

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

Choral Evensong

On

October 1, 2023

6:00 P.M



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

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

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Sunday, October 1, 2023

6:00 P.M. ~ Choral Evensong
Preacher: The Rev'd Mark D. Harewood

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome – The Dean

ORGAN PRELUDE(S)

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

Opening **Hymn** ~ “Who is like God? Who is like God?”

"Who is like God? Who is like God?"

Archangel Michael sings;
Angelic choirs take up the strain,
All heaven with music rings.?

"There's none like God, there's none like God"

In concert angels sing
"O'er all this boundless universe
God, only God, is King."

Author: Julia H. Johnston

HYMN ~ “He made the heav'nly hosts to show”

He made the heav'nly hosts to show
The glory of His love,
And men to worship serve, obey
As angels do above;

Saint Michael and his angels fought
Against the dragon fell;
And by the power of God alone
Drove Satan into hell.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Creator, Saviour, Friend,
Be praise and glory, rule and power
To ages without end.

*Words by the late Canon William Brathwaite
Tune - RICHMOND by T. Haweis*

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

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

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God :
and the firmament sheweth his handy-work.
- 2 One day telleth another :
and one night certifieth another.
- 3 There is neither speech nor language :
but their voices are heard among them.
- 4 Their sound is gone out into all lands :
and their words into the ends of the world.
- 5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun :
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his
chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his
course.
- 6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and
runneth about unto the end of it again :
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
- 7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the
soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth
wisdom unto the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart :
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth
light unto the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever :
the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous
altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much
fine gold :
sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught :
and in keeping of them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth :
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they
get the dominion over me :

so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight :

O Lord my strength, and my redeemer.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

All sit

THE FIRST LESSON

All stand (if able) to sing the Office Hymn

OFFICE HYMN ~ 736 “Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where we disown and doubt Him
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,

hungry and helpless, lost indeed without Him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us-
self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Words by T. Dudley-Smith
Tune - HIGHWOOD by R.R. Terry*

Remain standing as together we sing the canticle

MAGNIFICAT

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- 2 For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
- 3 For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of
their hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- 9 He remembering his mercy :
hath holpen his servant Israel :
- 10 As he promised to our forefathers :
Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. **Amen.**

All sit

THE SECOND LESSON

All stand (if able) as together we sing the canticle

NUNC DIMITTIS

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

All remain standing and say together The Apostles' Creed

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

All sit or kneel (as able)

V. Let us pray
R. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save this Nation.
R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people.
R. And bless thine inheritance.

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

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

R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day Proper 21

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Second Collect, for Peace.

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

The Third Collect, for aid against all perils.

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

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

R. *Amen.*

All sit

THE ANTHEM

Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Glory to God in the highest

Excerpt from Glori RV 589 by A. Vivaldi

All remain seated for the announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand (if able) to sing the hymn

HYMN ~ **791** “Around the throne of God a band”

Around the throne of God a band
Of glorious angels ever stand;
bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,
And on their heads are crowns of gold.

Some wait around Him, ready still
To sing His praise and do His will,
And some, when He commands them, go
To guard His servants here below.

Lord, give Thy angels every day
Command to guide us on our way,
And bid them every evening keep
Their watch around us while we sleep.
So shall no wicked thing draw near
To do us harm or cause us fear;

And we shall dwell, when life is past,
With angels round Thy throne at last.

*Words by J.M. Neale
Tune - GUARDIAN ANGELS by E.H. Thorne*

All sit

THE SERMON

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

HYMN ~ **798** Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright,”

Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright,
Filled with celestial resplendence and light,
These that, where night never followeth day,
Raise the Trisagion ever and ay:

These are thy counsellors, these dost thou own,
Lord God of Sabaoth, nearest thy throne;
These are thy ministers, these dost thou send,
Help of the helpless ones, us to defend.

These keep the guard amidst Salem's dear bowers,
Thrones, principalities, virtues and powers,
Where, with the living ones, mystical four,
Cherubim, Seraphim bow and adore.

"Who like the Lord?" thunders Michael the Chief;
Raphael, "the Cure of God," comforteth grief;
And, as at Nazareth, prophet of peace,
Gabriel, "the light of God," bringeth release.

Then, when the earth was first poised in mid-space,
Then, when the planets first sped on their race,
Then, when were ended the six days' employ,
Then all the Sons of God shouted for joy.

Still let them succour us; still let them fight,
Lord of angelic hosts, battling for right;
Till, where their anthems they ceaselessly pour,
We with the angels may bow and adore.

*Words tr. by J.M. Neale
Tune - TRISAGION by H. Smart*

All sit or kneel (as able)

CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

All stand (if able) to sing the hymn

CLOSING HYMN ~ 797 "Praise to God who reigns above

Praise to God who reigns above
Binding earth and heaven in love;
All the armies of the sky
Worship his dread sovereignty.

Seraphim his praises sing,
Cherubim on fourfold wing,
Thrones, dominions, princes, powers,
Marshaled might that never cowers.

Speeds the archangel from his face,
Bearing messages of grace;
Angel hosts his words fulfil,
Ruling nature by his will.

Yet on man thy joy to wait,
All that bright celestial state,
For in Man their Lord they see,
Christ, the incarnate Deity.

On the throne their Lord who died
Sits in Manhood glorified;
Where his people faint below
Angels count it joy to go.

O the depths of joy divine
Thrilling through those orders nine,
When the lost are found again,
When the banished come to reign!

Now in faith , in hope, in love,
We will join the choirs above,
Praising, with the heavenly host,
Father , Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words by R.M. Benson
Tune - XAVIER by F.H. Champneys

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

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