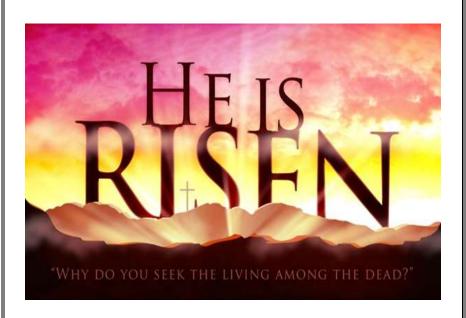
## The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels

welcomes you to the celebration of

# The Holy Eucharist On Easter Day

March 31, 2024 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M.



**Theme:** "To be a guiding light of Christ's grace, justice, freedom and love".

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#### **Sunday, March 31, 2024**

### The Resurrection of our Lord: Easter Day YEAR B

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 Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Judy King



THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

**Opening Hymn ~ 138 (A&M)** "Christ is Risen, Christ is risen"

Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
He hath burst His bonds in twain;
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! swell the strain!
For our gain He suffer'd loss
By Divine decree;
He hath died upon the Cross,
But our God is He.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
He hath burst His bonds in twain;
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! swell the strain!
See the chains of death are broken;
Earth below and heav'n above
Joy in each amazing token
Of His rising, Lord of love;

He for evermore shall reign
By the Father's side,
Till He comes to earth again,
Comes to claim His Bride.
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
He hath burst His bonds in twain;
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! swell the strain!

Glorious Angels downward thronging
Hail the Lord of all the skies;
Heav'n, with joy and holy longing
For the Word Incarnate, cries,
"Christ is risen! Earth, rejoice!
Gleam, ye starry train!
All creation, find a voice;
He o'er all shall reign."

Christ is risen! Christ is risen! He hath burst His bonds in twain; Christ is risen! Christ is risen! O'er the universe to reign.

> Words by A.T. Gurney. Tune – RESURREXIT by Sir A. Sullivan.

Opening Sentence "Easter"

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed. Come, let us adore Him. Alleluia!

#### THE INVOCATION

#### PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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 know, 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

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.

The Collect: "Easter Day"

Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

#### Please sit

First Lesson: Acts 10: 34-43

**Lectors:** 

7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Alicia White 9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Mary Weekes

A reading from the Word of God written in the Acts of the Apostles, the tenth chapter, beginning at the thirtyfourth verse.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate

and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord. **ALL:** Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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 Corinthians 15:1-11

#### **Lectors:**

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Representative of the first graduating class in 1973 of the UWI Faculty of Law Programme

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them-though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord. **ALL:** Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 180 "The day of resurrection!"

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God;
from death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection-light; and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own 'All hail,' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, and earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

> Words: John of Damascus (c696-c754) From translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

Gospellers:

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

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

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And also with you.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture,

that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

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

(Please sit)

#### The Sermon:

7:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson 9:00 A.M. ~ The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell

(Please stand, as able)

#### THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

#### PRESIDENT:

Do you declare and promise that you will, with the help of God, live your life in the faith of Christ into which you were baptised?

PEOPLE: I do.

#### PRESIDENT:

Do you believe in God the Father?

#### PEOPLE:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

#### PRESIDENT:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

#### **PEOPLE:**

I believe in Jesus Christ,

His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered unto Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

PRESIDENT: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

#### **PEOPLE:**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen* 

#### PRESIDENT:

Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

PEOPLE: I will.

#### PRESIDENT:

Will you persevere in resisting evil and repent whenever you fall into sin?

PEOPLE: I will.

#### PRESIDENT:

Will you be a witness in your daily life to God's saving work in Christ?

PEOPLE: I will.

#### PRESIDENT:

Will you seek and serve Christ by loving your neighbour as yourself remembering that every person is loved and valued by God?

PEOPLE: I will

#### PRESIDENT:

Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

PEOPLE: I do, and with God's help

I will follow Christ as my Saviour and Lord.

The President may sprinkle the assembled congregation with water from the font as a reminder of their baptism.

#### PRESIDENT:

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May He keep us faithful to our calling, now and forever. *Amen* 

#### THE GREETING OF THE PEACE "A"

#### PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

#### **ALL:**

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

#### PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

#### **HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP**

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.

Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller in 1955

(Please sit)

#### **Greetings**

Remarks by a representative of the first graduating class in 1973 of the UWI Faculty of Law Programme

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Hymn ~ 176 "Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;"

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky; heaven thunders forth its victor-cry; alleluia, alleluia, the glad earth shouts her triumph high, and groaning hell makes wild reply: Alleluia...

