

# St. Michael's Cathedral

Services for The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany: Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022



AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL

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

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# **ANNOUNCEMENT**

## Emergency Management (COVID-19) Curfew (No. 3) Directive, 2022

The following protocols will be enforced: Temperature checks upon arrival and signing of the Register; Wearing of Masks covering both the Nose and the Chin; Designated Seating; the Use of an Offering Box; Physical Distancing-Three (3) feet apart; No physical exchange of the Greeting of Peace; Sanitization of Hands before entering the Cathedral and before Communion.

The cooperation of everyone is required

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**7:00 A.M.** ~ Holy Eucharist **President**: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn **Preacher**: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M ~ Sung Eucharist President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight Speaker: His Excellency David Comissiong, Ambassador to CARICOM Lay Eucharist Minister: Mrs. Judy King

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

# THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Opening Sentence "African Heritage Month"

"Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury." Acts 8:27b

# Opening Hymn ~ LEV 83"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in, And then a little light from heaven filled my soul; It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above, And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.

Refrain Now let us have a little talk with Jesus, Let us tell Him all about our troubles, He will hear our faintest cry, and He will answer by and by; Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning, And you know a little fire is burning, You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer, And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day; The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies, And just a little talk with Jesus clears the way.

Refrain

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears, But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night; I go to Him in prayer, He knows my every care. And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

## Refrain

# 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; and to affirm the African presence among us. 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. All: Amen. The President says,

I remember and acknowledge the energies of this land's original inhabitants the Ciboney, the Kalinago and the Tainos, all those elevated energies who were born in this place, those who made it across the deep waters, those who may still be found in the waters. We also give thanks for those on the continent who are connected with us. I acknowledge you and all that you come with, and I greet all of you in peace.

## **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.

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God. you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord: you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect "Seventh Sunday after the *Epiphany*"

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O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

# First Lesson: Genesis 45: 3-11, 15 Lectors:7:00 A.M. ~Ms. Alicia White 9:00 A.M. ~Mr. Christopher Burnett

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Genesis, the forty-fifth chapter, beginning at the third verse.

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph,

God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

## ALL: Thanks be to God.

# **Psalm 37: 1-12;41-42** Page 513ff.

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;\* do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2. For they shall soon wither like the grass,\* and like the green grass fade away.

3. Put your trust in the Lord and do good:\* dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4. Take delight in the Lord\* and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5. Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,\* and he will bring it to pass.

6. He will make your righteousness as clear as the light\* and your just dealing as the noonday.

7. Be still before the Lord\* and wait patiently for him.

8. Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,\* the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9. Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;\* do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10. For evildoers shall be cut off,\* but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

11. In a little while the wicked shall be no more;\* you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12. But the lowly shall possess the land;\* they will delight in abundance of peace.

41. But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord;\* he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42. The Lord will help them and rescue them,\* he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

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:1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50 Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~Ms. Alicia White 9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Christopher Burnett

A Reading from the word of God, written in the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter, beginning at the thirty-fifth verse.

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you

sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

## The Gradual Hymn ~ LEV 64 "I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love; I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest. And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

The Gospellers: **7:00 A.M**. ~The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson **9:00 A.M**. ~The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

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

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixth Chapter, beginning at the twenty-seventh verse.

## ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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

## The Sermon/Address:

7:00 A.M. ~The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson9:00 A.M. ~His Excellency David Comissiong Ambassador to CARICOM

## 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 fulfillment 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 "H" with adaptations.

## Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Gittens 9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Margaret Fraser-Morrison

The Intercessor

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Silence

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy.

# ALL: Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace: we pray for the continent of Africa, its nations, cultures and peoples. We thank you for our nation Barbados and for the many experiences that have shaped us as a people through the years. Help us to acknowledge past atrocities, to see and feel the hurts; to work for reparations; and bring to the hearts and minds of all people in this land that spirit of recognition and respect, forgiveness and reconciliation, that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

Silence

# LEADER: Lord, in your mercy. **ALL: Hear our prayer.**

Grant protection to all as face-to-face classes resume at primary and secondary schools in our country; give to all Educational Officials, Principals, Teachers, Parents and Guardians, and Non-Teaching Staff, the gift of discernment, as they pursue their objectives; and endow all students with skill, knowledge, enthusiasm and interest in their work, that they would discover an even deeper love for truth and an ever greater compassion for others.

