us that the Lord's word is active, probing the human heart and all creation, while we can yet boldly approach God's throne because Jesus, our great high priest, has known our weaknesses and temptations. The first statement is a warning: that God's word, which God has spoken at the creation, through the scriptures, and personally in Jesus, is everywhere and makes judgement. But we now have a heavenly high priest, our brother, who knows all about our life, and helps us to find God's mercy. The insistence that Jesus was without sin relies not on extensive knowledge of what he did not do, but on the memory of his positive dedication to God's will.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

Comment: "Teaching on wealth and reward"

In the gospel, Jesus counsels a man to sell all for the benefit of the poor and follow him, and he then teaches how hard it is for those with riches to enter the kingdom. Disciples who now surrender much will receive back all manner of new relationships in the age to come. Jesus first refuses to let himself be called good since that description belongs to God alone. He then finds that the man has tried to live out his duties toward his neighbours in

response to divine love. But the decision for discipleship must go beyond this. If the heart is divided by desires for worldly security, there is no way one can enter into the kingdom's loving justice. Yet by the power of God people can be converted and saved.

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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- i. Audio Equipment (cost: \$20,000.00; donations as at September 30th, 2021: **\$20,000.00**), this has been fully subscribed. Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Audio Equipment appeal.
- ii. Ash-fall Clean-up (cost: \$15,000.00; donations as at September 30th, 2021: **\$4,961.00**); and,
- iii. Online Ministry estimate under consideration.

Donations may also be made in marked envelopes and placed in the Offering Box or brought to the Administrative Office. All donations are appreciated.



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 23, begins on page 773, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 1, and the readings for Sunday are Psalms 146 and 147; Jeremiah 36:1-10; Acts 14:8-18; for Monday, October 11th, 2021, are Jeremiah 36:11-26, Psalms 1, 2, and 3, and 1 Corinthians 13:(1-3), 4-13, and for the rest of the week as follows on page 773.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"We demonstrate our fidelity to God by renouncing whatever does not lead to God."



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week October 10th to 16th, 2021 Mr. Justin M. V. Edwards ~ 11th Ms. Cheryl A. Kelly ~ 13th



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, Ms. Elsie Brunson, Mrs. Colleen Byer, Ms. Eudora Cooper, Ms. Alice P. Hall, Mr. Jonathan Holder, Mrs. Olga Holder, Ms. Marcia Hoyte, Ms. Selina Jones, Mr. Blair Murray, Ms. Phyllis Springer, Ms. Winifred Trotman, Ms. Marcia Watson, and Mr. Ronald Wilkinson.



CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday, October 10th, 2021 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist **9:00 A.M.** ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, October 13th, 2021 10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Sunday, October 17th, 2021 The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



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