

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist

On

**September 24, 2023
7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M**

**THEN THERE CAME
A VOICE TO HIM
THAT SAID,
'WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE,
ELIJAH?'**

1 KINGS 19:15

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Patronal Festival

September 24 - October 1, 2023

Theme: Cathedral Ministry: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

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

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Sunday, September 24, 2023
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
President and Preacher:
The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist
President and Preacher:
The Rev'd Canon George Knight

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit **Hymn ~ 413** “Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,”

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

Words: William Williams

Opening Sentence "**General**"

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Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of Him. (*Psalm 96:9*)

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.*

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

The Collect: **Proper 20**

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Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: **Jonah 3:10-4:11**

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Shaquan Pompey

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of the prophet Jonah, the third chapter, beginning at the tenth verse.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God

and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then The Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-8 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

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1 I will exalt you, O God my King,*
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;*
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another*
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty*
and all your marvellous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,*
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great
goodness;* they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,*
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**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: **Philippians 1:21-30**

Lectors: **7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Jeannette Rollock**
9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donnah Russell

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

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for

your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 530** “Master, speak! Thy servant heareth,”

Master, speak! Thy servant heareth,
waiting for thy gracious word,
longing for thy voice that cheereth;
Master, let it now be heard,
I am listening, Lord, for thee;
what hast thou to say to me?

Speak to me by name, O Master!
Let me know it is to me;
speak, that I may follow faster,
with a step more firm and free,
where the shepherd leads the flock
in the shadow of the rock.

Master, speak! Though least and lowest,

let me not unheard depart;
Master, speak! For O thou knowest
all the yearning of my heart;
knowest all its truest need;
speak, and make me blest indeed.

Master, speak! And make me ready,
when thy voice is truly heard,
with obedience glad and steady
still to follow every word
I am listening, Lord, for thee:
Master, speak, O speak to me!

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 20:1-16**

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

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twentieth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five

o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Sermon:

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

9:00 A.M. The Rev'd Canon George Knight

(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. ~ Mrs. Joyanne Blackman-Jarvis
9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Margaret Aimey

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. 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 Milroy, Wendy, Donna, Valdine. Sandra, John, Daphne, Julian, Nadya and Andrea as they celebrate their birthday: 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 Elma Lashley, Jascinta Brown, Hartley Dottin, and Sonia Hood, 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.*

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)

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)

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 ~ 310 “Glorious things of thee are spoken,”

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
with salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage;

grace, which like the Lord the Giver,
never fails from age to age?

Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear,
for a glory and a covering-
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, since of Zion's city,
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
all it's boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), 1779

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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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.***

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 ~ 594 “O God, unseen yet ever near”

O God, unseen yet ever near,
thy presence may we feel;
and, thus inspired with holy fear,
before thine altar kneel.

Here may thy faithful people know
the blessings of thy love,
the streams that through the desert flow,
the manna from above.

We come, obedient to thy word,
to feast on heavenly food;
our meat the body of the Lord,
our drink his precious blood.

Thus may we all thy word obey,
for we, O God, are thine;
and go rejoicing on our way,
renewed with strength divine.

Words: Edward Osler (1798-1863)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER “B”

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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

Welcome and Announcements

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 383** “Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.

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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
PROPER 20
YEAR A**

THEME FOR THE WEEK

“The goodness and mercy of the Lord towards us transcends every human circumstance.”



First Reading: **Jonah 3:10-4:11**

Comment: “God’s concern for the city of Nineveh”

The Lord teaches Jonah a lesson when the prophet is angry because God is merciful to the repentant pagan city that Jonah has gone to great trouble to denounce. “I knew it,” Jonah says, in effect, when the Lord spares Nineveh; “that’s why I tried to avoid your mission in the first place, because you are such a gracious God, even toward non-Israelites.” The Lord causes a shrub to grow up and provide shade for the prophet. Jonah is again angry when it dies. If Jonah would have mercy for the plant, should God not be gracious toward this whole city?

Psalm 145:1-8

Comment: “The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love” (Ps.145:8)

A hymn of praise to the Lord, who is mighty in deeds yet tender and compassionate.

Second Reading: **Philippians 1:21-30**

Comment: “Standing firm in the gospel”

In this reading **Paul tells the Philippians that he would prefer to be with Christ beyond death, but he recognises that he still has good work to do in his earthly life.** The passage suggests that Paul had reason to think his death might be near, perhaps by martyrdom. He looks forward to a closer union with Christ, but believes it more likely that he will be able to visit the Philippians again. Either way, he asks that they live in a manner worthy of the gospel and stand firm in unity with one another.

