

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

*The Holy Eucharist  
On the*



**September 17, 2023  
7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M**

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

*Diocesan Bishop*

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**Sunday, September 17, 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: The Rev'd Canon George Knight**  
**Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

**Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Judy King**



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **THE PREPARATION**

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit **Hymn ~ 732** “Jesus, where’er thy people meet,”

Jesus, where’er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy-seat;  
where’er they seek thee thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.

For thou, within no walls confined,  
inhabitest the humble mind;  
such ever bring thee when they come,  
and, going, take thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,  
thy former mercies here renew;  
here to our waiting hearts proclaim  
the sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer,  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:  
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,  
and make a thousand hearts thine own.

*Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)*

Opening Sentence “*General*”

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Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of  
compassion. (*Psalm 116:4*)

**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 19**

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O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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: **Genesis 50:15-21**

Lectors: **7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Shernelle O’Neale**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Leighton Waterman**

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Genesis, the fiftieth chapter, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back

in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 103:8-13** *Benedic, anima mea*

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The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,\*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us,\*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,\*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west,\*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children,\*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

**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 14:1-12**

**Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Remech Matthais**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Margaret Fraser-Morrison**

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise



your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."  
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 270** "Come down, O Love divine"

Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,

shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Words: Bianco da Siena (c. 1350-1434),  
from Discendi, amor santo, Italian;  
translation: Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)*

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 18:21-35**

**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 eighteenth chapter, beginning at the twenty-first verse.

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.” “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of

his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

**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**

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

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 Armel, Julia, Ronald, Ermine, Sheila, and Janiya, 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, 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.***

## 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)*

## **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 ~ 453** “Make me a channel of your peace. “

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

### ***Refrain:***

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

in giving of ourselves that we receive;  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Words: Sebastian temple (1928-1997)*  
*Words © 1967 OCP Publications.*

## **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”**

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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 ~ 495** “Amazing grace - how sweet the sound”

Amazing grace - how sweet the sound -  
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.

*Words: John Newton (1725-1807)*

**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 ~ 384** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation;”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear,  
now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen  
how thy heart’s wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him.

*Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680),  
from Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren  
German; ranslation: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

**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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
PROPER 19  
YEAR A**

**THEME FOR THE WEEK**

**We are forgiven, as Jesus teaches us in the Lord's Prayer,  
only as we forgive**



First Reading: **Genesis 50:15-21**

**Comment: “Joseph reconciles with his brothers”**

In our sequential Hebrew scripture lesson, **Joseph's brothers fear his wrath upon learning of the death of their father, Jacob.** It could be that Joseph will seek vengeance for the wrong done to him now that Jacob is no longer able to intercede on their behalf. The brothers manufacture a story and plead for

mercy. Joseph tearfully and warmly reassures them that he intends only their good and the well-being of their families.

### **Psalm 103:8-13**

**Comment: “Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy.”**

A hymn of blessing in thanksgiving for healing forgiveness and for all the Lord’s acts of compassion and justice.

### **Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12**

**Comment: “Accepting diversity in the community of faith.”**

In this reading, **Paul calls upon the Roman disciples to live with tolerance for one another’s scruples, recognising that everything can be done to honour the Lord with whom each Christian has a relationship.** Especially should those who are strong and untroubled in their consciences respect the attitudes of the weak in matters such as observing certain days and eating meat. It is possible that there was tension in the Roman Church between liberal Gentile Christians and more scrupulous Jewish Christians. God, Paul reminds them, is the one to whom final answer must be given, and the risen Christ is Lord of all.

### **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

**Comment: “A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith.”**

In the gospel lesson, **Jesus bids his disciples to offer a forgiveness which is, for all practical purposes, unlimited, and he tells a parable about a man who although forgiven much, still himself had no mercy.** Jesus has extended to all manner of people God’s amazingly generous offer of acceptance

into the kingdom. Those who have been so forgiven must show mercy to others. Their own forgiveness may otherwise be revoked.

