

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist

On



**THE 9TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 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, July 30, 2023
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12

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** ~ **438** "Soldiers of Christ, arise,"

Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armour on,
strong in the strength which God supplies,
through his eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
and in his mighty power:
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might,
with all his strength endued;
and take, to arm you for the fight,
the panoply of God.

From strength to strength go on,
wrestle and fight and pray;
tread all the powers of darkness down,
and win the well-fought day.

That, having all things done,
and all your conflicts past,
ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,
and stand entire at last.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Opening Sentence **“General”**

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

THE INVOCATION

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PRESIDENT: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.

Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and

thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE KYRIES

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

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

The Collect: **“The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost”**

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Lectors:

7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Harriett Godding

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Kayla Tull

A reading from the Word of God written in the First Book of Kings, the third chapter, beginning at the fifth verse.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:129-136

Mirabilia

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- 129 Your decrees are wonderful;*
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light;*
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant;*
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy,*
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word;*
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me,*
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant*
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears,*
because people do not keep your law.

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: **Romans 8:26-39**

Lectors:

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Jacqueline Haddock-Scott

A reading from the Word of God written in the Letter of Paul to the Romans, the eighth chapter, beginning at the twenty-sixth verse.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against

God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 409** “Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all. Words:
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The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

GOSPELLER:

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 Matthew,
the thirteenth chapter, beginning at the thirty-first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom
of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and
sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but

when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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 “H”

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Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Linda Springer
9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Danita Layne

Bidding Prayer

Assisting Priest: Lord, we pray for your Church, that
together we may grow in faith, hope and love.

We pray for...

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

(Please kneel as able or sit)

LEADER: 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.

(Silence)

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

(Silence)

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

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

(Silence)

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially Eleanor, Leighton, John and Pamela, as they celebrate their birthdays: and 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.

LEADER: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; 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.

LEADER: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially ...; and for Richard Bentham and all others 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.

(Silence)

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

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. (*1 John 1:8, 9*)

(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. *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 baptized 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 ~ 296

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet Heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us,
filling us with your love.
And for these blessings,
we lift our hearts in praise,
without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.*

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness, and believe.

You're the one to profit when you say,
'I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.'

Refrain

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THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

(During the singing of this hymn, an offering will be collected. The Ushers will begin their collection from the west end of the Cathedral and move towards the altar, where the offering will be received by a server. The cooperation of everyone is requested.)

The Offertory **Hymn ~ 439** “Stand up, stand up for Jesus,”

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross!
Lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
his army he shall lead,
till every foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The solemn watchword hear;
if while ye sleep he suffers,
away with shame and fear.
Where'er ye meet with evil,
within you or without,
charge for the God of battles,
and put the foe to rout.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve him
against unnumbered foes;

let courage rise with danger
and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armour,
each piece put on with prayer;
when duty calls or danger
be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of Glory
shall reign eternally.

Words: George Duffield, Jr. (1818-1888)

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.

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 130*)

Because on this most glorious day, a triple light was given. On the first day of creation you brought light and life into being. On the first day, for our salvation, you raised your Son victorious over death; and on this day you gave your Holy and lifegiving Spirit to your church. (*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 “A”

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 ~ 352 “‘Thy kingdom come!’ on
bended knee”

‘Thy kingdom come!’ on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:

The day to whose clear shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every hurt be healed;

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad;
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

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 Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you. *Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 311** “God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,”

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath trod,
by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,
"Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea."

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase the brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled, that the light of the glorious Gospel of truth may shine throughout the world.

Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free, that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed; vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed; yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Written in 1894 by Arthur Campbell Ainger:

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.

**THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
PROPER 12
YEAR A**

THEME FOR THE WEEK

**“God’s unceasing love for us is the principle of the
Kingdom’s growth in us.”**



First Reading: **1 Kings 3:5-12**

Comment: “Solomon’s prayer for wisdom”

In the opening lesson **King Solomon pleases the Lord by requesting an understanding mind with which to govern the people.** God appears to Solomon in a dream shortly after he has come to the throne of his father David. Solomon not only wishes the skill to rule but the wisdom to do it justly, distinguishing between good and evil. God grants him this and much more, and Solomon will become famous both for his wisdom and the splendour of his kingdom.

