

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist

On

October 1, 2023
7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M



Patronal Festival

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

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

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Sunday, October 1, 2023

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President:

The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

President:

The Rev'd Canon George Knight

Lay Speaker: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit **Hymn ~ 381** “Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him,”

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him,
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all ye stars of light:
praise the Lord! For he hath spoken,
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws, which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he hath made.

Praise the Lord! For he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious,

sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!

Words: John Kemphorne (1775-1838), 1796

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 21**

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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.**

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: **Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

Lectors: **7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Jeannette Rollock**
9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Darnley King

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of the prophet Ezekiel, the eighteenth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-8 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

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1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies
triumph over me.

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;*
let the treacherous be disappointed in their
schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord,*
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,*
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,*
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions;* remember me according to your
love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;*
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

**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 2:1-13**

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. John Moore (M.F)

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

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 795** “Life and strength of all thy servants,”

Life and strength of all thy servants,
brightness of the Father’s light;
men with angels, earth with heaven,
in thy praise their songs unite.

Thousand thousand warrior princes
in thine angel army stand;
flames the victor cross before them,
grasped in Michael’s dauntless hand.

Hurling back from heaven the rebels
with the lifting of his sword,
in the might of God he tramples
on the dragon’s head abhorred.

Lord of Angels, Christ, we pray thee,
bid them aid us in our strife,
chase afar the hosts of evil,
till we reach the land of life.

God the Father, God immortal,
God the Son, for us who died,

God the Comforter, the Spirit,
evermore be glorified!

Words: Rhabanus Maurus

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 21:23-32**

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 twenty-first chapter, beginning at the twenty-third verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the

will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Address:

7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes, S.C.

9:00 A.M. ~ Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

(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. ~ Prof. Anne St. John, GCM
9:00 A.M. ~ Master Liam Francis-Thornhill

The Bidding Prayer –

Assisting Priest: Lord, we pray for your Church, that strengthened by the whole host of angels we would be led into greater confidence in faith and greater devotion in worship. 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 Margaret, Maeve, Yvette, and Doris 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 The Rev'd Dr. Overton Gilkes, Mrs. Bernice Critchlow-Earle and Mrs. Isaline Watson: 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)

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 ~ 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 amid 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 attributed to: Joseph the Hymnographer (died 883)
From Greek; translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

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 ~ 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: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

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 ~ 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,
marshalled 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: Richard Meux Benson (1824-1915)

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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
PROPER 21
YEAR A**

THEME FOR THE WEEK

“Action is the true test of obedience. Our individual responsibility means nothing unless we carry it out in practice.”



First Reading: **Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

Comment: “The fairness of God’s way”

In the Hebrew scripture lesson **the Lord insists that individuals are responsible for their own sins and that the people must now repent, no longer blaming their troubles on the sins of their parents.** So much for the proverb that the fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children’s teeth are set on edge! So much for those who say the Lord’s ways are not just! These words are intended to bring about a sense of individual responsibility and hope at a time when the nation was gripped by despair because of tribulation and exile. The Lord wants the people to turn away from iniquity and live.

Psalm 25:1-8

Comment: “Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love”
(Ps 25:6)

A prayer for forgiveness and guidance and an expression of trust in the Lord.

Second Reading: **Philippians 2:1-13**

Comment: “Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross”

In this reading **Paul bids the new disciples to be of one mind in love, knowing how Christ Jesus accepted the condition of a servant and was obedient to the point of death. We now confess him as Lord and are called to an obedient working out of our faith.** Central to this passage is a poem which may have been adapted from the hopes for a saviour of a people who did not yet know Jesus. He has fulfilled humanity’s dream of one who will share fully in the mortal condition. Now the Lord is known personally—Jesus. His followers must work out their salvation while discovering that God is active in them for his loving purpose.

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 21:23-32**

Comment: “A parable of doing God’s will”

In a response to a question about authority, Jesus tells a parable of two sons who obeyed their father differently, and he indicates that it is the same with those who are apparently obedient and disobedient in this age. Both John the Baptist and Jesus offered their message of repentance and the hope of the kingdom to all. It was the seeming outcasts who most genuinely responded. Then and now it is not a popular idea to suggest that such persons have priority over those who are established in their religion. Action is the test of obedience.

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:

- Mrs. Bernese Critchlow-Earle, J.P.,SCM, retired principal of the Jean and Norma Holder Hospitality Institute, Barbados Community College, mother of Erika and grandmother of Ava.
- The Rev'd Dr. Overton W. Gilkes, retired Theologian. Dr. Gilkes, who was ordained Deacon in 1956, served as Curate of The Cathedral of St. Michael and All Angels between 1956 and 1959. In addition to being a parish priest in the Diocese of Barbados, he also served as Tutor at Codrington College. Also, he served in St. Vincent, Jamaica and the USA.
- Mrs. Isaline Watson, mother of The Rev'd Canon Dr. Von Watson, Canon Missioner of the Diocese of Barbados, Marianne Lloyd, Shermaine Welch, Elson, Carl, Juan (one) Ivan, Peter, Marvo and Marina Watson.. 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.

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

October 1 - 7, 2023

Mrs. Margaret Fraser-Morrison ~ 4

Ms. Maeve I. Gittens ~ 5

Yvette Murray - 5

Ms. Doris Viola Haynes ~ 7



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
October 1 - 7, 2023, Proper 21**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 66 67 2 Kings 17:1-18 Acts 9:36-43	Psalms 19, 46 Hosea 2:2-14 Luke 5:1-11
Monday	Psalm 89:1-18 2 Kings 17:24-41 1 Corinthians 7:25-31	Psalm 89:19-52 Hosea 2:14-23 Matthew 6:25-34
Tuesday	Psalms 97, 99, [100] 2 Chronicles 29:1-3; 30:1(2-9)10-27 1 Corinthians 7:32-40	Psalms 94, [95] Hosea 4:1-10 Matthew 7:1-12
Wednesday	Psalms 101, 109: 1-4(5-19)20-30 2 Kings 18:9-25 1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Psalm 119:121-144 Hosea 4:11-19 Matthew 7:13-21
Thursday	Psalm 105:1-22 2 Kings 18:28-37 1 Corinthians 9:1-15	Psalm 105:23-45 Hosea 5:8—6:6 Matthew 7:22-29
Friday	Psalm 102 2 Kings 19:1-20 1 Corinthians 9:16-27	Psalm 107:1-32 Hosea 10:1-15 Matthew 8:1-17
Saturday	Psalms 107:33-43, 108:1-6(7-13) 2 Kings 19:21-36 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Psalm 33 Hosea 11:1-9 Matthew 8:18-27 Collect for Proper 22

Matthew 21:23-32



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Patronal Festival Continued

Sunday, October 1, 2023

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President:

The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

President:

The Rev'd Canon George Knight

Lay Speaker: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

6:00 P.M. ~ Choral Evensong

Preacher: The Rev'd Mark D. Harewood



Wednesday, October 4, 2023

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Friar 1226

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



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 22

October 8, 2023

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist



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