

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist

On

November 26, 2023

7:00 A.M.



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

The Diocese of Barbados

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**The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 29
Christ the King**

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President and Preacher:

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson



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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God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit
and truth. (*John 4:24*)

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 29**

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Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Lector: **7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Linda Springer**

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, the thirty-fourth chapter, beginning at the eleventh verse.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and

in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm **95:1-7a**

Venite, exultemus

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1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

- 3 For the Lord is a great God,*
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth,*
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,*
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,*
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of
his hand.

**Glory 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: **Ephesians 1:15-23**

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

A reading from the Word of God, written in the Letter to the Ephesians, the first chapter, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power

to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 193** “Rejoice! The Lord is King,”

Rejoice! The Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His Kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 25:31-46**

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-fifth chapter, beginning at the thirty-first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to

drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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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Intercessor: **7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Small**

The Bidding Prayer

The Dean: Creator of all peoples, we pray for the life of our nation as we celebrate our nationhood, for our President and all those in authority under her, for our Prime Minister and the government, for all Members of Parliament, for our Chief Justice, all Judges and Magistrates and for all those with responsibility for our common life.

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, Elaine, Kenneth C, Faye, Dr. Kenneth, Chloe, and Yvonne, as they celebrate their birthday: and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us.

(Silence)

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

(Silence)

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Yvonne Lady Nicholls; and Mr. Lawrence Carrington 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: Lord, through whose wisdom the universe was formed in the beginning and is held in being in its every moment, grant to those who lead our nation that same spirit of wisdom, that they may listen with carefulness, decide with understanding and live with integrity, that the people of this land may grow in unity, in mutual understanding, and in charity to the world, 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: 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 ~ 247 “At the name of Jesus”
(Verses 2 and 6 omitted)

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him

King of glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death He passed:

Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

Name him, brothers, name him,
with love as strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath;
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1870)

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*)

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 ~ 569 “Alleluia, sing to Jesus!!”

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o’er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
‘I am with you evermore’?

Alleluia, Bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth’s Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
alleluia, alleluia
to the Triune Majesty.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1866)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER “B”

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ALL:

**Eternal God and Heavenly Father,
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you, and all persons in you,
with gladness and singleness of heart,
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

The 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.

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.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 190** “Crown him with many crowns,”

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin’s Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;

the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail,
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1893), alt.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Thank you most sincerely for worshipping at the Cathedral this morning.

**The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Year A – Proper 29
Christ-the-King**

THEME FOR THE WEEK

“We will be judged on how we have treated others.”



First Reading: **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Comment: **“God will shepherd Israel”**

In our opening reading, **the Lord promises to be the shepherd of the people.** God will bring them home and heal them. God will feed and protect them. The exile of Israel is coming to an end. Ezekiel has prophesied against the false shepherds, the rulers who only fed off the flock. Now God will tend the sheep who have been dispersed and preyed upon, but the overfed will be judged.

Psalm 95:1-7a

Comment: **“We are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand. (Ps. 95.7)**

A call to worship the Lord our God.

Second Reading: **Ephesians 1:15-23**

Comment: **“The reign of Christ”**

In this lesson, **Paul gives thanks for the faith and love of the Ephesians and prays that they may see with their inward eyes the power of God, who has raised and enthroned Jesus**

far above all earthly and heavenly dominions. How vast is the treasure that God offers to those who trust in the Lord! The Lord Christ now reigns as head of the Church, which is his body and which experiences the fullness of his love.

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 25:31-46**

Comment: “The coming of the Son of Man; the separation of sheep and goats.”

Our gospel presents a picture of **the universal judgment when the Son of Man, acting as judge and king, will separate humankind into two groups: those who have cared for the Lord in the needy, the stranger, and prisoners—and those who have not.** On one level the evangelist intends those in need to be understood as Christian disciples. But the bringing of all peoples into judgment has caused Christians to realise that the Christ is to be recognised in every individual. Beneath this awareness lies a profound theological mystery: the likeness of God, which has been decisively revealed in the human person of Jesus, may be perceived in each human being.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

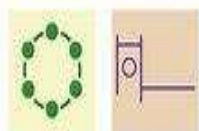
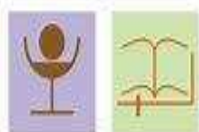
GIFT MONTH: In recent years the month of November has been observed as Gift Month. Members, well-wishers and friends are asked to make a donation to the ministry, mission and maintenance of the Cathedral. Envelopes are available to facilitate this contribution. As the Anglican Church in Barbados prepares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

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. Monetary donations would also be appreciated. Please help those in need. Sincere thanks to all.

VACANCY: The Cathedral is in need of someone to serve as Assistant Verger. The successful candidate will be expected to assist the Verger with the Worship of the Cathedral; the Custodial care of the Cathedral and its environs; and other related duties. Applications should be addressed to The Dean, Cathedral House, Spry Street, Bridgetown, St. Michael by November 30, 2023.

