

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist

On

**October 22, 2023
7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M**

faithful steward

with little · with much · with all

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.
- 1 Corinthians 4:2 -

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

The Diocese of Barbados

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The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 24

Sunday, October 22, 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:

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Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Opening **Hymn** ~ **321** “Jesus shall reign where'er the sun”

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748),
1719 and Edward Denny (1796-1889), alt.*

Opening Sentence “**General**”

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Therefore I will offer in His dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. (*Psalms* 27:9)

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 24**

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Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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: **Isaiah 45:1-7**

Lectors: **7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Shernelle O’Neale**
9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donnah Russell

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

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do
not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;*
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord, and bless his Name;*
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations*
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;*
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;*
but it is the Lord, who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!*
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;*
ascribe to the Lord, honour and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord, the honor due his Name;*
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord, in the beauty of holiness;*
let the whole earth tremble before 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: **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Lectors: **7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Deidre Cox**

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Ceres Francis-Thornhill

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

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 533** “O for a closer walk with God,”

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.

Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest:
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 22:15-22**

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-second chapter, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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*

INTERCESSION FORM “H”

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donna Inniss

The Bidding Prayer –

The Dean: Lord, we pray today for all nations and especially for places where there is persecution, where there is violence, where there is indifference, anxiety and alienation, that the whole world would come to know your healing love.

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 Gloria, Jeanette, Glencora, Edward, Annalee, and Stephen, 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 Valton Bend and Beatrice Lavia; 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: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we asked in the Name of your Son. Accept and fulfil our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son 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 ~ 361 “All people that on earth do dwell,”

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

*Words: William Kethe (c1535-1594), 1561,
paraphrase of Psalm 101*

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 ~ 525 “I am weak but thou art strong;”

I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong:
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain:

*Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Refrain

When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain

Words: American folk song

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** ~ “All my hope on God is founded;”

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,

hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.

Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: Joachim Neander (1680)

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 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
PROPER 24
YEAR A**

THEME FOR THE WEEK

**Our Christian joy is founded on the sovereignty of the Lord
over all creation.**



First Reading: **Isaiah 45:1-7**

Comment: “An earthly ruler as the instrument of God’s will.”

In this Hebrew Bible reading **the Lord anoints Cyrus, King of Persia, to be God’s agent in freeing the chosen people from exile.** The time is more than five centuries before the birth of Christ. The prophet perceives that God is working through a foreign king who does not even know the Lord, but God enables Cyrus to conquer Babylonia and then to set Israel free. Boldly the prophet speaks in the Lord’s name: the Creator is responsible for everything that happens in the world, whether it seems a blessing or a disaster.

Psalm 96:1-9

Comment: “Ascribe to the Lord honour and power.”
(Ps.96:7)

A hymn of trust in the Lord. God will guard and deliver the one who loves and seeks refuge with God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Comment: “Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica.”

In company with Silvanus and Timothy, Paul greets the new Christians of Thessalonica, giving thanks for their faith and their conversion from idols to the worship of the true and living God. This letter was written not long after Paul’s first missionary visit to this city in the country we know today as Greece. Evidently the converts were all former pagans. The apostle refers to the troubles and persecution that are also reported in the Acts of the Apostles. But the gospel, empowered by the activity of the Holy Spirit, has inspired a faith which has become widely known.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Comment: “A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God.”

In our gospel lesson, **Jesus answers a question about taxation by teaching that people should pay what belongs to the emperor to the emperor and the things of God to God.** The question was meant as a trap. If Jesus advised the paying of taxes to the occupying Roman powers, many Jews would have considered him a collaborator. Had he counseled non-payment,

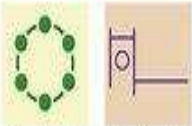
the Herodian servants of the Romans could accuse him of sedition. On one level Jesus' answer is a masterstroke of clever ambiguity, but it also causes his hearers to reflect more deeply on their responsibility to God and the state. Perhaps the saying suggests that government has its legitimate yet limited claims. It must not be given the highest allegiance.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

STEWARDSHIP MONTH:



At the beginning of the year each subscribing member was issued with a set of envelopes. Members are encouraged to make full use of each envelope in the package; whether weekly, monthly or special occasions. Thanks for the conscientious and generous participation of all.



