

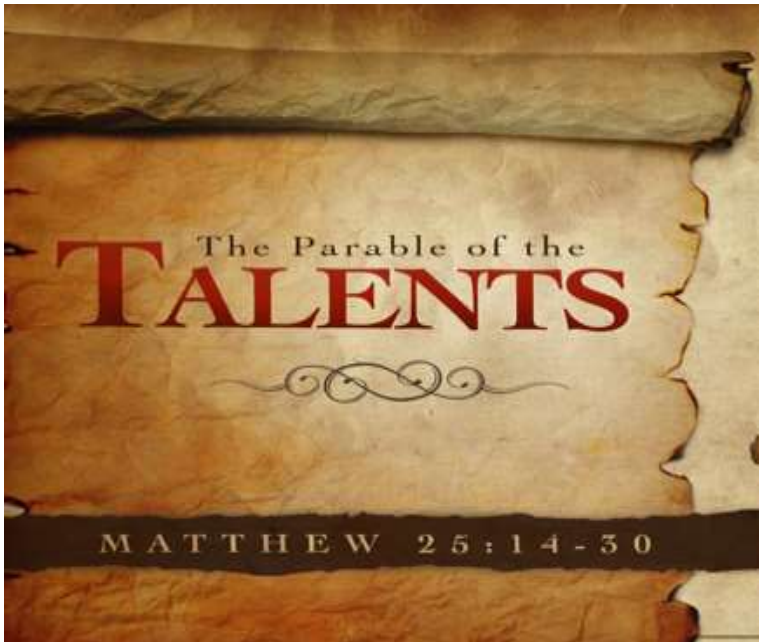
**The Cathedral Church of
Saint Michael and
All Angels**

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist

On

**November 19, 2023
7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M**



**The Cathedral Church of
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All Angels**

The Diocese of Barbados

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 28
November 19, 2023

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President and Preacher:

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight

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Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Opening **Hymn ~ 438** “Soldiers of Christ, arise,”

Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armour on,
strong in the strength which God supplies,
through his eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
and in his mighty power:
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might,
with all his strength endued;
and take, to arm you for the fight,

the panoply of God.
From strength to strength go on,
wrestle and fight and pray;
tread all the powers of darkness down,
and win the well-fought day.

That, having all things done,
and all your conflicts past,
ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,
and stand entire at last.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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 28**

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Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of eternal life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ; 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: **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Leighton Waterman

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah, the first chapter, beginning at the seventh verse.

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,

“The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm **90:1-8, 12** *Domine, refugium*

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- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge*
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,*
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say,*
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past*
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream;*
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;*
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure;*
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you,*
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 12 So teach us to number our days*
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**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: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Lectors: **7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Remech Matthais**
9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Margaret Fraser-Morrison

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

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us

be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 517** “Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,”

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know,
in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labour on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to thy glorious day.

For thee delightfully employ
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 25:14-30**

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 fourteenth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your

master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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)

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. ~ Mrs. Joy-Ann Blackman-Jarvis**
9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Sandra Fields

The Bidding Prayer

The Dean: Lord of love, place within our hearts that longing for you, that each day we may seek you in prayer, tell you of our needs and listen for your voice.

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, Joan and Maureen, 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 Mrs. Elmondessa Bridgeman 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 of all, you are present in each moment and make that presence known in the silence of prayer. Help us to commit ourselves afresh to seeking you in contemplation, help us to know your love in our moments of reflection and help us, amid all the noise and busyness of the world, to know your call on our lives and to follow it, 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 ~ 262 “Son of God, eternal Saviour”,

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
hallows all our human race,
thou, our Head, who, throned in glory,
for thine own dost ever plead,
fill us with thy love and pity;
heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As thou, Lord, hast lived for others,
so may we for others live;
freely have thy gifts been granted,

freely may thy servants give:
thine the gold and thine the silver,
thine the wealth of land and sea,
we but stewards of thy bounty,
held in solemn trust for thee.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love, and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease;
by thy patient years of toiling,
by thy silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
shame our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, Eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
hallows all our human race,
thou who prayedst, thou who willest,
that thy people should be one,
grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth thy will be done

Words: Somerset Corey Lowry (1855-1932)

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.

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)*

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. *(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)

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 ~ 572 “Be still, my soul! for God is near!”

Be still, my soul! for God is near!
The great High Priest is with thee now;
the Lord of life himself is near,
before whose face the angels bow.

To make thy heart his lowly throne
thy Saviour God in love draws nigh;
he gives himself unto his own,
for whom he once came down to die.

He pleads before the mercy-seat;
he pleads with God; he pleads for thee;
he gives thee bread from heaven to eat,
his flesh and blood in mystery.

I come, O Lord! For thou dost call -
to blend my pleading prayer with thine;
to thee I give myself - my all,
and feed on thee and make thee mine.

