

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist

On

November 5, 2023
7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M



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

The Diocese of Barbados

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All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 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
Erdiston Teachers' Training College in attendance

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Judy King



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Opening **Hymn ~ 406** "Be thou my guardian and my guide,"

Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

Words: Isaac Williams

Opening Sentence ***“Major Saints”***

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You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
(*Ephesians 2:19-20*)

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: “**All Saints’ Sunday**”

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Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: **Revelation 7:9-17**

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Grace-Anne Crichlow,

**Chair, Erdiston Teachers’ Training
College 75th Anniversary Committee**

A reading from the Word of God written in the Revelation to .John, the seventh chapter, beginning at the ninth verse.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

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- 1 will bless the Lord at all times;* his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2. I will glory in the Lord;* let the humble hear and rejoice.
3. Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;* let us exalt his name together.
4. I sought the Lord, and he answered me* and delivered me out of all my terror.
5. Look upon him and be radiant,* and let not your faces be ashamed.
6. I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me* and saved me from all my troubles.
7. The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,* and he will deliver them.
8. Taste and see that the Lord is good;* happy are they who trust in him!
9. Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,* for those who fear him lack nothing.
10. The young lions lack and suffer hunger,* but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

22. The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,* and none will be punished who trust in 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 John 3:1-3**

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

**9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Denisha Forde-Godding,
Year 3 Student, Bachelor of Education
(Primary), Erdiston Teachers'
Training College**

A reading from the Word of God, written in the First Letter of John, the third chapter, beginning at the first verse.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 511** “Blest are the pure in heart,”

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;

the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

Words: John Keble (1792-1866), with others

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 5:1-12**

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 fifth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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

(Please stand, as able)

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

He came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

He was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered, died and was buried.

On the third day He rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right
hand of the Father

He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.

With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen*

Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Prof. Anne St. John, GCM
9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Stephen White

The Bidding Prayer

The Dean: Lord, as in this season we celebrate all those Saints who have gone before us, so we pray that in our own day we would preserve the flame of faith, and in the power of your Spirit bring its light to the whole world.

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 Alicia, Elvis, Marcia, Marie, Debra, David, Leo, David, Aiden, Derek, Basil, Harriett and Susanne, 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 Elmondessa Bridgeman and Sharone Hinkson-Crichlow; 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: God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Peter and Mary Magdalene, God of the fathers and mothers of our faith, you are with us always, to the end of time. Help us in our own lives to walk in the way of your Son by treasuring the inheritance of the faith our ancestors have taught us, that we would bring your love to our world and all your people would be enabled to rejoice in freedom, peace and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ACT OF PENITENCE

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PRESIDENT: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1 John 1:8, 9*)

(A period of silence shall be kept).

PRESIDENT: Let us therefore confess our sins.

FORM A

ALL: **Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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PRESIDENT: Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Please stand as able)

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE

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FORM C

PRESIDENT: The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL: They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

PRESIDENT: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP ~ “Let there be peace on earth”

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God our Creator
Children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now

With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Words by: Jill Jackson; Melody: Sy Miller (1945)

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

(During the singing of this hymn, an offering will be collected. The Ushers will begin their collection from the west end of the Cathedral and move towards the altar, where the offering will be received by a server. The cooperation of everyone is requested.)

The Offertory Hymn ~ 387 “To God be the glory! Great things he hath done;”

To God be the glory! Great things he hath done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life Gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory;
great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (Frances van Alstyne (1820-1915))

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 ~ 583 “Faithful Shepherd, feed me”

Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me

where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
to the heavenly shore;
make my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
every gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.

Words: Thomas Benson Pollock (1868)

Hymn ~ 618 “Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,”

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended: O now be extended
the fruits of his service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for man.
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us
to work for his kingdom and further his plan.

With praise and thanksgiving to God everliving,
the task of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as brothers all men of each race.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in his life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

Words: Omer Westendorf (1916-1997)
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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 ~ Saints’ Days

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God give you grace to follow His saints in faith and truth and gentleness; 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

9:00 A.M.: Remarks by The Hon. Kay McConney, M.P.,
Minister of Education, Technical and Vocational Training;

**Dr. Colin Cumberbatch, Principal, Erdiston Teachers’
Training College.**

**Musical Selection ~ College Song ~ “One Voice One Mind”
Composed & Arranged by Mr. Roger Gittens for the
College’s 70th Anniversary.**

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 819** “For all the saints who from their
labours rest,”

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness still their one true light.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,

and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

O blest communion, fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;

yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,

steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,

and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*The golden evening brightens in the west;

soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;

sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;

the saints triumphant rise in bright array;

the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

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.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY- YEAR A

THEME FOR THE WEEK

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. Alleluia.



First Reading: **Revelation 7:9-17**

Comment: “The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb.”

This lesson presents a **vision of those who have survived great tribulation and now worship before the throne of God and the Lamb.** These myriad saints come from all over the world and have been purified through their own sufferings in association with the sacrifice of the Lamb. But now the Lamb (which is a figure for Jesus) will be their shepherd, and they will suffer no longer. Such a vision would be a great consolation to those undergoing persecution.

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

Comment: “Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. (*Ps.34:9*)

A hymn of blessing and praise to the Lord for deliverance.

