

The Cathedral Church of
Saint Michael and All Angels
welcomes you to a celebration of
The Liturgy of The Palms
And Sung Eucharist
on
March 24, 2024

March 24, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

To be a guiding light of Christ's grace, justice, freedom and love

# The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels The Diocese of Barbados

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#### The Sixth Sunday in Lent - YEAR B

#### SUNDAY OF THE PASSION ~ PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024

9:00 A.M. ~ The Liturgy of The Palms and Sung Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

**Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Judy King** 

ORDER OF WORSHIP

## THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The President greets the people.

Salutation Page 222

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the Holy City of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcome Him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before Him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet Him as our King, although we know His crown is thorns and His throne a cross. We follow Him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with Him in His suffering on the cross, may we share His resurrection and new life.

#### Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

All remain standing for the Gospel

The Holy Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

GOSPELLER: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

READER: The Lord be with you. **PEOPLE: And also with you.** 

READER: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark the eleventh chapter beginning at the first verse.

#### **PEOPLE: Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

READER: This is the Gospel of Christ. **PEOPLE: Praise to Christ our Lord.** 

#### THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The President continues:

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour who entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die. Bless these palms and let them be for us signs of victory; and grant that we who bear them in His name may ever hail Him as our King, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### THE PROCESSION

Then may be said or sung: Let us go forth in peace.

**PEOPLE:** In the name of Christ. *Amen.* 

Processional Hymn ~127 "All glory, laud, and honour,"

#### Refrain

All glory, laud, and honour, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessèd one.

#### Refrain

The company of angels are praising thee on high, and mortal men and all things created make reply.

#### Refrain

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went: our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

#### Refrain

To thee, before thy Passion they sang their hymns of praise: to thee now high exalted our melody we raise.

#### Refrain

Thou didst accept their praises: accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

#### Refrain

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (760-821), from Gloria, laus, et honor, Latin; translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

#### Station at the West Door

Almighty God whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Introit Hymn ~ 126 "Ride on! Ride on, in majesty!"

Ride on! Ride on, in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry; O Saviour meek, pursue thy road, with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on, in majesty! The angel armies of the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Words: Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)

#### Welcome

The Collect "Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday"

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

PRESIDENT: Let us pray

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon Him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of His suffering, and also share in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Isaiah 50:4-9a Lector: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

A Reading from the Word of God, written in Isaiah, the fiftieth chapter, beginning at the fourth verse.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens-wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalm 31:9-16 In te, Domine, speravi Page 504

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;\* my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;\* my strength fails

- me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance;\* when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;\* I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;\* they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \* I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand;\* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,\* and in your loving-kindness save me."

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: Philippians 2:5-11

Lector: Mrs. Valdine Browne

A Reading from the Word of God, written to the Philippians, the second chapter, beginning at the fifth verse.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of deatheven death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 145 "The royal banners forward go,"

The royal banners forward go, the cross shines forth in mystic glow; where he in flesh, our flesh who made, our sentence bore, our ransom paid. There whilst he hung, his sacred side by soldier's spear was opened wide, to cleanse us in the precious flood, of water mingled with his blood.

Fulfilled is now what David told in true prophetic song of old, how God the heathen's King should be; for God is reigning from the tree.

O tree of glory, tree most fair, ordained those holy limbs to bear, how bright in purple robe it stood, the purple of a Saviour's blood!

Upon its arms, like balance true, he weighed the price for sinners due, the price which none but he could pay, and spoiled the spoiler of his prey.

To thee, eternal Three in One, let homage meet by all be done: as by the cross thou dost restore, so rule and guide us evermore.

Words: Venantius Fortunatus (530-600), from Vexilla Regis prodeunt, Latin;p translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern. Translation © Hymns Ancient and Modern (admin. Hope Publishing Co.).

The Narration of the Holy Gospel according to Mark (Please see Booklets)

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

**INTERCESSOR: Ms. Danita Layne** 

The Bidding Prayer: The Assistant Priest

Lord, we pray for your Church, that we may greet our Lord with joy and have courage to follow him to the Cross.

We pray for ...

Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

(Please kneel or sit, as able)

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 Audrey, Doreen, Monica, Amari, and Janice, 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, Ms. Victorine Springer and Mr. Clarine Yearwood; 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 Jesus Christ, the crowds acclaimed you as king yet later called for your death; your disciples followed you in life yet so many of them abandoned you at the last. Help us in our weakness to follow you on our journey through this sacred week, that we may keep our eyes fixed on your Passion and through it come to know the glory of the hope of Resurrection, which you hold out to all who follow you, O Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

(Please stand)

#### **ACT OF PENITENCE "B"**

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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.

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ALL: Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, 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.** 

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

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**PRESIDENT:** Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one Body by the cross, we meet in His Name and share His peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP: "Let there be peace on earth"

(During the singing of this hymn, worshippers are encouraged to show any tangible sign of peace with which they are comfortable)

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

#### 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 ~ 141 "My song is love unknown,"

My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me,

love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow; but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But O, my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day hosannas to their King. Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath and for his death they thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free. Here might I stay and sing: no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine! This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683)

#### 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 EUCHARIST 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 128*)

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins He was lifted high upon the cross, that He might draw the whole world to Himself; and, by His suffering and death, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in Him. (*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 as able)

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING "B"

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#### PRESIDENT:

Holy and gracious Father, all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness, comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom you sent to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts, and we ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who offered Himself in obedience to your will, the Perfect Sacrifice for all mankind.

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."

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.

Do this, whenever you drink it, For the remembrance of me."

#### ALL

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim the death of Christ until He comes again.

#### PRESIDENT:

Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation; His glorious Resurrection and Ascension; His continual intercession for us in heaven; and looking for His coming again in glory, we offer you, in thanksgiving, this holy and life-giving sacrifice.

Look with favour on your Church's offering, and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts may be filled with your Holy Spirit and become one body in Christ, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace.

May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable us, in communion with blessed Mary and the whole company of heaven, to share in the inheritance of your Saints.

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 "C"

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PRESIDENT: This is the true bread which comes from heaven.

ALL: Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

#### THE COMMUNION

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

#### THE INVITATION Form "C"

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PRESIDENT: Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

ALL: We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen*.

#### 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

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

Communion Hymn ~ 142 "O sacred head, surrounded"

O sacred head, surrounded by crown of piercing thorn! O bleeding head, so wounded, so shamed and put to scorn! Death's pallid hue comes o'er thee, the glow of life decays; yet angel-hosts adore thee, and tremble as they gaze

Thy comeliness and vigour is withered up and gone, and in thy wasted figure I see death drawing on. O agony and dying! O love to sinners free! Jesu, all grace supplying, turn thou thy face on me.

In this thy bitter passion, Good Shepherd, think of me with thy most sweet compassion, unworthy though I be: beneath thy cross abiding for ever would I rest, in thy dear love confiding, and with thy presence blest.

> Words: Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153), from Salve caput cruentatum, Latin; translation: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676), alt., German; translation: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.

#### **Hymn** ~ 138 "My God, I love thee; not because"

My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love thee not are lost eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

And griefs and torments numberless, and sweat of agony; yea, death itself - and all for me who was thine enemy.

Then why, O blessèd Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well? Not for the sake of winning heaven, nor of escaping hell;

Not from the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord.

So would I love thee, dearest Lord, and in thy praise will sing; solely because thou art my God, and my most loving King.

Words: anonymous, from O Deus ego amo te, 17<sup>th</sup> century, Latin; translation: Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt.

#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER "B"

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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 "Holy Week"

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#### PRESIDENT:

Christ crucified draw you to Himself, to find in Him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 147** "When I survey the wondrous cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the cross of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingling down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

#### 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.

### The Sunday of The Passion: Palm Sunday YEAR B

#### THEME FOR THE WEEK

As we witness the death of Jesus, we give thanks for the grace he has earned for us this Lent.



First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Comment: "The servant of the Lord submits to suffering"

Our reading tells of the servant who speaks for the Lord and suffers persecution, but still trusts in God's help and vindication. This is the third of the "servant songs" that come from a period late in Israel's exile. The servant might be thought to be the faithful of Israel, the prophet himself, or another historical or idealized figure. The people are weary and tired of the Lord's calling, but the servant steadfastly continues. Christians have long perceived in these words a foretelling of Jesus' mission.

Psalm: **31:9-16** 

Comment: "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit" (*Ps.31.5*)

A Psalm of trust by one who looks to the Lord for mercy and protection.

