

# St. Michael's Cathedral

Services for The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 7<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 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: **YEAR B** - A Season of Praise & Giving to God

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 Rev'd Canon George Knight Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Judy King

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to Our Church

AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL

# **ANNOUNCEMENT**

# Emergency Management (COVID-19) Churches (No. 20) 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 ~ 819** (Verses 1-4)

For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness still their one true light.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Opening Sentence "General"

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I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. *Psalm 116:15-16* 

#### 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 27** 

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#### "The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost"

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as He is pure; that, when He comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Gittens 9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. John Moore

A reading from the Word of God written in the First Book of Kings, chapter 17, verses 8 to 16.

The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to

me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

# Psalm 146 Lauda, anima mea

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1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
  - for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
  - who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!
- 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 9:24-28

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Gittens 9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. John Moore

A reading from the Word of God written in the Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 9, verses 24 to 28.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered

once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

The Gradual **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 Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

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

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

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark, chapter 12, verses 38 to 44.

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

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but

she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Sermon:

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

The sermon ends with the following prayer in which the congregation joins:

Creator God, make us to think more of what we can give to life and less of what we can get out of it. May we be mindful that we hold our gifts, our talents, our possessions, our life itself, in trust for you and the service of humanity. Save us from thinking only of our own needs and desires; and help us to remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive, according to the teaching of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

#### 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.** 

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS FOR STEWARDSHIP

#### **Intercessors:**

7:00 A. M. ~ Prof. Ann St. John, GCM 9:00 A. M. ~ Master Liam Francis-Thornhill

#### LEADER:

Father, you sow your holiness in deeds and with all creation we rightly give you praise. All your actions show your wisdom and your love. Hear the prayers of your humble servants who strive daily to live the life of good stewards of your creation.

#### **Intercessions:**

#### LEADER:

We thank you for the gift of time we have on this earth to come to know Jesus, your son, as brother, redeemer, saviour and Lord. Give us daily grace and help us put our time to good use in your name.

# ALL: Lord, make us good stewards.

# LEADER:

We thank you for the gift of our unique talents and abilities. Help us to be eager to use these gifts to build up our Church, in our parish, in our community and in our homes.

### ALL: Lord, make us good stewards.

#### LEADER:

We thank you for the material blessings you have showered upon us, undeserving as we are. Help us to be generous, providing for the needs of our Church and our neighbors with sacrifice and love, giving from our first fruits.

### **ALL:** Lord, make us good stewards.

#### LEADER:

We thank you for the fellowship we share in this Cathedral Church, in our Diocese of Barbados, in the Province of the West Indies, and in the Anglican Communion. We pray for Howard our Archbishop, Michael our Bishop, and retired Bishops Wilfred, Rufus, and John.

### ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

#### LEADER:

We thank you for our citizenship in this nation and for the unity of a common social responsibility with others across the world. We pray 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 Amor our Prime Minister, and all members of Parliament; we also pray for The United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow (COP26), Scotland, that our leaders would make a firm commitment to safeguard the integrity of Creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

# ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

#### LEADER:

We thank you for health of body, mind, and spirit. We pray for the sick: especially Aldon, Margaret, Colleen, Elsie, Eudora, Alice, Jonathan, Olga, Marcia Hoyte, Selina, Blair, Eleanor, Phyllis, Winifred, Marcia Watson and Ronald; the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying and for all who remember and care for them.

# ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

#### LEADER:

We thank you for those who serve to promote and maintain our health amidst the challenge of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We pray for all who are affected by this disease: those in hospital, those who are isolating in their homes 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.

# ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

#### LEADER:

We thank you for your loving providence. We pray for deliverance from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought, flood, fire, or volcanic eruption, and all natural hazards: We especially remember the people of Haiti in the aftermath of an earthquake.

# ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

#### LEADER:

We thank you for your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: David Best, Leo, David Green, Aiden, Derek, Basil, Harriett Clarke, Shonte, Jennifer, and Harriet Lowe, and any other persons who we have named in our hearts.

ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

# **Closing Prayer**

#### **ALL:**

We give you thanks for making us in your own image and for setting us over the whole world to serve you, our creator, and to rule over all creatures. See in our generous sharing of our time, talents and treasure our heartfelt desire to serve you all the days of our lives and to live with you and all your holy ones forever and ever. **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

# 9:00 A.M. ~ An Offering of Music by Ms. Janis Griffith

The Offertory **Hymn ~ 524** 

I lift my heart to thee,
Saviour Divine;
for thou art all to me,
and I am thine.
Is there on earth a closer bond than this that my Belovèd's mine, and I am his?

Thine am I by all ties;
but chiefly thine,
that through thy sacrifice
thou, Lord, art mine.
By thine own cords of love, so sweetly wound
around me, I to thee am closely bound.

To thee, thou bleeding Lamb,
I all things owe all that I have, and am,
and all I know.
All that I have is now no longer mine,
and I am not mine own: Lord, I am thine.

How can I, Lord, withhold
life's brightest hour
from thee; or gathered gold,
or any power?
Why should I keep one precious thing from thee;
when thou hast given thine own dear self for me?

I pray thee, Saviour, keep
me in thy love,
until death's holy sleep
shall me remove
to that fair realm where, sin and sorrow o'er,
thou and thine own are one for evermore.

Words: Charles Edward Mudie (1818-1890)

#### 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 EUCHARISTIC 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** ~ 592

Hands that have been handling holy things and high still, Lord, in thy service bless and fortify.

Ears which heard the message of the words of life keep thou closed and guarded from the noise of strife.

Eyes whose contemplation looked upon thy love, let them gaze expectant on the world above.

'Holy, holy, holy,' thee our lips confessed: on those lips for ever let no falsehood rest.

Feet which trod the pavement round about God's board, let them walk in glory where God's light is poured.

> Bodies that have tasted of the living Bread, be they re-created in their living Head.

Be we all one body, all our members one, measured by the stature of God's full-grown Son.

Words: Adam Fox (1883-1977), based on the Liturgy of Malabar. Words © Hymns Ancient and Modern (admin. Hope Publishing Co.).

#### **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 "Stewardship"

May the eternal Father, who dwells in light unapproachable, shine into our hearts.

May the eternal Son, who is the light of the world, illuminate all your ways.

May the eternal Spirit bring you out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of the triune God.

May the same God in the plentitude of his love pour upon you the torrents of his grace; bless you and keep you in his holy fear, prepare you for a happy eternity, and receive you at last into immortal glory.

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

#### ALL: Amen.

#### WELCOME

# 7:00 A.M. ~ An Offering of Music by Ms. Janis Griffith

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### THE DISMISSAL

The Recessional **Hymn** ~ 262

Son of God, eternal Saviour, source of life and truth and grace, Son of Man, whose birth incarnate hallows all our human race, thou, our Head, who, throned in glory, for thine own dost ever plead, fill us with thy love and pity; heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As thou, Lord, hast lived for others, so may we for others live; freely have thy gifts been granted, freely may thy servants give: thine the gold and thine the silver, thine the wealth of land and sea, we but stewards of thy bounty, held in solemn trust for thee.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love, and Prince of peace; hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease; by thy patient years of toiling, by thy silent hours of pain, quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, shame our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, Eternal Saviour, source of life and truth and grace, Son of Man, whose birth incarnate hallows all our human race, thou who prayedst, thou who willest, that thy people should be one, grant, O grant our hope's fruition: here on earth thy will be done

Words: Somerset Corey Lowry (1855-1932)

# Organ Postlude



# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Comment: "God feeds Elijah and the widow at Zarephath" From the Hebrew scriptures, we hear the story of the food which God miraculously provided for the prophet Elijah and the widow of Zarephath and her family. There is famine throughout the land, which Elijah has prophesied because of the sinfulness of King Ahab. The story shows that God is present to care for his prophet and also for this woman who, though a foreigner, has shared with Elijah what little she has. The word of the Lord is powerful to fulfill its promise even beyond the borders of Israel.