Second Reading: **1 John 3:1-3**

Comment: “We are God’s children”

In this lesson we learn that **through God’s love, disciples are now children of God; their destiny is to be like Christ.** Those who did not recognise Jesus will not recognise his disciples either. Though the mystery of what those disciples are to become has not been fully revealed, Christians know that a dramatic change has taken place in their lives; an earnest of the transformation underway. Those who stand in this hope will purify themselves as Christ is pure.

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 5:1-12**

Comment: “Blessed are the poor in spirit”

The gospel is the opening sayings of the Sermon on the Mount, words of both comfort and challenge. The values of the kingdom are quite different from worldly standards, Those who are to find blessings will know want and thirst, if not because of their own circumstances, then for the sake of others. Those who hunger for righteousness will find fulfillment, but first they must suffer persecution.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

GIFT MONTH: In recent years the month of November has been observed as Gift Month. Members, well-wishers and friends are asked to make a donation to the ministry, mission and maintenance of the Cathedral. Envelopes are available to facilitate this contribution. As the Anglican Church in Barbados

prepares to celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2024, so too will the St. Michael Parish Church celebrate the 200th anniversary of its designation as the Cathedral of the Diocese. Gifts in celebration of this significant milestone would be greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP:



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.

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.

RETIREMENT: Ms. Harriet Lowe, Assistant Verger, will retire from her post with effect from November 12, 2023. She has served the Cathedral for approximately twelve years, in various capacities. She has worked as Car Park Attendant, Cleaner, and Assistant Verger. A suitable recognition will be organized, in due course. Meantime, we thank Ms. Lowe for the services that she has rendered through the years and wish her well in her retirement.

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

- Mrs. Elmondessa Bridgeman, mother of Marcia, Bridgeman, (William, Alvin, Angela Nevin, Nana Kofi Osei-TuTu, all of the UK), and the late Tyrone Bridgeman, sister of Courtney Carrington and five others, and adopted sister of Sylvester “Blues” Sargeant.
- Ms Sharone Hinkson-Crichlow, student of the Bachelor of Education programme, Erdiston Teachers’ Training College.

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

LOOKING AHEAD, DECEMBER 2023!

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

ADVENT CAROLS: The Annual Service of Advent Carols will be held on Advent Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. A collection will be taken; patrons are asked to give generously.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: The Annual Blue Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. This service is held in remembrance of deceased persons and as a source of comfort and inspiration for their families. Families who attend are invited to hang a white dove on the tree in remembrance of their loved ones who have passed in recent time. A dove will be provided.

“NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS”: The Cathedral will present the Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, on 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: **November 4 - 11, 2023:**

- 4th Ms. Susanne Ifill.
- 5th Ms. Alicia A. White,
- 6th Mr. Elvis DaC. Haynes, Ms. Marcia A. Ifill, Ms. Marie U. Kelly-Clarke, and Mrs. Debra Skeete-Alonza.
- 7th Mr. David O. Best.
- 9th Mr. Leo A. Taylor.
- 10th Mr. David DaC. Green, Mr. Aiden Molyneaux.
- 11th Mr. Derek H.R. Boyce, Mr. Basil V. Clarke, and Ms. Harriett J. Clarke.



75th ANNIVERSARY: A most cordial welcome is extended to The Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training; and the Principal, Staff and Students of Erdiston Teachers' Training College as the institution marks its 75th anniversary of establishment. Heartiest congratulations as you celebrate your Diamond Jubilee!

SERMON NOTES

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Preacher:.....

Points to Ponder:
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**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
November 5-11, 2023, Proper 26**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
All Saints' Sunday	Psalms 24, 29 Nehemiah 5:1-19 Acts 20:7-12	Psalms 8, 84 Ecclesiasticus 36:1-17 Luke 12:22-31
Monday	Psalms 56, 57, [58] Nehemiah 6:1-19 Revelation 10:1-11	Psalms 64, 65 Ecclesiasticus 38:24-34 Matthew 13:36-43
Tuesday	Psalms 61, 62 Nehemiah 12:27-31a, 42b-47 Revelation 11:1-19	Psalm 68:1-20(21-23)24-36 Ecclesiasticus 43:1-22 Matthew 13:44-52
Wednesday	Psalm 72 Nehemiah 13:4-22 Revelation 12:1-12	Psalms 119:73-96 Ecclesiasticus 43:23-33 Matthew 13:53-58
Thursday	Psalms [70], 71 Ezra 7:(1-10)11-26 Revelation 14:1-13	Psalm 74 Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15 Matthew 14:1-12
Friday	Psalm 69:1-23(24-30)31-38 Ezra 7:27-28; 8:21-36 Revelation 15:1-8	Psalm 73 Ecclesiasticus 50:1, 11-24 Matthew 14:13-21
Saturday	Psalms 75, 76 Ezra 9:1-15 Revelation 17:1-14	Psalms 23, 27 Ecclesiasticus 51:1-12 Matthew 14:22-36 Collect for Proper 27

Matthew Chapter 5:1-12

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RIGHTEOUSNESS

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All Saints' Sunday
November 5, 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, November 8, 2023

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

Sunday November 12, 2023

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

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