Words: William Dalrymple Maclagan (1826-1910)

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

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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 ~ 439** “Stand up, stand up for Jesus,”

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross!
Lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
his army he shall lead,
till every foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The solemn watchword hear;
if while ye sleep he suffers,
away with shame and fear.
Where'er ye meet with evil,
within you or without,
charge for the God of battles,
and put the foe to rout.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger
and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armour,
each piece put on with prayer;
when duty calls or danger
be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of Glory
shall reign eternally.

Words: George Duffield, Jr. (1818-1888)

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.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Year A – Proper 28

THEME FOR THE WEEK

All Christian life takes its meaning from our awareness of the coming of the Lord and our accountability to him.



First Reading: **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

Comment: “The day of the Lord”

In this opening lesson, **the prophet proclaims the hastening approach of the day of the Lord, a Day of Judgment and fearful distress.** Zephaniah calls for silence as the Lord prepares what will be a sacrifice of terror. Everywhere in Judah there is corruption. People are drunk with wine and say that the Lord will do nothing, either good or bad, but they will never enjoy their wealth, nor will their silver or gold be of any use. The portrayal of the end is vivid and terrifying.

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

Comment: “Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (*Ps 90:12*)

The psalmist reflects on the passing of human life in the face of the Lord's wrath, and asks the everlasting God for wisdom to make use of the time.

Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Comment: "Be alert for the day of the Lord"

In this reading **Paul counsels the new disciples to be alert as in the daylight, for the day of the Lord will come swiftly and unexpectedly, although at a time unknown to mortals.** Many early Christians believed that the course of world history would soon come to an end. Paul urges the Thessalonians not to live like people of the night, but soberly and expectantly. Whether they first die or remain alive they may look forward, not to God's wrath, but to a salvation that has been gained through Jesus. Paul's central point remains valid for us: we do not know when the consummation of history will take place, but are to live always prepared for judgment.

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 25:14-30**

Comment: "The story of the slaves entrusted with talents"

Our gospel is **the parable of the servants who made different uses of the money entrusted to them.** The evangelist intends the story to be instructive to Christian disciples. The master Jesus is now away. When he returns, he will expect his followers to have made diligent use of the faith he has left in their charge. If it has not grown, then it has been without value and will be taken away. One also recognises how immense are

the sums left with the servants. The parable warns against the false security of only guarding the traditions and not investing them in life and in others.

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:



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.

RETIREMENT: The retirement of Ms. Harriet Lowe, Assistant Verger, will take effect from today, November 12, 2023. Nevertheless, she has kindly consented to work as a freelancer for a limited period. A suitable recognition will be organized, in due course. In the 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.

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. Towards that end, we are currently in need of forty (40) persons to volunteer to sell 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 19-25, 2023:

- 21st Mrs. Joan St.E. Yvette Norville-Arthur
- 23rd Ms. E. Maureen Linton



SERMON NOTES

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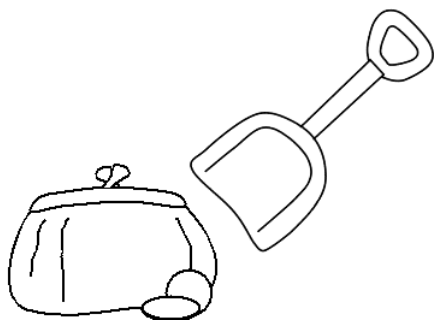
**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
November 19-25, 2023, Proper 28**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
Sunday	Psalms 66, 67 1 Maccabees 2:29-43, 49-50 Acts 28:14b-23	Psalms 19, 46 Habakkuk 1:1-4(5-11) 12—2:1 Luke 16:1-13
Monday	Psalm 89:1-18 1 Maccabees 3:1-24 Revelation 20:7-15	Psalm 89:19-52 Habakkuk 2:1-4, 9-20 Matthew 17:1-13
Tuesday	Psalms 97, 99, [100] 1 Maccabees 3:25-41 Revelation 21:1-8	Psalms 94, [95] Habakkuk 3:1-10(11-15) 16-18 Matthew 17:14-21
Wednesday	Psalms 101, 109:1-4 (5-19)20-30 1 Maccabees 3:42-60 Revelation 21:9-21	Psalm 119:121-144 Malachi 1:1, 6-14 Matthew 17:22-27
Thursday	Psalm 147 Deuteronomy 26:1-11 John 6:26-35	Psalm 145 Joel 2:21-27 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24
Friday	Psalm 102 1 Maccabees 4:36-59 Revelation 22:6-13	Psalm 107:1-32 Malachi 3:1-12 Matthew 18:10-20
Saturday	Psalms 107:33-43; 108:1-6(7-13) Isaiah 65:17-25 Revelation 22:14-21	Psalm 33 Malachi 3:13—4:6 Matthew 18:21-35 Collect for Proper 29

A parable of the servants who made different uses of the money entrusted to them ~ Matthew 25:14-30

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 28

November 19, 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 22, 2023

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson



Sunday November 26, 2023

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. Choral Matins with Communion



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