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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, The Rev'd

Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn, Ernesta Yarde and George Yearwood.

BEREAVEMENT: We extend sincere condolences to the families of the late:

- Mr. Valton Bend, retired Chief Magistrate (Acting) and Ombudsman; father of Ayo Bend; brother of Richard Thomas, The Rev'd C. Cleon Goddard and Mrs. Waple Brathwaite.
- Ms. Beatrice Lavia, late of Upper Spruce Street, River Road, St. Michael and communicant member of the Cathedral.

May the deceased rest in peace. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” (*Matthew 5:4*)

LOOKING AHEAD, OCTOBER 2023!

Monday, October 23, 6:00 P.M. Annual Budget Synod,
The Church of Christ the King, Rock Dundo, St. Michael.

Sunday, October 29, 2023 5:30 P.M. In the Cathedral, Voices for Lupus Concert. Tickets are available from the HOPE Foundation Office, Welches, St. Michael: cost \$50.00.

BAPTISM: THE GATEWAY TO HOLY COMMUNION:

From the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023. The Church in the Province of the West Indies will admit to Holy Communion, all persons who have been baptized. Consequently, parents, guardians and the Church in general, would be required to nurture children for their integration into the Communicant life of the parish. The sacrament of

Confirmation will be administered, more as a public affirmation of faith, than as the basis for admission to Holy Communion. For more information, please visit the Province Website at www.cpwianglicans.org

LESSONS AND CAROLS: The Cathedral will present the Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. Everyone's support is needed to make this a financially successful event. Towards that end, we are currently in need of forty (40) persons to volunteer to sell and distribute at least twenty (20) tickets, each. Interested persons are asked to contact Canon Knight and to register at the Office as soon as possible.

BIRTHDAYS: Congratulations to all those celebrating their birthday this week: **October 22-28, 2023:**

- 23rd Ms. Gloria Jackman, Mrs. Orpah N. Medford
- 25th Ms. Jeanette J. M. Hinds,
- 26th Ms. Glencora Daniel,
- 27th Mr. Edward S. D. Morrison
- 28th Ms. Annalee P. Blackman, and Mr. Stephen J, Blackman.



SERMON NOTES

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Topic:.....

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Preacher:.....

Points to Ponder:

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**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
October 22-28, 2023, Proper 24**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Twenty- First Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 148, 149, 150 Jeremiah 29:1,4-14 Acts 16:6-15	Psalms 114, 115 Ecclesiasticus 4:1-10 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
Saint James of Jerusalem Monday	Psalm 119:145-168 Jeremiah 11:18-23 Matthew 10:16-22	Psalms 122, 125 Isaiah 65:17-25 Hebrews 12:12-24
Tuesday	Psalms 26, 28 Lamentations 1:1-5 (6-9)10-12 1 Corinthians 15:41- 50	Psalms 36, 39 Ecclesiasticus 6:5-17 Matthew 11:25-30
Wednesday	Psalm 38 Lamentations 2:8-15 1 Corinthians 15:51- 58	Psalm 119:25-48 Ecclesiasticus 7:4-14 Matthew 12:1-14
Thursday	Psalm 37:1-18 Ezra 1:1-11 1 Corinthians 16:1-9	Psalm 37:19-42 Ecclesiasticus 10:1-18 Matthew 12:15-21
Friday	Psalm 31 Ezra 3:1-13 1 Corinthians 16:10-24	Psalm 35 Ecclesiasticus 11:2-20 Matthew 12:22-32
Saint Simon & Saint Jude, Apostles Saturday	Psalm 66 Isaiah 28:9-16 Ephesians 4:1-16	Psalms 116, 117 Isaiah 4:2-6 John 14:15-31

WORD SEARCH ON MATTHEW 22:15-22

A	P	H	A	R	I	S	E	E	S	PHARISEES	TRAP	DISCIPLES
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The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 24

Sunday, October 22, 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 25, 2023
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
(Breast Cancer Awareness Month)
The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

Sunday October 29, 2023
7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist
5:30 P.M. Voices for Lupus Concert

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