

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

*The Holy Eucharist*

*On*

**November 12, 2023  
7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M**



**REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY**

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

***The Diocese of Barbados***

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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 27**  
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**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**  
**President and Preacher:**  
**The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**  
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**YMCA/YWCA in attendance**

**Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne**



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**THE PREPARATION**

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Opening **Hymn ~ 44** “Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,”

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,  
behold, the King of Glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near,  
the Saviour of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest  
where Christ the ruler is confessed.  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
to whom this King in triumph comes.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Come, Saviour, come, with us abide;  
our hearts to thee we open wide;  
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,  
until our glorious goal is won.

*Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635) from Macht hoch die Thür, German;  
translation: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.*

Opening Sentence **“General”**

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Grace to you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

**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 27**

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O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as He is pure; that, when He comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where He 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: **Amos 5:18-24**

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

**9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Margaret Aimey**

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of the Prophet Amos, the fifth chapter, beginning at the eighteenth verse.

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream

**LECTOR:** The Word of the Lord.

**ALL:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 70** *Deus, in adiutorium*

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1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;\*

O Lord, make haste to help me.

- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed;\*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn  
back,\* because they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;\*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
"Great is the Lord!"
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy;\*  
come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer;\*  
O Lord, do not tarry.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be forever. *Amen***

Second Lesson: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Lectors: **7:00 A.M. ~ Master Daniel Greenidge**  
**9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Moreen Hoyte,**  
**YMCA Board Member**

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

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and



rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

LECTOR:     The Word of the Lord.

**ALL:           Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 536** “O Master, let me walk with thee”

O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free.  
Tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love.  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience: still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong;

In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

*Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918), 1879*

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 25:1-13**

**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 first verse.

**ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he

replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

**ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.**

The Sermon:

**7:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev’d Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

**9:00 A.M. ~ The Rev’d Canon George Knight**

*(Please stand, as able)*

**The Nicene Creed**

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
one in Being with the Father.  
Through Him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He was born of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered, died and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again

in fulfilment of the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
He is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. *Amen*

## **INTERCESSION FORM “H”**

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**Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Linda Springer**  
**9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donna Inniss**

### The Bidding Prayer

**The Dean:** On this Remembrance Sunday we pray particularly for the Church’s ministry to all those who have been injured in warfare, both military personnel and civilians, and for the Church’s ministry of peace and reconciliation in our troubled 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 Shonte, Jennifer, Harriet, Basil, Dorothy, Graham, Sharron, Margaret, Miriam, Cecile, Abigail, Jared, Pamela, Clyde, and Richard, 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 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 God, who created us to live in fellowship and unity with all the peoples of the earth, grant your grace to all who serve in the Church, that we may be a blessing to our communities; and renew our common life, that we may be a witness to the world of that peace and reconciliation that come

from knowing ourselves as part of one family in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **ACT OF PENITENCE**

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

*(A period of silence shall be kept).*

**PRESIDENT:** Let us therefore confess our sins.

### **FORM A**

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

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

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

*(Please stand as able)*

FORM C

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

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

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

**ALL: And also with you.**

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

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

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

*Words : 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 ~ 374** “O praise our great and gracious Lord,”

O praise our great and gracious Lord,  
and call upon his name;  
to strains of joy tune every chord,  
his mighty acts proclaim;  
tell how he led his chosen race  
to Canaan’s promised land;  
tell how his covenant of grace  
unchanged shall ever stand.

He gave the shadowing cloud by day,  
the moving fire by night;  
to guide his Israel on their way,  
he made their darkness light;  
and have not we a sure retreat,  
a Saviour ever nigh,  
the same clear light to guide our feet,  
the day-spring from on high?

We, too have manna from above,  
the bread that came from heaven;  
to us the same kind hand of love  
hath living waters given;  
a rock we have, from whence the spring  
in rich abundance flows;  
that rock is Christ, our Priest, our King,  
who life and health bestows.

O may we praise this blessed food,  
and trust our heavenly Guide;  
so shall we find death's fearful flood  
serene as Jordan's tide,  
and safely reach that happy shore,  
the land of peace and rest,  
where angels worship and adore  
in God's own presence blest.

*Words: Harriet Auber (1773-1862), 1829*

**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*)

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)*

**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 ~ 602 “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,

for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture –  
in the body and the blood –  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of Light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high.

*Words: Liturgy of St James,  
From 5<sup>th</sup> century, Greek text;  
Translation: Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)*

**Hymn ~ 599 “Jesu, gentlest Saviour”**

Jesu, gentlest Saviour,  
thou art in us now,  
fill us with thy goodness,  
till our hearts o’erflow.



Multiply our graces,  
chiefly love and fear,  
and, dear Lord, the chiefest,  
grace to persevere.

Oh, how can we thank thee  
for a gift like this,  
gift that truly maketh  
heaven's eternal bliss!

Ah! When wilt thou always  
make our hearts thy home?  
We must wait for heaven;  
then the day will come.

*Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)*

## **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.*

## **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*

**9:00 A.M.: Remarks by the President of the YMCA ~ on  
YMCA/YWCA local projects.**

**Message from the World YMCA & YWCA Presidents, read  
by the President of the local YMCA.**

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 234** “O God, our help in ages past,”

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.  
O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home!

