## The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels

welcomes you to the celebration of

## The Holy Eucharist On the

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY After Pentecost

September 10, 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, September 10, 2023 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist President and Preacher: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

The Barbados Alzheimer's Association in attendance

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne



## ORDER OF WORSHIP THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit **Hymn** ~ 369 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,"

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Opening Sentence "General"

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I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord (*Psalm 122:1*)

#### 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.

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.

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Collect: **Proper 18** Page 178

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.** 

(Please sit)

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Lynette Francis-Thornhill

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of the prophet Ezekiel, the thirty-third chapter, beginning at the seventh verse.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn

from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

#### Psalm119 Legem pone

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- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,\* and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;\* I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments,\* for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees\* and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;\* give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant,\* which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread,\* because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments;\* in your righteousness preserve my life.
- Glory be 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 13:8-14

Lectors:

7:00 A.M. ~ Master Daniel Greenidge 9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Rudy Frederick – The Barbados Alzheimer's Association

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

#### **ALL:** Thanks be to God.

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 431** "Fight the good fight with all thy might!"

Fight the good fight with all thy might! Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek his face; life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide; his boundless mercy will provide; trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he changeth not, and thou art dear; only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Words: John Samuel Bewleymonsell 1811-1875), alt

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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 Matthew, the eighteenth chapter, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

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

#### The Sermon:

7:00 A.M. The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn 9:00 A.M. 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. Harriet Godding 9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Sandra Fields

The Bidding Prayer –

Assisting Priest: Lord, we pray for your Church, that with willing spirits and hearts aflame with love, we would speak of your truth with conviction and with gentleness.

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 Goulbourne, Monica, Rushawn, Donté, Ansona, Cynthia, Harold, Margaret, Tony, Coral Dominic, Khalya, Karl, Kristin and Gail 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 Urcil Brathwaite, Dorothy Jarvis, and Elma Lashley and all 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 C

#### PRESIDENT:

The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL: They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

#### 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.
Words by: Jill Jackson; Melody: Sy Miller (1945)



Welcome: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

Address: The Honourable Kirk Humphrey M.P., Minister

of People Empowerment & Elderly Affairs.

**Greetings:** Ms. Pamela Brereton, President of the

Barbados Alzheimer's Association

#### 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 ~ 232** "My God, how wonderful thou art, "

My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright, how beautiful thy mercy-seat, in depths of burning light!

How dread are thine eternal years, O everlasting Lord, by prostrate spirits day and night incessantly adored!

How wonderful, how beautiful, the sight of thee must be, thine endless wisdom, boundless power, and awful purity!

Oh, how I fear thee, Living God, with deepest, tenderest fears, and worship thee with trembling hope, and penitential tears!

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art, for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.

No earthly father loves like thee, no mother, e'er so mild, bears and forbears as thou hast done with me thy sinful child.

Father of Jesus, love's reward! What rapture will it be, prostrate before thy throne to lie, and gaze and gaze on thee.

Words: Frederick W. Faber//music: Azmon: Carl Glaser

#### 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 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"

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.

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*.

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.

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 ~ 416** "I, the Lord of sea and sky,"

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

#### Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone, I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain* 

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied, I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Words: Daniel Schutte (1947-).
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Communion Hymn ~ 243 "When all thy mercies, O my God,"

When all thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys, transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love and praise.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul thy tender care bestowed, before my infant heart conceived from whom those comforts flowed.

When in the slippery paths of youth with heedless steps I ran, thine arm unseen conveyed me safe, and led me up to man.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ; and not the least a cheerful heart which tastes those gifts with joy.

Through every period of my life thy goodness I'll pursue and after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew.

Through all eternity to thee a joyful song I'll raise; for, O, eternity's too short to utter all thy praise.

Words: Joseph Addison/music: Takkis Ordinal

#### **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER "B"** Page 148

#### **ALL:**

Eternal God and Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you, and all persons in you, with gladness and singleness of heart, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### **THE BLESSING ~ Pentecost**

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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*.

#### Announcements

The Recessional **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 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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 18 YEAR A

#### THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Our mutual charity is a reflection of God's wish for our salvation"



First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Comment: "The prophet's responsibility to warn the people."

In our first lesson, the prophet Ezekiel is like a watchman: it is his responsibility to warn the wicked, but it is the individual's responsibility to stop sinning. Some people say it is too late to repent—that the burden of

past sins is too great to overcome. Ezekiel is to tell them that it is the living God who calls them to cease sinning and find life. These oracles were delivered as Israel's exile was beginning and were meant to instill both a sense of accountability and the hope necessary for repentance.

#### Psalm 119:33-40

Comment: "I desire the path of your commandments."

The psalmist asks the Lord's guidance and promises to keep God's commandments always.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Comment: "Live honourably as in the day"

In this reading, Paul summarises the heart of the law and urges a way of life in full awareness of the nearness of salvation. All the commandments and all human responsibility for others are fulfilled by "loving your neighbour as yourself." Disciples must recognise that the night time of sinfulness is passing. The daylight, the time for new conduct and the following of Jesus, now comes.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Comment: "Reconciliation in the community of faith"

Our gospel presents teaching about how to deal with sin and grievances within the Christian community. The early churches did not have established codes and regulations and had to fashion their own ways of dealing with such matters. Here every effort is made to bring the sinful member to repentance. Failing this, the individual is to be treated as outside the church. Such decisions are understood to be ratified in heaven and by Christ's presence even in the smallest of Christian gatherings.

#### **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; 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.

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, Henderson Downes, 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 families of the late Mrs. Urcil Brathwaite, mother of Sandra Brathwaite; the late Mrs. Dorothy Jarvis, mother of Yvonne

Jarvis-Bynoe of Canada, and the late William Jarvis of the USA; Special friend of Mrs. Harriet Blackman and family; the late Ms. Elma Lashley, mother of Ms. Coreen Lashley (member of the Usher's Guild), and sister of Ms. Ina Lashley, (shut-in). May the deceased rest in peace. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (*Matthew 5:4*)

## **BIRTHDAYS:** Congratulations to all those celebrating their birthday this week:

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Mr. Goulbourne R. Drakes ~ 10
Mrs. Monica D. Thompson ~ 10
Mr. Rushawn Yearwood ¬10
Ms. Donté Inniss ~ 11
Ms. Ansona M. S. Walter ~ 12
Ms. Cynthia A. Sylvester ~ 13
Mr. Harold W. Banfield ~ 14
Mrs. Margaret A. Best-Grant ~ 14
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#### UPCOMING 2023 SEPT 10 ST MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH SERVICE COMMENCING 9:00AM FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON SEPT 10 12 NOON AT LA VARANDAH MAXWELL MAIN ROAD ANNUAL SEMINAR SEPT 13 LLOYD ERSKINE SANDIFORD CENTRE 9:00-4:00 WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY SEPT 21 GO PURPLE IN SEPTEMBER - SCHOOLS TO WEAR PURPLE T-SHIRTS WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY SEPT 21 MOVIE NIGHT - ST MATTHIAS CHURCH **HEALTH FAIR** SEPT 23 ST LUKE CHURCH BRIGHTON, ST GEORGE VISIT US @ WWW.ALZBARBADOS.COM

Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings September 10-16, 2023, Proper 18							
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#### The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 18 September 10, 2023

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

The Barbados Alzheimer's Association in attendance



10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 19 September 17, 2023

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



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