The pains of hell are loosed at last, the days of mourning now are past; alleluia, alleluia, an angel robed in light hath said, 'The Lord is risen from the dead.' Alleluia...

O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide; alleluia, alleluia, from every weapon death can wield thine own redeemed for ever shield. Alleluia...

All praise be thine, O risen Lord, from death to endless life restored; alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, all praise to God the Father be and Holy Ghost eternally.
Alleluia...

#### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER "B"

#### 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:

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has won for us eternal life.

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, as able)

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING "A"

#### PRESIDENT:

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 ever 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.

#### **ALL:**

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

#### 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.

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

#### 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

(All baptized members of the Church, as inspired, may come to the altar and receive Holy Communion)

#### The invitation "B"

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

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

(Communicants are invited to kneel at the Altar Rail, as able)

#### Communion Hymn ~ 175 "Jesus lives! Thy terrors now"

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now can no more, O death, appal us; Jesus lives! By this we know Thou, O grave, canst not enthral us. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! Henceforth is death but the gate of life immortal: this shall calm our trembling breath, when we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluia! Jesus lives! For us he died; then, alone to Jesus living, pure in heart may we abide, glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! Our hearts know well naught from us his love shall sever; life nor death nor powers of hell tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! To him the throne over all the world is given: may we go where he is gone, rest and reign with him in heaven. Alleluia!

Words: Christian Füchtegott Gellert (1715-1769), from Jesus lebt, mit ihm auch ich, German; translation: Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), with others

#### **Hymn** ~ 186 "Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,"

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ, the Paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.

For Judah's lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head; and cries aloud through death's domains to wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore; his ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now to him all power is given; to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven.
While we, his soldiers, praise our King, his mercy we implore, within his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.

Alleluia! Amen.

Words: Fulbert of Chartres (9??-1028), from Chorus navae Jerusalem, Latin; translation: Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER "A"

#### **ALL:**

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live His risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirts shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE EPISCOPAL BLESSING:

President: Our help is in the name of the Lord

**People:** The maker of heaven and earth President: Blessed be the name of the Lord

**People:** From this time forth for evermore.

#### THE BLESSING "Easter"

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; and the blessing of God the Father be upon you this day and forever more.

#### ALL: Amen.

#### ~~~Notices and Announcements~~~

The Recessional Hymn ~ 172 "Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia."

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia, our triumphant holy day, alleluia, who did once, upon the cross, alleluia, suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia, unto Christ, our heavenly King, alleluia, who endured the cross and grave, alleluia, sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured, alleluia, our salvation have procured; alleluia, now above the sky he's King, alleluia, where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Words: Lyra Davidica, London, 1708 Supplement, 1816

#### 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 and 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.



#### Resurrection of the Lord: Easter Day Year B

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

**Comment:** "God raised Jesus on the third day"

In this lesson, Peter realises that the good news of the gospel is meant for all people, and he proclaims the crucified and risen Jesus. At first Peter was slow to believe that God wanted him to bring the word to a non-Jew. But God has shown this to be the divine will, and Peter gladly responds to Cornelius, a Roman centurion, together with his family and friends. The risen Jesus has appeared to chosen witnesses, and all who trust in him receive forgiveness of sins in his name.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

A festival hymn sung in procession in praise of the Lord's salvation.

Second Reading (The Epistle): 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Comment: "Witnesses to the risen Christ"

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his basic proclamation concerning the Lord's resurrection. All these things happened according to the scriptures. Beginning with a manifestation to Cephas, Paul recounts six appearances of the risen Lord to his followers. The last, which must have taken place several years after the others, gave this

former persecutor of the church his commission as an apostle.

The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

**Comments** ~ "Seeing the risen Christ"

Our Gospel tells of the discovery of the empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene. Whilst it is still dark, Mary comes and finds that the stone used to cover the tomb has been moved away. She runs and brings Peter and another disciple whom Jesus loved. Although no human eye catches sight of Jesus' rising from death, these first witnesses see the discarded grave wrappings and the other disciples perceives and believes. Mary remains weeping at the graveside and talks with a man she assumes to be the gardener. He speaks her name, and she knows her Lord.

#### **CATHEDRAL NEWS**

1. WELCOME: A cordial welcome is extended to Her Excellency The Most Honourable Dame Sandra P. Mason, President of Barbados, and members of the first graduating class in 1973 of the UWI Faculty of Law Programme, at Cave Hill as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Also, a warm greeting to the Officers and members of the Barbados Bar Association who have joined in solidarity with their colleagues. Congratulations and Happy Easter!