#### **Psalm 146**

A hymn to the Lord, who forms the world and rules in justice, who heals and cares for the orphan and widow.

Second Reading (The Epistle): Hebrews 9:24-28

**Comment:** "The once for all sacrifice of Christ"

This reading tells how Christ, the eternal high priest, has entered into the heavenly sanctuary to present the ultimate and perfect sacrifice of himself for sins. It is the author's theme that Jesus has superseded the need for all other priestly offerings such as were made annually on the Day of Atonement. These were never more than foreshadowings of what Christ was to accomplish. The earthly temple, which was but a copy of the true sanctuary in heaven, is no longer of significance. As the end of the ages draws near our brother Jesus, who died like we must, appears before God on our behalf and will appear once more to save those who wait for him.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

**Comment:** "A widow's generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes"

In the gospel lesson, Jesus warns against religious officials who love honours and flattery, and he then points out a poor widow who makes an offering of what little she possesses. Together the two stories stress a theme found often in the gospels: those who think themselves religious are in great danger of living a life of hypocrisy, while genuine trust in God may be found among the least obvious. The religious officials take advantage of people like widows, and wealthy persons make a show of giving large sums of money, but the woman herself is an example of the greatest

generosity. Her gift of all she has points forward to Jesus' self-offering.

# **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:

- i. Ash-fall Clean-up (cost: \$15,000.00; donations as at September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021: **\$4,961.00**); and,
- ii. 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.



Gift-Month: The Cathedral has been unable to host the annual fundraising events this year, due to the restrictions of COVID-19. Consequently, there has been a shortfall in the anticipated revenue, and at this juncture, some financial obligations remain

outstanding. The Fund-Raising Committee has arranged for members to contribute, according to their means, a gift of BDS \$50.00 or in multiples of \$50's towards the stewardship of the Cathedral. Envelopes are available for the convenience of everyone; gifts may be brought in any Sunday during November, Gift-Month.

**Gift List:** In addition to monetary gifts, members and well-wishers are also encouraged to donate towards the Vestments, Paraments and Linens of the Cathedral. The following are needed at this time:

- 1. Blue Chasuble set \$ 600.00
- 2. Rose Chasuble set \$ 600.00
- 3. Purple Chasuble set \$ 600.00
- 4. Blue Cope and Stole \$1,200.00
- 5. Rose Cope and Stole \$1,200.00
- 6. Pulpit and Lectern Hangings
- 7. Altar Frontals
- 8. Altar Linens (corporals, purificators, towels)
- 9. A Gold Chalice and Paten
- 10. A Gold Ciborium set
- 11. Video Equipment (cameras, cabling and monitors)
- 12. Cruets and trays

Thank you for your generosity; and may God bless everyone, as together, we work to be faithful stewardship of His bounty.

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

# Stewardship Education and Development through the Year

Christian stewardship involves a responsible management of the financial affairs of the church, as well as those of an individual or family. It also entails the generous use of talents and responsible use of time in the service of God and people.

# 1. Why should we give?

We give in response to the goodness of God, who in creation has given of the Divine self (Genesis 1:26-31); and in redemption, his Son (John 3:16).

# 2. What should we give?

Be a proportionate giver: the Biblical tithe -10 percent is the benchmark (Genesis 14:18-20) Leviticus 27:30); however, there can be no limit to our generosity (2 Corinthians 9:6-9) and (Matthew 23:23-24).

# 3. How can we persuade others to give?

Make a personal commitment to Our Lord, Jesus Christ, through regular prayer, attendance at worship, and a daily life of stewardship of God's creation. We may also follow the example of the early Christians, who pooled their resources and supported the work of other Christian communities (Acts 4:32-5:11; Romans 15:22-29; 1 Thessalonians 1:7-8; 2 Corinthians 9:1-15).

# 4. How are we doing?

The Cathedral currently has 150 weekly and 155 registered monthly subscribers, respectively. On September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the following is the state of affairs: percentage envelopes used and returned: Monthly 75 % and Weekly 54 %.

