

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist

On

October 8, 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

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

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LAITY SUNDAY

Sunday, October 8, 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

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Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Judy King



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Opening **Hymn ~ 729** “Christ is our cornerstone”

Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
 on his great love
 our hopes we place
 of present grace
 and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;

and thus proclaim
in joyful song,
both loud and long,
that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
 in copious shower
 on all who pray
 each holy day
 thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
 until that day
 when all the blest
 to endless rest
 are called away.

*Words: anonymous, from Angularis fundamentum,
before 9th century, Latin; translation: John Chandler (1806-1876), alt.*

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.

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Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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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 22**

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Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except

through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

For all Christians in their vocation

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: **Isaiah 5:1-7**

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Sharron Lucas-Blackman

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

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,

judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;

righteousness,
but heard a cry!

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt;*
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it;*
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow*
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea*
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall,*
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,*
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine;*
preserve what your right hand has planted.

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 3:4b-14**

Lectors: **7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Linda Springer**

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Harriett Blackman

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

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 213** “A safe stronghold our God is still,”
(verses 1 & 2)

A safe stronghold our God is still,
a trusty shield and weapon;
he'll keep us clear from all the ill
that hath us now o'ertaken.

The ancient prince of hell
hath risen with purpose fell;
strong mail of craft and power
he weareth in this hour;
on earth is not his fellow.

With force of arms we nothing can,
full soon were we down-ridden;
but for us fights the proper Man,
whom God himself hath bidden.
Ask ye, who is this same?
Christ Jesus is his name.
The Lord Sabaoth's Son;
he, and no other one,
shall conquer in the battle.

*Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546), from Ein' feste Burg, German;
translation: Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881)*

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 21:33-46**

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 thirty-third verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he

sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(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*

AN INTERCESSION FOR USE ON LAITY SUNDAY

Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Harriet Godding
9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Lynette Francis-Thornhill

Let us thank God today for the mission of Christ as experienced here in this Cathedral Church and seek God's guidance and help in fulfilling the ministry which is ahead of us. We pray:

For the Officers and members of the Parochial Church Council in their responsibility as leaders in making known the gospel of Christ in this City and across the Nation.

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

For those who serve the Ministry of Christian Education, in the Sunday School and all other opportunities of nurture, that we may be well equipped and instructed in the truths of our faith.

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

For those who bear witness to Christ in the Ministry of Evangelism by word as well as by deed, that the love of God would be active in the villages and neighbourhoods of this parish.

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

For our Organist and Master of Choristers, John; the Choristers; and Organist, Eric; all who from time to time provide relief; and all who lead in Ministry of Music, that by their music the hearts of God's people would be raised to magnify God's Holy name.

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

For all organizations within the parish: the Church Army, the Men's Fellowship, the Mothers' Union and the Woman's Auxiliary, that God would equip and inspire members to work together for the building up of the Body of Christ, and bear faithful witness to the Gospel.

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

For those who serve in the Ministry of Worship: the Bell Ringer, the Choir, the Clock Winder, the Eucharistic Ministers, Flower Guild, Lectors and Intercessors, Servers, Ushers, and Vergers, that this may be a hospitable place where all people would feel welcome and experience Christ's presence in Word

and Sacrament and in response to a movement of the Spirit seek to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

For those who share in the Ministry of Pastoral Care, visitation and comfort; for the Guild of Health and St. Raphael, and those to whom they minister: the sick, the bereaved, the aged, and the lonely.

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

For the Social Ministry of the Cathedral undertaken through The St. Michael Centre for Faith and Action, and the Deacon's Cupboard: and for all those who provide support through their monthly contributions of money or materials for the relief of the needy, that they may have tender hearts and tough minds to embrace all, knowing that by so doing they are serving Christ.

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

For children, teenagers, youth and young adults in this Cathedral Church, that they would be surrounded by caring and understanding men and women who love them, that they would grow into the full stature of Christ, loving their neighbours and knowing their Creator.

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

For the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East, its clergy and people; in the Diocese of Barbados, our Bishop, Michael; Wilfred, retired Bishop of Croydon, England; Rufus and John, retired Diocesan Bishops; for the Clergy of the Diocese, especially this Cathedral: Jeffrey, The Dean; George, Precentor; and Stephanie-Ann, Assistant Priest; that together, Clergy and People would represent Christ and His Church in faith, hope and love.

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Intercessor offers the following collect:

O Lord, without whom our labour is lost, We beseech you to prosper all works in your Church undertaken according to your holy will. Grant to your workers a pure intention, a patient faith, sufficient success on earth, and the blessedness of serving you in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The President says a concluding collect, first saying,

Let us pray.

Almighty God, as you have called us to serve you here in the mission of the gospel, and in the ministry of your love to all people, so bless us with the wisdom and power of your Spirit, that we may know your will and be strong to obey it, for the honour of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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 ~ 470 “How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,”

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word;
what more can he say than to you he hath said,
you who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

Fear not, he is with thee, O be not dismayed;
for he is thy God, and will still give thee aid;
he'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by his righteous, omnipotent hand.

In every condition, in sickness, in health,
in poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,
at home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
as thy days may demand shall thy strength ever be.

When through the deep waters he calls thee to go,
the rivers of grief shall not thee overflow;
for he will be with thee, in trouble to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
his grace, all-sufficient shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, his only design
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
he will not, he will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
he'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Words: "K" in Rippon's Selection, 1787 alt.

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 in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. (*Go to page 131*)

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 ~ 571 “And now, O Father, mindful of the love”

And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the only true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;
for lo! Between our sins and their reward
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part with thee.