Silence

LEADER: Lord in your mercy.

# ALL: Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use the resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.

Silence

LEADER: Lord in your mercy.

# ALL: Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially as we remember individuals celebrating a birthday, those known to us: Sheila, Sandra, Tendai, Coreen, Darwin, Pauline, Mary and Beverley.We pray also for couples celebrating an anniversary of marriage. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us.

## Silence

LEADER: Lord in your mercy.

## ALL: Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; in particular, we remember persons affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

# Silence

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy.

# ALL: Hear our prayer.

Silence

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Dorothy Carrington and those whose Anniversary of Death falls at this time. We rejoice that they are now full inheritors of your promises; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy. **ALL: Hear our prayer.** 

Silence

# THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

# THE PRESIDENT:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

## FORM A

## 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**Page 124

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.

THE PRESIDENT: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **ALL: And also with you** 

# THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

## The Offertory **Hymn: ~LEV 177** "Standin' in the Need of Prayer"

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer; Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer.

Refrain: It's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer; It's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer; Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer. [*Refrain*]

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer; Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer. [*Refrain*]

Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer; Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer. [*Refrain*]

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER "B"

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**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:

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Because in coming to dwell among us as man, He revealed the radiance of His glory, and brought us out of darkness into His own marvellous light.

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"

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 Page 131

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.

# 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 Invitation to Communion "A" Page 145

## PRESIDENT:

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body, which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving. **ALL:** 

Grant gracious Lord that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

# 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

**Communion Hymn ~ LEV 8 "Deep River"** Deep River, My home is over Jordan. Deep <u>River</u> Lord. I want to cross over into campground.

Deep River. My home is over Jordan. Deep River, Lord, I want to cross over into camp ground

Oh, don't you want to go, To that <u>gospel</u> feast. That promised land, Where all, is peace. Oh, deep River, Lord, I want to cross over into camp ground.

#### **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER "A"**Page 147

#### 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 "Epiphany"

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with good news of His kingdom; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

