



ST. MICHAEL'S  
CATHEDRAL  
BARBADOS

# Evensong



to mark the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
The Saint Michael Centre for Faith and Action

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
6:00 p.m.

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*Diocesan Bishop*

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

*Dean & Rector*

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

*Precentor*

**The Rev'd Canon George Knight, B.Min.**

*Assistant Priest*

**The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann K. Wedderburn, BSc., BA**



# Order of Service

*The service will proceed unannounced*

*As is customary in churches with great choral traditions, much of the service is sung by the choir alone, and the congregation makes its offering of praise by responding to the beauty of the choir's music. Please join in the hymns to the full.*

*The organ is played by*

Mr. John F. Bryan, BSc., BMus.  
*Organist & Choirmaster*

*Organ music before the service*

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572 ~ J.S. Bach  
Evensong ~ H. Willan

*All stand (if able) as the choir & clergy enter the cathedral and remain standing for the welcome and opening hymn*

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

**O Thou Who camest from above  
The fire celestial to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for Thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return  
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work, and speak, and think for Thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire  
And still stir up the gift in me.**

**Still let me prove Thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat;  
Till death Thy endless mercies seal,  
And make the sacrifice complete.**

Words by C. Wesley  
Tune – *HEREFORD* by S.S. Wesley  
#538 CPWI Hymnal

## **VERSICLES AND RESPONSES**

*setting by W. Smith*

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

**R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

V. O God, make speed to save us.

**R. O Lord, make haste to help us.**

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

V. Praise ye the Lord.

**R. The Lord's Name be praised.**



**PSALM 72: 1 - 4, 12 - 14**

*chant by J. Bertalot*

- 1 Give the King thy judgements, O God :  
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
  - 2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right :  
and defend the poor.
  - 3 The mountains also shall bring peace :  
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
  - 4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right :  
defend the children of the poor, and punish the  
wrong doer.
  - 12 For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth :  
the needy also, and him that hath no helper.
  - 13 He shall be favourable to the simple and needy :  
and shall preserve the souls of the poor.
  - 14 He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong :  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

*All sit*

## THE FIRST LESSON

A reading from the Word of God, written in the book of Isaiah, the forty second chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*(Isaiah 42: 1 - 7)*

*All stand (if able) to sing the Office Hymn*

## **OFFICE HYMN**

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.**

**He comes with succour speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in his sight.**

**He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
And joy and hope, like flowers,  
Spring in His path to birth:  
Before Him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall bow down before Him,  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him,  
His praise all people sing;  
To Him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.**

**O'er every foe victorious,  
He on His Throne shall rest;  
From age to age more glorious,  
All-blessing and all-blest:  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His Name shall stand for ever,  
His changeless Name of love.**

Words by J. Montgomery  
Tune – CRÜGER by J. Crüger  
#251 CPWI Hymnal

*All sit while the choir sings the canticle*

## **MAGNIFICAT**

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- 2 For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
- 3 For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.



- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of  
their hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- 9 He remembering his mercy :  
hath holpen his servant Israel :
- 10 As he promised to our forefathers :  
Abraham and his seed, for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

Setting in A by H. Sumsion

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

A reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle of James, the second chapter, beginning at the fifth verse.

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the

rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*(James 2: 5 - 9, 12 - 17)*

*All remain sitting while the choir sings the canticle.*

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation :  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all  
people;
- 3 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

Setting in A by H. Sumsion

*All stand (if able) and say together The Apostles' Creed*

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the**

**holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with thy spirit.**

*All sit or kneel (as able)*

V. Let us pray

**R. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**R. And grant us thy salvation.**

V. O Lord, save this Nation.

**R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

**R. And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. O Lord, save thy people.

**R. And bless thine inheritance.**

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**



*The Collect for Social Justice*

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Second Collect, for Peace.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

*The Third Collect, for aid against all perils.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. **Amen.**

*All sit*

*Remain sitting while the cathedral choir sings the anthem*

## **THE ANTHEM**

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Chorus: God So Loved The World  
Words from John 3: 16 - 17  
Excerpt from "*The Crucifixion*" by J. Stainer

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



*All stand (if able) to sing the hymn*

## **HYMN**

**Great Mover of all hearts, whose hand  
Doth all the secret springs command  
Of human thought and will,  
Thou, since the world was made, dost bless  
Thy saints with fruits of holiness,  
Their order to fulfill.**

**Faith, hope, and love here weave one chain;  
But love alone shall then remain  
When this short day is gone:  
O Love, O Truth, O endless Light,  
When shall we see thy Sabbath bright  
With all our labours done?**

**We sow 'mid perils here and tears;  
There the glad hand the harvest bears,  
Which here in grief hath sown:  
Great Three in One, the increase give;  
Thy gifts of grace, by which we live,  
With heavenly glory crown.**

Words by C. Coffin tr. I. Williams  
Tune – *INNSBRUCK*  
German folk song harmonised by J.S. Bach  
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*All sit*



**THE SERMON**

*Senator The Rev'd Canon Dr. John Rogers*



*All stand (if able) to sing the hymn. During this hymn an offering is taken*

## **HYMN**

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.**



**Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Words by C. Wesley  
Tune – *BLAENWERN* by W.P. Rowlands  
#451 CPWI Hymnal

*All sit or kneel (as able)*

## **CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING**



*All stand (if able) to sing the hymn*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**Lift every voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song  
Full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song  
Full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.**

**Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come  
Over a way that with tears has been watered;  
We have come,  
Treading our path through the  
Blood of the slaughtered;  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

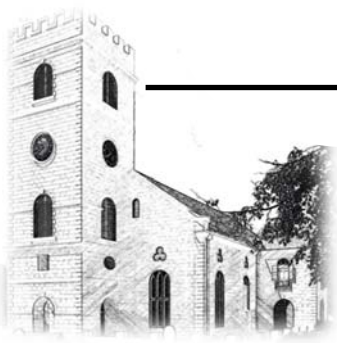
**God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by thy might,  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet  
Stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
Lest our hearts,  
Drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,  
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we for every stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.**

Words by J.W. Johnson  
Tune – *LIFT EVERY VOICE* by J.R. Johnson  
#554 CPWI Hymnal

*Please remain standing (if able) as the choir and clergy depart  
the cathedral*

*Organ music after the service*

Toccata from “Suite Gothique” Op. 25 ~ L. Boëllmann



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