

**The Cathedral Church of
Saint Michael and All Angels**

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist
On
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

7:00 A.M., and 9:00 A.M.



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

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Sunday, April 30, 2023
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
YEAR A

7:00 & 9:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
President and Preacher:
The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

9:00 A.M. ~ Lay Eucharistic Minister:
Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

11:00 A.M. ~ Choral Matins
President and Preacher:
The Rev'd Canon George Knight



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Opening **Hymn** ~ 174 “The Lord is risen indeed!”

The Lord is risen indeed!
Now is his work performed;
now is the mighty captive freed,
and death's strong castle stormed.

The Lord is risen indeed!
Then hell has lost his prey;

with him is risen the ransomed seed
to reign in endless day.

The Lord is risen indeed!
He lives, to die no more;
he lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
whose curse and shame he bore.

The Lord is risen indeed!
Attending angels, hear!
Up to the courts of heaven with speed
the joyful tidings bear.

Then take your golden lyres,
and strike each cheerful chord;
join, all ye bright celestial choirs,
to sing our risen Lord.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-c1854), alt.

Opening Sentence ***“Easter”***

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Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed. Come, let us adore
Him. Alleluia!

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 know, 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.

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: “**Fourth Sunday of Easter**”

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Let us pray.
O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear His voice we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Lectors:

7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Deidre Cox

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Valdine Browne

A reading from the Word of God written in the Acts of the Apostles, the second chapter, beginning at the forty-second verse.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: **Hymn ~ 478** “The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;”

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff my comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Words: Scottish Psalter, 1650

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Lectors:

7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Small

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Danita Layne

A reading from the Word of God written in the First Letter of Peter, the second chapter, beginning at the nineteenth verse.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn ~ 169 “Come, ye faithful, raise the strain”

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel
into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharoah's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen:
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's resurrection.

Alleluia now we cry
to our King Immortal,

who triumphant burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
alleluia, with the Son
God the Father praising;
alleluia yet again
to the Spirit raising.

*Words: John of Damascus (c696-c754),
From translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), and Editors of Hymns
Ancient and Modern*

The Holy Gospel John 10:1-10

Gospeller: 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 John, the tenth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this

figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Sermon: The Rev’d Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

(Please stand, as able)

The Nicene Creed

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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.*

Intercessors:

7:00 A.M.: Ms. Linda Springer

9:00 A.M.: Ms. Margaret Aimey

The Bidding Prayer: Assisting Priest

Lord, we pray for your Church, that together with the whole of creation we may rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ.

Lord in your love,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

(Please sit or kneel)

LEADER: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

ALL: That we all may be one.

LEADER: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

LEADER: We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;

ALL: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

LEADER: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

ALL: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

LEADER: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

ALL: That our works may find favour in your sight.

LEADER: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEADER: Give to the departed eternal rest.

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

LEADER: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

LEADER: Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

(Silence is kept).

ALL: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords to your will; and the good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, 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. (*1 John 1:8,9*)

(A period of silence shall be kept).

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

FORM B

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ALL:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, 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.*

(Please stand as able)

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE

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FORM A

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.**

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP: “Let there be peace on earth”

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God our Creator
Children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

(During the singing of this hymn, if worshippers have not already done so, they are asked to place their offering in the wooden boxes provided on the tables in the cross aisle)

The Offertory Hymn ~ 361 “All people that on earth do dwell,”

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

*WORDS: William Kethe (c1535-1594), 1561,
paraphrase of Psalm 101*

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: (*go to page 128*)

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has won for us eternal life. (*go to page 131*)

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.

(Please sit or kneel)

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 ever 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.***

HE BREAKING OF THE BREAD 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” Page 146

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 Page 147

**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 ~ 667 “Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,”

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tenderest care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus
thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine: do thou befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
hear, oh hear us when we pray;
blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus
hear, oh hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus
let us early turn to thee.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favour,
early let us do thy will;
blessèd Lord and only Saviour,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still.

*Words: attributed to Dorothy A Thrupp (1779-1847),
From Hymns for the Young, 1836*

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN Hymn ~ 605 “Let
us talents and tongues employ,”

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

***Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!***

Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

Refrain

Jesus calls us in - sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel!) everywhere.

Refrain

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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 “Easter”

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The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; and the Blessing of God the Father be upon you this day and forever more.