Psalm 119:129-136

The psalmist continues to praise God’s commandments and ask for guidance and the Lord’s justice.

Second Reading: **Romans 8:26-39**

Comment: “Nothing can separate us from God’s love”

In this lection **Paul expresses his great confidence that God is for us, making love known to humankind through the sacrifice of the Son and the help of the Spirit.** The Spirit pleads with God for us, interceding when words fail. We learn that God works for good with those called according to God’s purpose. Nothing, therefore, can separate us from the love of One who did not withhold from us the divine Son. Neither mortal distress nor supernatural power can separate us from such love.

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

Comment: “Parables of the reign of heaven”

Our gospel is **five of Jesus’ short parables: the mustard seed, the leaven, the hidden measure, the priceless pearl, and the net.** They suggest how the action of God’s reign is realised. What seems insignificant is suddenly of great importance. It is like a marvellous gift which one seizes upon joyfully and for which all else is willingly sacrificed. The kingdom takes all kinds, and the sorting out must await the end. Wise servants will recognise treasure both old and new.

CATHEDRAL NEWS



The Offering of Money is an opportunity to give generously to the Cathedral in response to God's generosity. There are several ways to give regularly; in particular, in keeping with the invitation of Paul to the Church of God at Corinth (1 Cor. 16:2), members of the Cathedral can give weekly. However, persons can also do so monthly. Envelopes are provided in both cases. Cheques may also be written to St. Michael's Cathedral and mailed to the Cathedral's Office, St. Michael's Row, Bridgetown, St. Michael, Barbados. In addition, persons may make a Direct Debit to St. Michael's Cathedral via CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account #2719302, Transit #09606.



CALLING FOR CARERS: We are looking for members of the Cathedral who are interested in being involved in the Lay Pastoral Care ministry. If you are **not** currently involved in a ministry, this might be a good opportunity to share your skills with the sick, home-bound and the bereaved. Persons should be communicants in good standing and also satisfy the following criteria: accessibility, stability, empathy, and confidentiality. The necessary training will be provided. Please contact The Dean.**SICK:** Please remember the sick

and injured of our parish and wider community, especially Margaret Browne, Elsie Brunson, Colleen Byer, Courtney Carrington, Darwin Clarke, Sylvia Crawford, Alice P. Hall, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Helena Lyte, Jeffrey Mascoll, Blair Murray, Marlene Moore, Roland McCollin, Clyde Outram, Veronica Sandals (USA), Sylvester “Blues” Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, Ernesta Yarde and George Yearwood.



BEREAVEMENT: We extend sincere condolences to the family of the late Jennifer Weekes, sister of Ian Weekes and sister-in-law of Mary Weekes. May she 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: Let us thank all those persons who contributed to the floral arrangements today.

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

July 30 to August 5, 2023

Mrs. Eleanor E. Small ~ 1

Mr. Leighton Waterman ~ 1

Mr. John W. Clarke ~ 3

Mrs. Pamela A. Walker ~ 4



WELCOME: A most cordial welcome is extended to members of the Bentham and Haddock families as they celebrate their respective family reunions at this time. In the words of American writer Alex Haley, “In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future.” Enjoy your time, together!

Message from Dr. Carla Barnett, Secretary-General, CARICOM, on CARICOM's 50th Anniversary

As the Caribbean Community commemorates 50 years of existence and is acknowledged as the longest lasting integration movement of its kind among developing countries, we also know that it is no mean feat that it has endured. Our longevity is the result of a deep commitment immortalized in Incha, Chaguaramas on 4th July, 1973 and nurtured decade after decade by the steely determination of successive governments and the people of the region. This determination spurred the growth of our community from an initial membership of four member states to the current fifteen full members and five associate members.

