

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

*The Holy Eucharist*  
*On*  
*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**May 14, 2023**

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



*Holy is the Lamb*

*Lamb who was slain  
and sits on  
heaven's Mercy Seat*

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

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**Sunday, May 14, 2023**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**YEAR A**

**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**  
**Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

**Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne**



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**THE PREPARATION**

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Opening **Hymn ~ 381** “Praise the Lord! ye heavens,  
adore him,”

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him,  
praise him, angels, in the height;  
sun and moon, rejoice before him,  
praise him, all ye stars of light:  
praise the Lord! For he hath spoken,  
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;

laws, which never shall be broken,  
for their guidance he hath made.

Praise the Lord! For he is glorious;  
never shall his promise fail;  
God hath made his saints victorious,  
sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
hosts on high, his power proclaim;  
heaven and earth, and all creation,  
laud and magnify his name!

*Words: John Kemphorne (1775-1838), 1796*

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 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: “**Sixth Sunday of Easter**”

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Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*(Please sit)*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

**Lectors:**

**7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Alicia White**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Margaret King (M.U.)**

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

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm **66:7-18**

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*Jubilate Deo*

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples;\*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life,\*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us;\*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare;\*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;\*  
but you brought us out into a place of  
refreshment.



12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows,\*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in  
trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams;\*  
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,\*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth,\*  
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart,\*  
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me;\*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my  
prayer,\*  
nor withheld his love from me.

**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 Peter 3:13-22

**Lectors:**

**7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Daniel Greenidge**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Cerys Francis-Thornhill**

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

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him..

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL:           **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual Hymn ~ “We thank you heavenly Father”**

We thank You, Heav'nly Father,  
For food which Nature yields;  
And now to You we offer  
The first-fruits of our fields.

*We thank You, Lord, for sunshine;  
We thank You, Lord, for rain;  
And all that makes the good earth  
Bring forth the fruit and grain.  
Praise the God of harvest,  
The Lord of earth and heav'n!  
O praise and thank our loving God  
For bounties freely giv'n!*

We tilled the land and planted,  
But you gave the increase;  
For You have said that seed-time  
And harvest shall not cease.

We pray You bless the reapers  
Who start at rise of sun  
To cut their loads of ripe canes  
And rest when day is done.

Most gracious God, we thank you  
For gifts Your love imparts:  
We sing to You at harvest  
The love song of our hearts.

*Words by the late Canon William B. Brathwaite  
Tune – WIR PFLUGEN by J.A.P. Schultz*

The Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21

**GOSPELLERS:**

**7:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

**9:00 A.M. ~ The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn**

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

**ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in

you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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

*(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.*

## **INTERCESSION FORM “B”**

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Intercessors:

**7:00 A.M.: Ms. Harriet Godding**

**9:00 A.M.: Ms. Donna Inniss**

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.



**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 ~ 707** “*All things bright and beautiful,*”

***Refrain:***

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures big and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

The bright and sunny weather,  
our sparkling waters pure  
are gifts from God as well as  
the white sand on our shore.

***Refrain***

The mangoes in the summer,  
the sea grapes growing wild,  
guinep and plums and guavas  
are gifts for every child.

***Refrain***

The waters round our islands  
are brimming full with food;  
grouper and crab and lobster  
that do our bodies good.

***Refrain***

*Words: Ronald Jones.*

*Words by permission of Church in the Province of the West Indies*

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)*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “A”**

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**PRESIDENT:**

All Holy and glorious Father,  
Our Creator God,  
we give you thanks  
because in your loving wisdom  
you brought all things into being,  
and are truly worthy of praise  
from every creature you have made.

Again and again  
we have turned away from you;  
yet in every age your steadfast love  
has called us to return,  
to live in union with you:  
for it is your eternal purpose  
to put new life into all things  
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ  
Who took our human nature upon Him  
you have redeemed the world  
from the bondage of sin:  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you have gathered a people to yourself,  
to make known in every place  
His perfect offering which He made  
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed  
He took bread,  
and when He had given thanks to you,  
He broke it and gave it to His disciples  
and said: "Take this, and eat it:

This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And after supper

He took the cup of wine:

and when He had given thanks,

He gave it to them and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the New Covenant,

which is shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me.”