Words: William Bright (1874); Tune: Unde Et Memores

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 ~ 550** “I danced in the morning”

I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem
I had my birth

Refrain:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe
and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John -
they came with me
and the Dance went on:

Refrain

I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame:
the holy people
said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high,
and they left me there
on a cross to die:

Refrain

I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black -
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.
They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the Dance,
and I still go on:

Refrain

They cut me down
and I leapt up high;
I am the life
that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you

if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord
of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

Words: Sydney Carter, (1915-2004)

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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 22 YEAR A

THEME FOR THE WEEK

“Fidelity to our faith will mean disappointment, and many temptations; but God’s fidelity will never fail.”



First Reading: **Isaiah 5:1-7**

Comment: “The song of the vineyard”

In our opening lesson **the prophet sings a sad parable about God’s vineyard, Israel, and the destruction that must now come upon it.** Despite all God’s loving care, this vineyard brought forth only sour grapes. The Lord looked for right judgment and found wrong. God hoped for justice and instead heard cries of distress.

Psalm 80:7-14

Comment: “Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine” (Ps. 80:14, 15)

A lament and a plea to the Lord, the shepherd of Israel, that the Lord will restore God’s ravaged vineyard.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Comment: “Nothing surpasses the value of knowing Christ”

Paul reminds new Christians at Philippi that **if any have reason to brag because of heritage, lineage, or zeal, it is he. Yet all human achievements are to be counted as rubbish next to the joy and privilege of knowing God in Christ.** Paul does not consider himself complete, but presses forward to learn yet more of the grace of Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the sharing in his sufferings. His goal remains ahead: of God’s upward call in Christ Jesus.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Comment: “The parable of the vineyard owner’s son”

Our gospel is **the story of the wicked and disloyal tenants who are cast out of the vineyard.** The parable is presented to us as an allegory in which the vineyard is Israel and the wicked

tenants are its people. The servants sent to them are the prophets, and the son whom they kill is Jesus. To the hearing of the early church the destruction of the vineyard would parallel the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 CE, while the heritage of the vineyard is now given to others. There is added an ancient prophecy concerning the stone which was rejected, but which has now become the main cornerstone for the Lord's new work.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

STEWARDSHIP MONTH: The month of October provides an opportunity for members to review their contributions of talent, time and treasure to the Cathedral. It is noteworthy that based on this year's budget, it was anticipated that approximately \$45,000.00 would be required to meet the monthly ministry and maintenance needs. However, on an average monthly basis we have fallen short, approximately \$38,000.00 has been received, a deficit of \$7,000.00. Consequently, an overdraft facility with our Bankers has been relied on.

Now that we are nearing the end of another year of Cathedral life, it is fitting that we thank all who have shared our corporate life. Sincere thanks to everyone for their presence, prayers, and pledges. Members who may be behind in their contributions are encouraged to get up to date, as their circumstances permit. Meantime, the order for 2024 Offering Envelopes has already been placed.



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.
- Ms. Beatrice Lavia, late of Upper Spruce Street, River Road, St. Michael and communicant member of the Cathedral.
- 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 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. Thanks to Mr. Grantley Bonas for his recent financial donation in support of this ministry. Sincere thanks to all.

BIRTHDAYS: Congratulations to all those celebrating their birthday this week: **October 8-14, 2023:**

- 8th Ms. Claudia E. Smith; Ms. Aswika Turney;

- 9th Dean Emeritus, The Very Rev'd William Dixon, C.B.E.; Ms. Helena M. Lyte;
- 11th Mr. Justin M. V. Edwards; and,
- 13th Ms. Cheryl A. Kelly and Ms. Roslyn Crichlow



SERMON NOTES

Text:.....

Topic:.....

Preacher:.....

Points to Ponder:

What was God saying specifically to me during the Sermon?

**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
October 8-14, 2023, Proper 22**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 118 2 Kings 20:1-21 Acts 12:1-17	Psalm 145 Hosea 13:4-14 Luke 7:11-17
Monday	Psalm 106:1-18 2 Kings 21:1-18 1 Corinthians 10:14— 11:1	Psalm 106:19-48 Hosea 14:1-9 Matthew 8:28-34
Tuesday	Psalms [120], 121, 122, 123 2 Kings 22:1-13 1 Corinthians 11:2, 17-22	Psalms 124, 125, 126, [127] Micah 1:1-9 Matthew 9:1-8
Wednesday	Psalm 119:145-176 2 Kings 22:14—23:3 1 Corinthians 11:23- 34	Psalms 128, 129, 130 Micah 2:1-13 Matthew 9:9-17
Thursday	Psalms 131, 132, [133] 2 Kings 23:4-25 1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Psalms 134, 135 Micah 3:1-8 Matthew 9:18-26
Friday	Psalms 140, 142 2 Kings 23:36—24:17 1 Corinthians 12:12- 26	Psalms 141, 143:1-11(12) Micah 3:9—4:5 Matthew 9:27-34
Saturday	Psalms 137:1-6(7- 9),144 Jeremiah 35:1-19 1 Corinthians 12:27— 13:3	Psalm 104 Micah 5:1-4, 10-15 Matthew 9:35—10:4 Collect for Proper 23

The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)



the stone that the builders
rejected has become the
corner stone ...
Matthew 21:42

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LISTEN	WATCHTOWER	PARABLE	SON	SERVANTS
SENT	WALL	HARVEST	KILLED	COLLECT
BUILT	LANDOWNER	LAST	TIME	FARMERS
DUG	FRUIT	REJECTED	VINEYARD	JOURNEY

LAITY SUNDAY

Sunday, October 8, 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

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23

October 15, 2023

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist

**4:00 P.M. The Diocesan Church Army Anniversary
Service**

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