- 2. CONGRATULATIONS: Heartiest congratulations to Ms. Coral Riley who will celebrate her 80th birthday on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Members of the Riley family and some of her friends join her today in worship. Happy birthday!
- **3. BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS CATHEDRAL REVITALIZATION 2024 and Beyond**: Through Mission, Ministry, Maintenance and Money, this campaign promises to provide occasions to revitalize the Cathedral's heritage; to strengthen congregational vitality; and to build the Church for tomorrow. All are invited to get involved and to recommend the programme to others, especially persons who were nurtured in this sacred place.
  - i. **Mission:** There is a plan to reach the children who were baptized in the Cathedral since September 29, 2006 and to invite them to worship during May, Child-month. Parents, grandparents and godparents are asked to play a key role in this initiative.
  - ii. **Ministry:** In the month of April, members and friends will be asked to submit their Top 20 Hymns (T20 Hymns) and contribute twenty dollars (\$20.00). At a time to be announced, there will be an occasion to sing the favourite hymns of the Cathedral.

- iii. **Maintenance:** Repairs to the northern balcony and beautification of the graveyard have started.
- iv. **Money:** The Cathedral, like all institutions, needs money in order to fulfil its mission and ministry. The following approaches will be pursued:
  - A). Proportionate Giving All members are asked to contribute from their personal resources as a sign of their devotion to the Lords' work on a regular schedule. The Biblical Tithe is a standard by which we measure our offerings. However, even if one is not at that level yet, it is the principle of percentage giving that is encouraged.
  - B). Gifts in celebration of this significant milestone would be greatly appreciated. In particular, there is a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) challenge to each member, to be presented at this year's Patronal Festival, September 29, 2024.
  - C). There will be an appeal to the general public to support the Cathedral financially. Donation Cards will be prepared and members will be invited to solicit donations from relatives, friends and well-wishers. Thanks in anticipation of your cooperation and generous gifts.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week, March 31 – April 6, 2024

1st Ms. Blair Murray, Ms. Xenia A. Watson

2<sup>nd</sup> The Rev'd Canon George Knight

3<sup>rd</sup> Ms. Coral E. Riley (80<sup>th</sup>)

5<sup>th</sup> Mr. Ricardo M. Rollock





**SICK:** Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Ann Barker, Margaret Browne, Elsie Brunson, Colleen

Byer, Courtney Carrington, Darwin Clarke, Alice P. Hall, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Jeffrey Mascoll, Marlene Moore, Blair Murray, Clyde Outram, Veronica Sandals (USA), Sylvester (Blues) Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, Ernesta Yarde and George Yearwood.



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

 Mr. John W. Clarke, husband of Mrs. Lucy Clarke, and brother of Ms. Harriet Clarke.

- Mrs. Adamay Pollydore, sister-inlaw of Mrs. Margaret Fraser-Morrison
- Mr. Clarine Yearwood (husband of Mrs. Joan Bonnett)
  - Mr. Philip L Sydney Archer

May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.

FLOWERS: The floral arrangements at the altar and pulpit were donated by someone who prefers to remain anonymous. Other arrangement of flowers were donated by Mrs. Phyllis Springer and Ms. Linda Springer in memory of their late daughter and sister Ms. Victorine Springer, respectively; the Barrow family in memory of their mother Mrs. Clarissa Barrow; Mrs. Helena Lyte and family in memory of their late mother Ms. M Taylor; Mr. Franklyn Archer; and other persons who prefer not to be identified. Sincere thanks to all persons for their generous donations.



#### **CATHEDRAL WORSHIP**

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist

President: The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell

In attendance: Her Excellency The Most Honourable
Dame Sandra P. Mason, President of Barbados, and
members of the first graduating class in 1973 of the UWI
Faculty of Law Programme and members of the
Barbados Bar Association

6:00 P.M. Festal Evensong





The Second Sunday of Easter, April 7, 2024
The Second Sunday of Easter

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



#### Church Wardens:

Mr. Samuel Maxwell, J.P. Mr. Victor Sylvester

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Mr. Samuel Maxwell, J. P.

Ms. Cyrilene Forde

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Ms. Donna Inniss



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Church Army: Captain Donnah Russell

Woman's Auxiliary: Vacant

Ushers Guild: Mrs. Juno Burrows
Outreach Committee: Mrs. Delores Hinds
Guild of Servers: Mr. Jerry Alleyne
Health Ministry: Dr. Wendy Sealy

**Sunday School:** Mrs. Harriett Blackman

Flower Guild: Vacant

Guild of St. Raphael Mr. Darwin Clarke



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