PRESIDENT:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**ALL:**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

PRESIDENT:

And so, Heavenly Father,

rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation;

His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice

made once for all upon the Cross;

His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;

His Glorious Ascension into heaven;

and looking for His Coming in glory;

we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of  
praise and thanksgiving;  
and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and  
Blood, of your Son, our great High Priest,  
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,  
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.  
Unite us with all Bishops,  
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,  
and with the whole people of God, living and departed,  
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,  
that we may be found ready to join the company  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,  
and all your saints,  
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:  
Forever giving you thanks and praise  
through Him from whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father Almighty,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
in songs of everlasting praise:



**ALL:**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
Be yours for ever and ever. *Amen.***

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**PRESIDENT:**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**ALL:**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name;  
your kingdom come;  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread,**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours now and forever. *Amen.***

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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**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

**Communion Hymn ~ 236 “O Lord my God, when I in  
awesome wonder”**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

***Refrain***

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

***Refrain***

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die – I scarce can take it in:  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin:

***Refrain***

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

***Refrain***

*Author: Carl Boberg (1859-1940)*

**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 Spirits**

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 ~ 360** “All creatures of our God and King, (vs.1-3 & 7)

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia.

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam!

***Refrain:***

*O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia.

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice;

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia.

Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light:

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia.

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;

*Words: William Henry Draper (1855-1933),  
Based on Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun*

## **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.*



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A  
THEME FOR THE WEEK**

**“God's loving care for us requires our intimate attachment to the goals of His mission.”**



First Reading: **Acts 17:22-31**

**Comment: “Paul’s message to the Athenians”**

This lesson is **Paul’s address in a public forum to the curious citizens of Athens.** The apostle has arrived in the intellectual and cultural center of the Greek world. The author of Acts has him deliver a kind of sample sermon for a pagan audience. Troubled by their worship of many gods, Paul uses their altar dedicated to an unknown god as an opportunity to tell them of the one true Lord of heaven and earth, and of the time of judgement and the man he raised from the dead.

Psalm **66:7-18**

**Comment: “Bless our God, you peoples: let the sound of praise be heard.”**

A hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God, who rules in majesty and delivers the people.

## Second Reading (The Epistle): **1 Peter 3:13-22**

**Comment:** “The days of Noah, a sign of baptism.”

This lesson offers **guidance for all Christians, counseling a readiness to suffer patiently for doing what is right.** The First Letter of Peter was written at a time when Christians in Asia Minor were experiencing persecution. The author has given advice to particular groups of people and now urges all disciples to live together in love and humility, always being willing to speak in defense of their Christian hope. They should keep their consciences clear, and, if they do suffer, they are to remember how Christ, the just one, died for the unjust.

## The Holy Gospel: **John 14:15-21**

**Comment:** “Christ our advocate.”

In our gospel, **Jesus promises his followers that those who love him will be guided by the Holy Spirit and will also see him.** The evangelist presents Jesus in final conversation with his followers. Soon he will be taken away from them by death, but God will send another Counselor. The world (that is, Godless society) cannot receive this Spirit of truth nor come to perceive Jesus as still living. Yet those who follow the commandments of love will find new life in intimate association with Jesus and the father.



## CATHEDRAL NEWS

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** Friends and well-wishers may write to: [stmichaelcathedral@caribsurf.com](mailto: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, Alice P. Hall, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Muriel Hutson, Selina Jones, Helena Lyte, 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 family of the late Mrs. Mercille Codrington, mother of Mrs. Margaret Browne. 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.

**WELCOME BACK:** A cordial welcome is extended to Dean Jeffrey and Mrs. Gibson after their recent holiday. During the period overseas, they also attended the North American Deans Conference in Washington, DC, April 27-30, 2023. Since the Dean's return home, he served as the Acting President of Barbados, May 2-11, 2023.

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to The Rev'd Erma Ambrose who served as Priest-in-Charge of the Cathedral during the entire period of the Dean's absence and to The Rev'd Canon George Knight and The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn, who conducted the Sunday services. Thanks also to the Wardens and other lay leaders who played their part in the administration of the parish.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays this week:

*May 14 – 20, 2023*

*Mrs. Rosemary Gibson ~ 15*  
*Mrs. Carmen Boakye-Cofie ~ 18*  
*Ms. Hyacinth A. Rodgers ~ 18*  
*Mr. Christopher Burnett*  
*Ms. Julianne A. Ifill ~ 19*  
*Ms. Beverley M. Small ~ 20*