ALL: *Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Recessional Hymn ~ 163 “Hearts to heaven and voices raise”

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a Victim,
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

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: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

THE DISMISSAL

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

ALL: **And also with you.**

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: **In the name of Christ. *Amen.***

Organ Postlude (*Worshippers are invited to sit silently to listen to the voluntary but those who wish to leave at this point may do so quietly.*)

Thank you most sincerely for worshipping at the Cathedral this morning.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

THEME FOR THE WEEK

“To serve God is to have life to the fullest”



First Reading: **Acts 2:42-27**

Comment: “The believers’ common life”

The new community of believers in the resurrected Jesus devote themselves to teaching and fellowship, to sharing in Eucharistic meals, and to the prayers. There are many signs and healings as the church grows. Followers of Christ express their commitment to one another even to the point of pooling their possessions. Their fellowship is characterized by joy and generosity, and many are drawn to them because of the richness of their common life.

Psalm **23**

Comment: “The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not be in want”

The Lord is my shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

Second Reading (The Epistle): **1 Peter 2:19-25**

Comment: “Follow the Shepherd, even in suffering”

In this reading, we learn that the **disciples are called to bear undeserved suffering with patience, even as Christ has set an example for us, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.** This word is addressed primarily to those who are servants but can well be applied to all Christians who endure pain despite having done no wrong. Their Lord has transformed the meaning of suffering and through his wounds brought healing. This letter was evidently written at a time when the Christians in Asia Minor were experiencing various forms of persecution.

The Holy Gospel: **John 10:1-10**

Comment: “Christ the Shepherd”

Our gospel presents **two related images in which Jesus is first the shepherd in charge of the sheep and then the gate through which the sheep enter.** These teachings are set in the context of controversy. Jesus’ words are directed against religious officials who do not know or truly care for their people. But Jesus knows his own sheep by name. They hear his voice and find the fullness of life.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: 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 via CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account #2719302, Transit #09606.



SICK: Please remember the sick and injured of our parish and wider community, especially Margaret Browne, Elsie Brunson, Colleen Byer, Courtney Carrington, Darwin Clarke, Isalene Coward, Alice P. Hall, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Jeffrey Mascoll, Blair Murray, Marlene Moore, Clyde Outram, Sylvester “Blues” Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, Ernesta Yarde and George Yearwood, Vivian (St. Lucia).



BEREAVEMENT: We extend sincere condolences to the families of the late Mrs. Eudene Pearline Best, sister of Ms. Audrey Miller (shut-in), aunt of Mrs. Valdine Browne (Lay Eucharistic Minister); and the late Mrs. Joan Davis, wife of Professor Kortright Davis. May the departed rest in

peace. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” (*Matthew 5:4*)

DEACONS’ CUPBOARD: Members are reminded to support the Deacons’ Cupboard ministry, through which the Cathedral is able to provide relief to persons in need of food. Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for the cupboard. Place all gifts in the basket at the West Door. Please help those in need. Thank you.

FLOWERS: Our flowers today, are donated by the Howard family in memory of their parents, Cecil and Cynthia Howard. May they continue to rest in peace.

BIRTHDAYS: Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays this week:

April 30 – May 6, 2023

Mrs. Sherry L. S. Cumberbatch ~ 30

Mrs. Helen Blugh-Taylor ~ 2

Mr. Leo Adolphus Taylor ~ 2

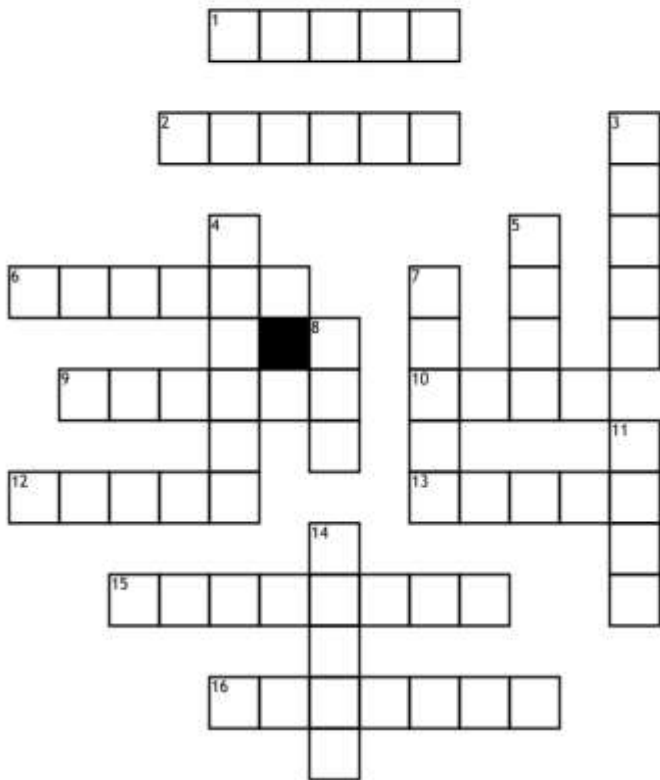
Mr. Norton A. Brewster ~ 4

Mrs. Joann M. Leslie ~ 4th

Ms. Corleta L. A. Ellis ~ 5th



The Good Shepherd



Across

1. Jesus gave his life for us by dying on the _____.
2. Just as the Father knows me, I know the _____.
6. My sheep _____ me. because they know my voice.
9. "My sheep will spend eternal life in _____."
10. My sheep love, trust, and _____ me.

12. _____ is our Good Shepherd.

13. What "wolf" does Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protect us from

15. Jesus is the good _____.

16. Jesus says, "I will give my sheep _____ life."

Down

3. Those who have _____ in Jesus are His _____.

4. A shepherd protects his sheep from the _____.

5. A Good Shepherd lays down his _____ for his sheep.

7. Jesus gave His life for us by dying on the _____.

8. There shall be one flock, and _____ shepherd.

11. I know my sheep, and my sheep _____ me.

14. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, takes care of his _____.

**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
(April 30 – May 6 , 2023)**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Fourth Sunday of Easter	Psalms 63:1-8(9-11), 98 Wisdom 1:1-15 1 Peter 5:1-11	Psalm 103 Exodus 28:1-4, 30-38 Matthew 7:15-29
Saint Philip & Saint James Apostles Monday	Psalm 119:137-160 Job 23:1-12 John 1:43-51	Psalm 139 Proverbs 4:7-18 John 12:20-26
Tuesday	Psalm 45 Wisdom 3:1-9 Colossians 1:15-23	Psalms 47, 48 Exodus 32:21-34 Luke 6:12-26
Wednesday	Psalm 119:49-72 Wisdom 4:16—5:8 Colossians 1:24—2:7	Psalms 49, [53] Exodus 33:1-23 Luke 6:27-38
Thursday	Psalm 50 Wisdom 5:9-23 Colossians 2:8-23	Psalms [59, 60] or 114, 115 Exodus 34:1-17 Luke 6:39-49
Friday	Psalms 40, 54 Wisdom 6:12-23 Colossians 3:1-11	Psalm 51 Exodus 34:18-35 Luke 7:1-17
Saturday	Psalm 55 Wisdom 7:1-14 Colossians 3:12-17	Psalms 138, 139:1-17(18-23) Exodus 40:18-38 Luke 7:18-28(29-30)31-35 Collect for 5 Easter

SERMON NOTES

Text:.....

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Topic:.....

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Preacher:.....

Points to Ponder:

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What was God saying specifically to me during the
Sermon?

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Images of Easter: Easter Eggs

Reflection by The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey Gibson

The association of Easter with eggs is an ancient one and it seems to be a practical response after the discipline of Lent, (*cf. John 20:1-10*).

During Lent, Christians abstained from anything that was killed. Subsequently, the Council in Trullo, in 692, codified the practice and ordered that to keep the fast perfectly, one should also abstain from eating eggs and cheese, products of those animals from which they abstained. Christians, therefore, 'gave up eating meat and dairy'; meantime, the cows and the hens kept producing. The milk was given away, but the eggs were stored until the fast ended on Easter. As expected, there was an abundance of eggs.

Some have opined that the meaning of ‘Easter’ goes as far back as two old pagan spring festivals, the old European pagan festival of ‘Ostara’ that celebrated new life and the Arabian Sun festival of ‘Ishtar’. It might also be associated with Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. Whatever the origin and however it is influenced by the secular, Easter is about the celebration of new life.

For Christians, the egg is a symbol of Jesus’ resurrection and cracking open the egg is a sign of the empty tomb. It is also a sign of new life as chicks hatch out of eggs. In some traditions, the eggs are painted red, representative of the colour of life-blood. Out of a simple egg and the natural process of a hatching egg, there has emerged a theology of life out of death.



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

CATHEDRAL WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 30, 2023

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

President and Preacher:

The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

9:30 A.M. ~ Sunday School

11:00 A.M. ~ Choral Matins to honour former

Choristers

President and Preacher:


The Rev'd Canon George Knight




Wednesday, May 3, 2023

10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

A Public Service of Healing



The Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2023
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist
9:30 A.M. – Sunday School



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