STEWARDSHIP:



**PARISH
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SCHEME**

The Stewardship envelopes for 2024 will be prepared. Members will be informed when they are ready for distribution. Meantime, persons, including online worshippers, are reminded that contributions may be made by Direct Debit to St. Michael's Cathedral via CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account #2719302, Transit #09606. Contributions may also be made by cheques to the Cathedral's Office, Cathedral House, Spry Street, Bridgetown, St. Michael, Barbados.



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:

- Yvonne Lady Nicholls
- Mr. Lawrence Carrington.

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 5:00 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 paper 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. Tickets are now available at \$30.00 each. Everyone's support is needed to make this a financially successful event.

BIRTHDAYS: Congratulations to all those celebrating their birthday this week: November 26-December 2, 2023:

- 26th Ms. Elaine Herbert
- 29th Mr. Kenneth C. Garnes,
Dr. The Most Hon. Kenneth George
- 30th Ms. Faye A. Tudor

December: 1st Mrs. Chloe Grant

- 2nd Ms. Yvonne V. Blenman



SERMON NOTES

Text:.....
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Topic:.....
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Preacher:.....

Points to Ponder:
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What was God saying specifically to me during the Sermon?
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**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
November 26-December 2, 2023, Proper 29**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
Sunday	Psalm 118 Isaiah 19:19-25 Romans 15:5-13	Psalm 145 Zechariah 9:9-16 Luke 19:11-27
Monday	Psalm 106:1-18 Joel 3:1-2, 9-17 1 Peter 1:1-12	Psalm 106:19-48 Zechariah 10:1-12 Matthew 19:1-12
Tuesday	Psalms [120], 121, 122, 123 Nahum 1:1-13 1 Peter 1:13-25	Psalms 124, 125, 126, [127] Zechariah 11:4-17 Matthew 19:13-22
Wednesday	Psalm 119:145-176 Obadiah 15-21 1 Peter 2:1-10	Psalms 128, 129, 130 Zechariah 12:1-10 Matthew 19:23-30
Saint Andrew The Apostle Thursday	Psalm 34 Isaiah 49:1-6 1 Corinthians 4:1-16	Psalms 96, 100 Isaiah 55:1-5 John 1:35-42
Friday	Psalms 140, 142 Isaiah 24:14-23 1 Peter 3:13—4:6	Psalms 141, 143:1-11(12) Zechariah 14:1-11 Matthew 20:17-28
Saturday	Psalms 137:1-6(7-9), 144 Micah 7:11-20 1 Peter 4:7-19	Psalm 104 Zechariah 14:12-21 Matthew 20:29-34 Collect for 1 Advent

The Sheep & the Goats

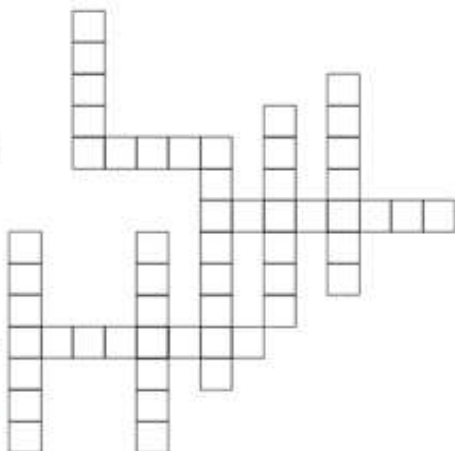
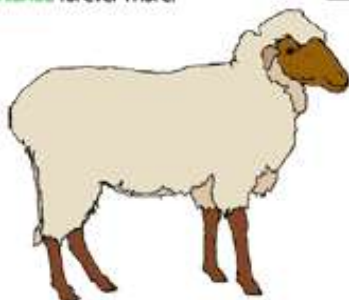
Matthew 25:31-46

Use the **green** words from the text below to complete the crossword puzzle.
Then answer the question at the bottom.

It is said that the Son of man will sit on a throne of glory with angels surrounding him. The nations will gather before him and he will separate them - like a shepherd separates his sheep and goats. The Son of man will put the sheep in his right hand and the goats in his left hand.

The King will tell the **sheep** to come and enjoy the kingdom, "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye **visited** me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." The sheep will ask when they did those things for the King. The King will reply that anytime the sheep helped their neighbor in those ways, they were actually helping the King.

Turning to the goats, the King will be angry and say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was **thirsty**, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye **clothed** me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not." The goats will be confused and insist they never saw the King needing help. The King will say that when you ignore your **neighbor** in need, you ignore the King. Therefore, the sheep will be **rewarded** with life **eternal** and the goats will be **punished** forever more.



According to the parable, why is it important to help someone in need?

**The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 29
Christ the King**

November 26, 2023

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President and Preacher:

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. Choral Matins with Communion

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Canon George Knight



Wednesday, November 29, 2023

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson



December 3, 2023

**The First Sunday of Advent: The Blessing and Lighting
of the Advent Wreath**

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

**6:00 P.M. A Procession with Carols on Advent Sunday
(An offering will be received)**

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