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 20:1-16**

Comment: “The parable of the vineyard workers”

Our gospel is the story of the labourers in the vineyard, who are all paid the same wage despite their different hours of work. Like most parables, this story can have many meanings, as have been given to it in the life of the church. On one level it suggests that nobody can presume on God’s grace, so often extended to those who may seem the least deserving. The parable deliberately flies in the face of normal human expectations. It offers a clue pointing to God’s extraordinary evenhandedness in dealing with people quite apart from human ideas about their merit. Jesus may have told it in defense of his own sharing in the lives of the outcast.

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.



SICK: Please remember the sick and injured of our parish and wider community, especially Margaret Browne, Elsie Brunson, Colleen Byer, Courtney Carrington, Darwin Clarke, Henderson Downes, Alice P. Hall, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Helena Lyte, Jeffrey Mascoll, 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:

- Ms. Elma Lashley, mother of Ms. Coreen Lashley (member of the Usher's Guild), and sister of Ms. Ina Lashley (shut-in);
- Mr. Hartley Dottin, B.S.S. (St. Mary), father of Yasmin Vlahakis and Kathryn Dottin;
- Ms. Sonia Hood (St. Leonard), mother of Sunil and Anthony Hood, grandmother of six; and sister of Linda, Sharon, Angie and Michael Bowen, Hayden and John Jordan.

May the deceased 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. Especially: Dr. Wendy Sealy, who is celebrating her birthday today, and her mother Ms. Daphne Browne who will be celebrating on September 29; also Mrs. Ermine Lowe who celebrated her birthday on September 21. God's continued blessings to all of them.

ANNIVERSARY OF CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to Ms. Eleanor Small, who will be celebrating 67 years of confirmation on September 27; and to all other members who celebrate their confirmation at Michaelmastide. God's blessing for continued growth to maturity in Christ.

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

September 24-30, 2023

Ms. Milroy I. King ~ 24

Dr. Wendy Sealy ~ 24

Ms. Donna Inniss ~ 25

Mrs. Valdine E. Browne ~ 27

Ms. Sandra M. Greene ~ 27

Mr. John F. Sealy ~ 28

Ms. Daphne O. Browne ~ 29

Mr. Julian A. Burton ~ 30

Ms. Nadya Nurse ~ 30

Ms. Andrea N. White ~ 30



SERMON NOTES

Text:.....

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
September 24-30, 2023, Proper 20**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 93, 96 2 Kings 4:8-37 Acts 9:10-31	Psalm 34 Esther 3:1—4:3 or Judith 5:22—6:4,10-21 Luke 3:7-18
Monday	Psalm 80 2 Kings 5:1-19 1 Corinthians 4:8-21	Psalms 77, [79] Esther 4:4-17 or Judith 7:1-7, 19-32 Matthew 5:21-26
Tuesday	Psalm 78:1-39 2 Kings 5:19-27 1 Corinthians 5:1-8	Psalm 78:40-72 Esther 5:1-14 or Judith 8:9-17; 9:1,7-10 Matthew 5:27-37
Wednesday	Psalm 119:97-120 2 Kings 6:1-23 1 Corinthians 5:9— 6:8	Psalms 81, 82 Esther 6:1-14 or Judith 10:1-23 Matthew 5:38-48
Thursday	Psalms [83] or 116, 117 2 Kings 9:1-16 1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Psalms 85, 86 Esther 7:1-10 or Judith 12:1-20 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Saint Michael and All Angels Friday	Psalms 8, 148 Job 38:1-7 Hebrews 1:1-14	Psalms 34, 150, or 104 Daniel 12:1-3 or 2 Kings 6:8-17 Mark 13:21-27 or Revelation 5:1-14
Saturday	Psalms 87, 90 2 Kings 11:1-20a 1 Corinthians 7:10-24	Psalm 136 Hosea 1:1—2:1 Matthew 6:19-24 Collect for Proper 21

Name: _____

Matthew 20:1-16

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

AGREE
BEGINNING
DAILY
EQUAL
EVENING
FIRST
FRIEND

GRUMBLED
HEAVEN
HIRED
IDLE
KINGDOM
LABORERS
LANDOWNER
LAST

MANAGER
MARKETPLACE
OWNER
SCORCHING
USUAL
VINEYARD
WAGE
WORKED
WRONG

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

September 24 - October 1, 2023

Theme: Cathedral Ministry: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Sunday, September 24

7: 00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon George W. Knight

6:00 P.M. ~ Choral Evensong

Preacher: The Rev'd E. Brian Thompson



Wednesday, September 27

10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Michael Walcott



Friday, September 29

The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

7:00 P.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Noel A. Burke



Sunday, October 1

7: 00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Lay Speaker: Ms. Mary Haynes, S.C.

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

Lay Speaker: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

6:00 P.M. ~ Choral Evensong

Preacher: The Rev'd Mark D. Harewood



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