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

## **AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

### **Silence**

### **A Remembrance Sunday Prayer**

### **The National Anthem**

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

### **Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Year A – Proper 27**

#### **THEME FOR THE WEEK**

**Keeping the lamp of honesty lit will make us ready for  
Christ's coming.**



First Reading: **Amos 5:18-24**

**Comment: “Let justice roll down like waters”**

In this Hebrew Bible lesson, **the prophet proclaims that the day of the Lord will be a day of deep gloom. God despises the ceremonies of his people and calls for a continuous stream of justice and righteousness.** In this era people looked forward to “the day of the Lord” as an annual time of festival and also a symbol of the great final day when God would make all things well. How wrong they are! It will be a day of darkness, not light. No matter where a man turns, disaster awaits him. The Lord is done with rites without righteousness, and religiosity as a substitute for equity.

**Psalm 70**

**Comment: “You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.” (Ps.70:5)**

A prayer for help and vindication.

Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**Comment: “The promise of the resurrection”**

In this reading, **Paul offers a vision of how the dead in Christ will rise and then, together with those who are alive, be caught up to meet the Lord in the sky.** Apparently some members of the Thessalonian church had died, and there was this concern: would they miss the Lord’s coming? First, Paul reminds them that the Christian hope is rooted in the God who raised Jesus. He then describes the day of the Lord’s appearing and the raising up of the dead and the living, using highly poetic

imagery conditioned by the worldview of his time. The essential meaning is clear: we shall be with the Lord.

### **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

#### **Comment: “The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids”**

Our gospel is **the parable of the wise and foolish maidens—those prepared and unprepared for the bridegroom’s coming.** In several ways the details of the story may strike us as odd and even a little unfair, but such a concern misses the main point, which has much in common with other of Jesus’ parables. One must at all times be ready with repentance and decision for the kingdom’s coming. In a later period this story was read with allegorical overtones. Jesus is the bridegroom whose return is delayed. Some in the church are falling asleep while others remain expectant.

### **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 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024, so too will the St. Michael Parish Church celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its designation as the Cathedral of the Diocese. Gifts in celebration of this significant milestone would be greatly appreciated.

**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:**



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 on 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:** 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](http://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. 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 12-18, 2023:**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Mr. Shonte R. A. Browne
- 13<sup>th</sup> Ms. Jennifer I. Benn, Ms. Harriet Lowe, and Mr. Clyde Outram.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mr. Basil V. Clarke



- 15<sup>th</sup> Ms. Dorothy E. Morris, Mr. Graham Russell
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Sharron S. C. A. Lucas-Blackman
- 17<sup>th</sup> Ms. Margaret R. Aimey, Ms. Miriam I. Barrow, Mrs. Cecile L. Aimey-Clarke, Ms. Abigail Molyneaux and Mr. Jared Nurse
- 18<sup>th</sup> Ms. Pamela A. Clarke, Mr. Richard A. Lewis



**ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER:** A most cordial welcome is extended to The President, Board of Directors, staff and other invited guests of the YMCA and the YWCA local chapters and worldwide associations, as they begin their week of prayer.

## SERMON NOTES

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Preacher:.....

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**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings  
November 12-18, 2023, Proper 27**

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Morning Readings</b>  | <b>Evening Readings</b>   |
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| Sunday     | Psalms 93, 96<br>Ezra 10:1-17<br>Acts 24:10-21                         | Psalm 34<br>Ecclesiasticus 51:13-22<br>Luke 14:12-24                  |
| Monday     | Psalm 80<br>Nehemiah 9:1-15<br>(16-25)<br>Revelation 18:1-8            | Psalms 77, [79]<br>Joel 1:1-13<br>Matthew 15:1-20                     |
| Tuesday    | Psalm 78:1-39<br>Nehemiah 9:26-38<br>Revelation 18:9-20                | Psalm 78:40-72<br>Joel 1:15—2:2(3-11)<br>Matthew 15:21-28             |
| Wednesday  | Psalm 119:97-120<br>Nehemiah 7:73b—8:3,<br>5-18<br>Revelation 18:21-24 | Psalms 81, 82<br>Joel 2:12-19<br>Matthew 15:29-39                     |
| Thursday   | Psalms [83] or 23, 27<br>1 Maccabees 1:1-28<br>Revelation 19:1-10      | Psalms 85, 86<br>Joel 2:21-27<br>Matthew 16:1-12                      |
| Friday     | Psalm 88<br>1 Maccabees 1:41-63<br>Revelation 19:11-16                 | Psalms 91, 92<br>Joel 2:28—3:8<br>Matthew 16:13-20                    |
| Saturday   | Psalms 87, 90<br>1 Maccabees 2:1-28<br>Revelation 20:1-6               | Psalm 136<br>Joel 3:9-17<br>Matthew 16:21-28<br>Collect for Proper 28 |

**A Parable of the Bridesmaids Colouring Page**  
**Matthew 25:1-13**



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 27**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**November 12, 2023**

**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**

**President and Preacher:**

**The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**

**President and Preacher:**

**The Rev'd Canon George Knight**

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**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

**10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist**

**The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

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**Sunday November 19, 2023**

**7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist**

**9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist**

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