Of the Cathedral givers:

- Monthly: 51 give \$100 or more; 26 between \$50 and \$99; 12 between \$20 and \$49; 2 between \$19 and \$10; and none \$5 or under.
- Weekly: 5 give over \$100 or more; 2 between \$50 and \$99; 20 between \$20 and \$49; 13 between \$19 and \$10; and 11 \$5 or under.

Thank you for your 2021 financial contribution to the stewardship of the Cathedral. Offering envelopes for your 2022 commitment are available. The number on the envelope is a means of recording your contributions. Again, sincere thanks for making stewardship a way of life.

# 5. Stewardship Committee:

**Topic: Stewardship:** A Season of Praise and Giving to God

Dates and Time: November 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, daily at 6:30 P.M. Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZAvf-irqjwoEtzu9etthdXf68OmS\_BDrJuL/ics?icsToken=98tyKu">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZAvf-irqjwoEtzu9etthdXf68OmS\_BDrJuL/ics?icsToken=98tyKu</a> <a href="mailto:GsrDMrGdCSshGPRpwIAIqgd-">GsrDMrGdCSshGPRpwIAIqgd-</a>

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Join Zoom Meeting

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#### ALL ARE WELCOME

- 1. Thanks! Sincere thanks to the officers and members of the St. Michael's Cathedral Ushers' Guild for their contribution of \$5,000.00 towards the provision of Video Equipment. It was their Gift-Month donation.
- 2. The St, Michael Centre for Faith and Action:
  - The Board of Trustees of The Centre would like to place on record their heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the successful hosting of the annual Festival Forum on Thursday, October 28th, 2021. The topic was, "Church Unusual: Whosoever Can, Will Come ... COVID-19 - Challenges - Changes". The presentation from the Rt. Rev'd Mark E. W. Edington was enlightening and engaging; the responders Ms. Ella Hoyos and the Rev'd Shaquille Charles grounded the topic in Caribbean reality; and the proceedings were excellently moderated by Dr. Sharon Marshall. It attracted a diverse audience from Barbados, the Caribbean and the Caribbean Diaspora, in North America and Europe. Thanks also to Mr. David Springer for skillfully managing the technical aspects of the event. If you missed the live session, please note that it is available on the Cathedral's Facebook page.
  - ii. **Annual General Meeting:** The Annual General Meeting of the SMCFA will be held on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Via Zoom platform.
- 3. **Retirement:** Ms. Armel Marshall, Administrative Assistant, will retire on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 after

approximately four and a half years in the post. The Parochial Church Council records its profound gratitude to Ms. Marshall for serving in this pioneering ministry and for enhancing the quality of the operations of the Cathedral. The duties and responsibilities of the post are being reviewed; afterwards, the recruitment of a suitably qualified person to serve will be addressed. Meantime, this process is commended to the prayers of everyone. Again, sincere thanks to Ms. Marshall.



**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 27, begins on page 775, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 1, and the readings for Sunday are Psalms 93 and 96; Ezra 10:1-17; Acts 24:10-21; for Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, are Revelation 18:1-18, Psalms 80, and Nehemiah 9:1-15, and for the rest of the week as follows on page 775.

#### THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Our love for God is shown in our hospitality to others."



## Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this month of November 2021