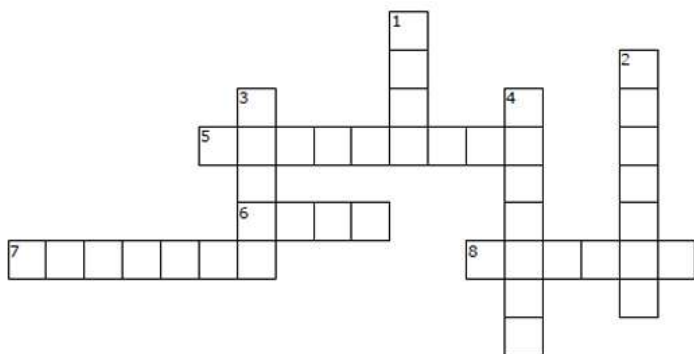
# Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." John 14:16 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 14:15-21 (NIV)



**John 14:16**



## ACROSS

5. One who gives help or advice
6. To have a strong affection and attraction for someone
7. To give an order with authority
8. The first person of the Trinity; God the \_\_\_\_\_.

## DOWN

1. To be alive or have life
2. For all time; time without end
3. The whole earth and all the people on it
4. Children who have no parents

FATHER

COUNSELOR

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COMMAND

LOVE

ORPHANS

**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings  
(May 14-20, 2023)**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning Readings</b>	<b>Evening Readings</b>
The Sixth Sunday of Easter	Psalms 93, 96 Ecclesiasticus 43:1- 12, 27-32 1 Timothy 3:14—4:5	Psalm 34 Leviticus 25:1-17 Matthew 13:24-34a
Monday	Psalm 80 Deuteronomy 8:1-10 James 1:1-15	Psalms 77, [79] Leviticus 25:35-55 Luke 9:18-27
Tuesday	Psalm 78:1-39 Deuteronomy 8:11-20 James 1:16-27	Psalm 78:40-72 Leviticus 26:1-20 Luke 11:1-13
Wednesday	Psalm 119:97-120 Baruch 3:24-37 James 5:13-18 Luke 12:22-31	Eve of Ascension Psalm 68:1-20 2 Kings 2:1-15 Revelation 5:1-14 Collect: Ascension Day (1)
Thursday	Ascension Day Psalms 8, 47 Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24- 28b Hebrews 2:5-18	Psalms 24, 96 Daniel 7:9-14 Matthew 28:16-20 Collect: Ascension Day (2)
Friday	Psalms 85, 86 Ezekiel 1:28—3:3 Hebrews 4:14—5:6	Psalms 91, 92 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Luke 9:28-36
Saturday	Psalms 87, 90 Ezekiel 3:4-17 Hebrews 5:7-14	Psalm 136 Numbers 11:16-17,24-29 Luke 9:37-50 Collect: 7 Easter

# SERMON NOTES

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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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*Holy is the Lamb*

*Lamb who was slain  
and sits on  
heaven's Mercy Seat*

Images of Easter: The Lamb

Reflection by The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey Gibson

Another image of the Easter celebration is the lamb; in fact, Easter originates from the Greek/Latin word Pascha or resurrection. (*Mark 14:12-16*)

The festival which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is linked to the Jewish Passover since both the crucifixion and the resurrection took place during the Jewish Passover. The Gospels also affirmed Jesus as the Lamb of God. The Apostle Paul, in dealing with the community's discipline, appealed to the believers at

Corinth to live in accordance with a standard befitting the sacrifice which Jesus made for their sins. He used the image of Christ as, “our paschal lamb”. “Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.” (*1 Cor. 5:7*)

Lambs were used in the Jewish faith as a sacrifice for people’s sins and wrong doings. The lamb is seen as a sacrificial animal, one that is willing to give its life for the greater good. As such, the lamb can be seen as a symbol of selflessness and sacrifice. Christians readily embrace that image for Jesus and believe that Jesus is the sacrificial lamb for everyone.

Lambs have been associated with springtime and new life since ancient times. This is possible because most lambs are born in the spring around Easter. At Easter, the lamb is a symbol of sacrifice, innocence and vulnerability; and its liveliness, a celebration of new life and hope.



**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, May 14, 2023**  
**MOTHER'S DAY**

**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**  
**Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**



**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**  
**10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**  
**The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**



**The Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2023**  
**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**  
**9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist**  
**9:30 A.M. ~ Sunday School**

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