The four pillars, which define our core objectives: economic integration, foreign policy coordination, human and social development and security cooperation are central to our regional and national development policies. Our active cadre of community institutions continuously focus on priorities such as education and human resource development, health, agriculture and food security, disaster management and response, climate change and crime and security.

We are an influential voice in international forum on critical matters and our leaders have played important roles in addressing critical issues such as the dismantling of apartheid, today, we have a strong voice in the growing Global debate on reparations for slavery and native

genocide, and discussions on climate injustice and responsibility for damage caused by climate change.

As a region, we number among our diverse accomplishments the establishment of the Caribbean Development Bank, the Caribbean Court of Justice, the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency, the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility, the Caribbean Examinations Council, the Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS and the Caribbean Public Health Agency.

CARICOM has traversed five decades of challenge and change and we are understandably proud of our accomplishments. As the theme selected for the 50th Anniversary celebrations declares, we are 50 years strong with a solid foundation to build on. We will continue to forge a Caribbean Community that is inclusive and resilient a community that is a unified competitive force in the global arena, where every citizen is secure and a community that shares opportunities and economic social and cultural prosperity.

As we celebrate this golden jubilee we pay homage to our founders, the past and present administrations and staff of institutions and associate institutions of the community and of the CARICOM Secretariat to the people of the region both resident and in the diaspora and to our international partners. We acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation, your deeply rooted commitment to the ideals

of integration and the concrete benefits that have accrued to the region because of your partnerships, advocacy and hard work, and as we look forward, we acknowledge that the global landscape has evolved significantly from the realities of 1973.

If we are to fulfill the promise of our integration as laid out in the Treaty of Chaguaramas we must continue to demonstrate the acumen, tenacity and sense of shared purpose that has sustained us for the past 50 years. This is what will secure a safe and prosperous community for future generations of our region, let us therefore marshal our talents and our zeal and continue resolutely towards our vision of one ‘Caribbean a Community for All’.



The Parables of the Mustard Seeds and Yeast

Fill in the blanks using the following words:-

dough flour yeast mustard heaven
birds parable seeds smallest largest

Jesus told them another _____: “The kingdom of _____ is like a _____ seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the _____ of all seeds , yet when it grows, it is the _____ of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the _____ come and perch in its branches.”

He told them still another _____: “The kingdom of _____ is like _____ that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of _____ until it worked all through the _____.”

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.” (*Matthew 13:31-35* (NIV))

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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**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
July 30 to August 5, 2023, Proper 12**

| Day | Morning Readings | Evening Readings |
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| The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: | Psalms 24,29 2 Samuel 1:17-27 Romans 12:9-21 | Psalms 8,84 Joshua 24:1-15 Matthew 25:31-46 |
| Monday | Psalms 56,57,(58) 2 Samuel 2:1-11 Acts 15:36-16:5 | Psalms 64,65 Joshua 24:16-33 Mark 6:14-29 |
| Tuesday | Psalms 61,62 2 Samuel 3:6-21 Acts 16:6-15 | Psalms 68:1-20(21- 23)24-36 Judges 2:1-5, 11-23 Mark 6:30-46 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 72 2 Samuel 3:22-39 Acts 16:16-24 | Psalm 119:73-96 Judges 3:12-30 Mark 6:47-56 |
| Thursday | Psalm (70),7 2 Samuel 4:1-12 Acts 16:25-40 | Psalm 74 Judges 4:4-23 Mark 7:1-23 |
| Friday | Psalms 69:1-23(24- 30)31-38 2 Samuel 5:1-12 Acts 17:1-15 | Psalm 73 Judges 5:1-18 Mark 7:24-37 |
| Saturday | Psalms 75,76 2 Samuel 5:22-6:11 Acts 17:16-34 Mark 8:1-10 | Psalms 23,27 Judges 5:19-31 Mark 8:1-10 Collect for Proper 13 |

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12
July 30, 2023**

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

The Bentham and Haddock families in attendance

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School



Wednesday, August 2, 2023

10:00 A.M. ~ A Public Service of Healing

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson



**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 13
August 6, 2023**

The Transfiguration of our Lord

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

9:30 A.M. ~ Sunday School

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