Mr. George N. Small ~ 1st Ms. Susanne R. Thompson  $\sim 1^{st}$ Mrs. Veronica P. Thompson ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Pearl N. Collymore ~ 4th Ms. Markeita G. Griffith ~ 4th Ms. Alicia A. White  $\sim 5^{th}$ Mr. Elvis DaC. Haynes ~ 6th Ms. Marcia A. Ifill ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Marie U. Kelly-Clarke ~ 6th Mrs. Debra Skeet-Alonza ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Mr. David O. Best ~ 7th Mr. Leo A. Taylor ~ 9th Mr. David DaC. Green ~ 10th Mr. Aiden Molyneaux ~ 10<sup>th</sup> Mr. Derek H. R. Boyce ~ 11th Mr. Basil V. Clarke ~ 11th Ms. Harriett J. Clarke ~ 11<sup>th</sup> Mr. Shonte R. A. Browne ~ 12<sup>th</sup> Ms. Jennifer I. Benn ~ 13<sup>th</sup> Ms. Harriet Lowe ~ 13th Mr. Basil V. Clarke ~ 14th Ms. Olga Holder ~ 15<sup>th</sup> Ms. Dorothy E. Morris ~ 15th Mr. Graham Russell ~ 15th Mrs. Sharron S. C. A. Lucas-Blackman ~ 16th Mrs. Cecile L. Aimey-Clarke ~ 17th Ms. Margaret R. Aimey ~ 17th Ms. Miriam I. Barrow ~ 17th Ms. Abigail Molyneaux ~ 17th Ms. Pamela A. Clarke ~ 18th

Mr. Richard A. Lewis ~ 18<sup>th</sup>
Mrs. Joan St.E. Yvette Norville-Arthur ~ 21<sup>st</sup>
Ms. Eula M. Linton ~ 23<sup>rd</sup>
Ms. Elaine Herbert ~ 26<sup>th</sup>
Mr. Kenneth C. Garnes ~ 29<sup>th</sup>
Dr. Kenneth George ~ 29<sup>th</sup>
Ms. Faye A. Tudor ~ 30<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, 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, Mrs. Eleanor Small, Ms. Phyllis Springer, Ms. Winifred Trotman, Ms. Marcia Watson and Ronald Wilkinson.



#### **CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

Today, Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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



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



Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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



### OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL Church Warden Emeritus

Mr. Arlington DaCosta Watson, BSM, J.P.

#### **Church Wardens:**

Mr. Samuel Maxwell Mr. Victor Sylvester Secretary: Ms. Donnah Russell

Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Juno Burrows

Treasurer: Mr. David Murray

Assistant Treasurer: Ms. Harriett Clarke

#### **Synod Representatives**

Mr. Darwin Clarke

Mr. Samuel Maxwell, J.P.

Dr. Wendy Sealy

#### **Alternative Synod Representative**

Ms. Donna Inniss



## LEADERS OF ORGANISATIONS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Fellowship: Mr. John Moore
Mothers' Union: Mrs. Colleen Byer

Church Army: Captain Donnah Russell

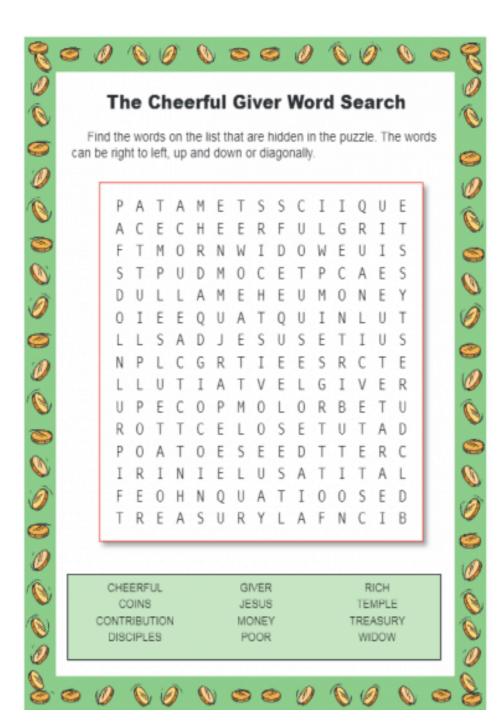
Woman's Auxiliary: Vacant

Ushers Guild:Mrs. Juno BurrowsOutreach Committee:Mrs. Delores HindsGuild of Servers:Mr. Jerry AlleyneHealth Ministry:Dr. Wendy Sealy

Sunday School: Mrs. Harriett Blackman

Flower Guild: Vacant

Guild of St. Raphael: Mr. Darwin Clarke





# Tithes and Offerings



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