## ALL: Amen.

~~~~Greetings and Announcements~~~~

# The Recessional **Hymn ~ LEV226** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; his truth is marching on.

Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps, they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps; his day is marching on. (*Refrain*)

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat; he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat; O be swift, my soul, to answer him! be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. (*Refrain*)

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me; as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on. (Refrain)

# THE DISMISSAL

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

## ALL

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude

(Worshippers are invited to sit silently and listen to the voluntary, however, those who wish to leave at this point may do so quietly.)

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## The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Year C

# First Reading: Genesis45:3-11,15

## Comment: "Joseph forgives his brothers"

Our Hebrew Bible lesson relates a decisive moment in the story of Joseph as he reveals himself to his brothers, who then journey home to tell their father Jacob that his son is still alive. The brothers are at first overwhelmed by the discovery that the brother they had sold into slavery is now Pharaoh's right-hand officer. Joseph tells them not to be upset: this has all been part of God's plan to preserve Israel during the coming time of famine.

# Psalm 37

A psalm of advice to the wise, instructing them to avoid evil and to wait patiently on the Lord in righteousness,

# Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

# Comment: "The mystery of the resurrection of the body"

In the passage, **Paul continues to discuss the question of resurrection from death.** Some of the Corinthians are not sure whether they believe in resurrection, especially if it involves a physical body. There will be some form of body, Paul tells them. In this sense individuality will continue, but it will be a body of transformed nature. As we have lived in a body like that of the earthly Adam, so we will have a body like that of the heavenly Jesus.

# The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

## Comment: "Love your enemies"

In our gospel reading, Jesus calls his followers to a way of life that reaches beyond worldly understandings of what is good. In acts of mercy and kindness, disciples are to show forth the character of their heavenly Father. This manner of love extends even to enemies. It means learning to forgive and not judging others, for the measure given will be the measure dealt in return.

# CATHEDRAL NEWS

**Initial Offering:** Sincere thanks to all who have contributed their Initial Offering. The total amount received to date is \$3,370.00. May God's blessing be upon you in abundance!

# **Financial Stewardship:**

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**THE DAILY OFFICES:** The recitation of Morning and Evening prayers forms part of the discipline of clergy and laity. The Daily Office can also serve as a personal or family discipline.

# Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings (February 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2022)

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| Day            | Morning Readings            | Evening Readings             |
| Sunday         | Psalm 118; Proverbs 1:20-   | Psalm 145; Isaiah 66:7-14; 2 |
|                | 33; Mark 35-45              | Corinthians 5:11-21          |
| Monday         | Psalm 106:1-18; Proverbs    | Psalm 106:19-48; Ruth 1:1-   |
|                | 3:11-20; John 11:17-29      | 14; 1 John 3:18 to 4:6       |
| Tuesday        | Psalms 120 to 123;          | Psalms 124 to 127;           |
|                | Proverbs 4:1-27; John       | Ruth 1:15-22; 1 John 4:7-21  |
|                | 11:30-44                    |                              |
| Wednesday      | Psalm 119:145-176;          | Psalms 128 to 130;           |
|                | Proverbs 6:1-19; John       | Ruth 2:1-13; 1 John 5:1-12   |
|                | 11:45-54                    |                              |
| Thursday       | Psalm 80; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; | Psalm 33;                    |
| (St. Matthias' | 1 John 2:18-25              | 1 Samuel 12:1-5; Acts 20:17- |
| Day)           |                             | 35                           |
| Friday         | Psalms 140, 142; Proverbs   | Psalms 141, 143:1-11(12);    |
|                | 8:1-21; John 12:9-19        | Ruth 3:1-18; Philemon 1-25   |
| Saturday       | Psalms 137:1-6 (7-9), 144;  | Psalm 104; Ruth 4:1-17; 2    |
|                | Proverbs 8:22-36; John      | Timothy 1:1-14               |
|                | 12:20-26                    |                              |



African Heritage: The theme for African Heritage Month is: "Affirming the African Presence among us". Worship will reflect this celebration in music, sermons, vestments, decorations and liturgy. In addition, worshippers are invited to wear African attire. **Flowers:** Sincere thanks to Mrs. Anita Yarde for a donation of flowers in celebration of the birthdays of her son Kevin Yarde, granddaughter Ayodele Yarde and grandson Tendai Sivers.



#### THEME FOR THE WEEK

#### "THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL RARELY AGREES WITH THE WAY OF THE WORLD."



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays

this month ~ February 2022 Ms. Sheila M. E. Griffith ~ 20<sup>th</sup> Ms. Sandra R. A. Lewis ~ 21<sup>st</sup> Ms. Coreen E. Lashley ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Master Tendai H. K. Sivers ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Darwin E. Clarke ~ 24<sup>th</sup> Mr. Kevin Yarde ~ 24<sup>th</sup> Ms. Pauline O. Bynoe ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Ms. Mary A. Haynes, Q.C. ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Beverley Marshall ~ 25<sup>th</sup>



May God bless and strengthen you

## The Sick:



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 Reece, Ms. Phyllis Springer, Ms. Winifred Trotman, Mr. Arlington Watson, and Ms. Marcia Watson.





**Bereavement**: We extend sincere condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Dorothy Carrington of 1st Avenue Nurse Land, Tweedside Road, St. Michael. We thank God for her life, work, and witness among us.

## May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.

## CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany 7:00 A.M.~ Holy Eucharist Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson 9:00 A.M.~ Sung Eucharist Speaker: His Excellency David Comissiong

## **5:00 P.M. Confirmation Class:** Zoom Communication. Meeting ID: 831 450 53116 Passcode: CON2022

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Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 10:00 A.M.~ Holy Eucharist

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## February 27, 2022 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



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