## CATHEDRAL NEWS

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, Friday, September 29, 2023. The details of this observance will be available next week. Meantime, members are reminded of this important date in the life of the Cathedral and furthermore, to make an offering during the festival. Please make full use of the Patronal Festival Special Offering envelope which has been provided in the package which was issued at the beginning of the year.



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:

- Mrs. Urcil Brathwaite, mother of Sandra Brathwaite;
- Mrs. Dorothy Jarvis, mother of Yvonne Jarvis-Bynoe of Canada, special friend of Mrs. Harriet Blackman and family;
- Ms. Elma Lashley, mother of Ms. Coreen Lashley (member of the Usher’s Guild), and sister of Ms. Ina Lashley (shut-in);
- Ms. Jascinta Brown (Church Warden of St. Ambrose), daughter of Ms. Catherine Brown, mother of Jamarr Brown, grandmother of Jamario Brown; and brother of William “Kenny” Brown;
- 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 Mrs. Margaret Best-Grant, who celebrated her birthday on September 14.

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

**September 17-23, 2023**

**Ms. Armel Marshall ~ 18**  
**Mrs. Julia Bourne-Pompey ~ 18**  
**Mr. Ronald DeC. Grant ~ 19**  
**Mrs. Ermine M. Lowe ~ 21**  
**Ms. Sheila Sealy ~ 22**  
**Ms. Janiya Harper ~ 23**



# SERMON NOTES

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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  
September 17-23, 2023, Proper 19**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning Readings</b>	<b>Evening Readings</b>
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 24, 29 1 Kings 19:8-21 Acts 5:34-42	Psalms 8, 84 Job 38:1, 18-41 John 11:45-57
Monday	Psalms 56, 57, [58] 1 Kings 21:1-16 1 Corinthians 1:1-19	Psalms 64, 65 Job 40:1-24 Matthew 4:1-11
Tuesday	Psalms 61, 62 1 Kings 21:17-29 1 Corinthians 1:20-31	Psalm 68:1-20(21-23) 24-36 Job 40:1; 41:1-11 Matthew 4:12-17
Wednesday	Psalm 72 1 Kings 22:1-28 1 Corinthians 2:1-13	Psalm 119:73-96 Job 42:1-17 Matthew 4:18-25
Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Thursday	Psalm 119:41-64 Isaiah 8:11-20 Romans 10:1-15	Psalms 19, 112 Job 28:12-28 Matthew 13:44-52
Friday	Psalm 69:1-23(24- 30)31-38 2 Kings 1:2-17 1 Corinthians 3:16-23	Psalm 73 Esther 1:1-4, 10-19 or Judith 4:1-15 Matthew 5:11-16
Saturday	Psalms 75, 76 2 Kings 2:1-18 1 Corinthians 4:1-7	Psalms 23, 27 Esther 2:5-8, 15-23 or Judith 5:1-21 Matthew 5:17-20 Collect for Proper 20



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## Matthew 18.21-35

T M O B U K A C C O U N T S L G P P  
K I P A Y I N G D E B T O R M H R A  
I G M W L V S E R V A N T S K O O Y  
N D C E E Z Z C H I L D R E N M P M  
G S V Y S C O M P A S S I O N A E E  
D S E V E N T Y S E V E N O I G R N  
O Y F O R G A V E T O O N W O E T T  
M F M S E T T L E Z T R F I L E Y A  
Q Z J B R O T H E R P O Q F T T V P  
Q M A S T E R D E B T W L E O W T V  
O S O L D K I N G U P A T I E N T A  
Q L F U L L H E F O R G I V E A S U

Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘.

ACCOUNTS  
BROTHER  
CHILDREN  
COMPASSION  
DEBT  
DEBTOR  
FORGAVE  
FORGIVE

FULL  
HOMAGE  
KING  
KINGDOM  
MASTER  
PATIENT  
PAYING  
PAYMENT

PROPERTY  
SERVANTS  
SETTLE  
SEVENTY-SEVEN  
SOLD  
TIMES  
WIFE

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 19  
September 17, 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: The Rev'd Canon George Knight  
Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

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**Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

**10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**

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**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20  
September 24, 2023**

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

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