#### At the Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11:1-11

Jesus approaches the holy city of Jerusalem, and his disciples sing praises to God in anticipation of the coming of a new kingdom of David. He has a colt brought to him, and, as did the kings of old in royal celebrations, Jesus rides on it, while his followers spread their garments and leafy branches in the way and shout "Hosanna." Here is great drama as he enters the city and temple he would save, but there is also acute irony for those who know what lies ahead.

Second Reading: **Philippians 2:5-11** 

Comment: "Humbled to the point of death on a cross"

From one of the earliest Christian hymns we hear how Christ Jesus accepted the condition of a servant, was obedient even to the point of death, and was then given the name above every name. It is possible that this poem was adapted by Paul or another disciple from the hopes for a saviour of a people who did not yet know Jesus. He has fulfilled humanity's dream of one who will share fully in the condition before his exaltation. To him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess the great name of the Lord now known in person. Jesus.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 Comment: "The passion of the Lord" Our gospel is the story of Jesus' anointing in Bethany, his last supper with his disciples, what took place in the garden of Gethsemane, the trial before Pilate, and his final suffering and death.

#### **CATHEDRAL NEWS**

- 1. 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 24-30, 2024

- 26 Mrs. Audrey D. Cox Mrs. Doreen Y. Weekes
- 27 Ms. Monica Henry Master Amari Alexander Rollock
- 29 Ms. Janice A. Edwards



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Sincere thanks to The Guild of Health and St. Raphael for their kind donation of food items to the Deacons cupboard over the weekend. These items will assist us in our community outreach programme.



**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, John W. 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.



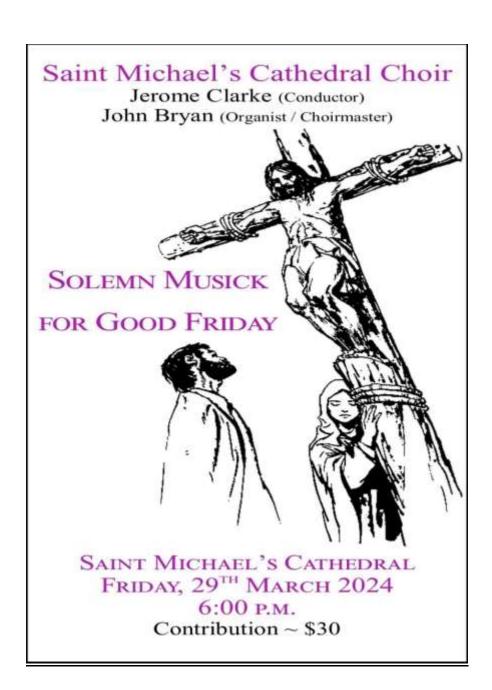
### **BEREAVEMENT:** We extend sincere condolences to the families of the late

- Ms. Victorine Springer (sister of Ms. Linda Springer)
- Mr. Clarine Yearwood (husband of Mrs. Joan Bonnett)

We thank God for their lives, work, and witness among us.

May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.

**FLOWERS:** Easter is fast approaching, and in this regard, we would kindly appreciate any funds towards the floral arrangements for this festive season. The donations may be made in memory of loved ones or in celebration of birthdays and anniversaries. We have already received a donation for flowers at the nave altar and pulpit. Sincere thanks in anticipation of your generous contributions to this special occasion.



Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings March 24-30, 2024		
Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday	Psalms 24, 29 Zechariah 9:9-12 1 Timothy 6:12-16	Psalm 103 Zechariah 12:9-11, 13:1, 7-9 Luke 19:41-48
Monday in Holy Week	Psalm 51:1-18 (19-20) Lamentations 1:1-2, 6-12 Mark 11:12-25	Psalm 69:1-23 Jeremiah 12:1-16 2 Corinthians 1:1-7
Tuesday in Holy Week	Psalms 6, 12 Lamentations 1:17-22 Mark 11:27-33	Psalm 94 Jeremiah 15:10-21 2 Corinthians 1:8-22
Wednesday in Holy Week	Psalm 55 Lamentations 2:1-9 Mark 12:1-11	Psalm 74 Jeremiah 17:5-10, 14-17 2 Corinthians 1:23— 2:11
Maundy Thursday	Psalm 102 Lamentations 2:10-18 Mark 14:12-25	Psalms 142, 143 Jeremiah 20:7-11 2 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:27-32
Good Friday	Psalms 95 (Invitatory) & 22 Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-33 John 13:36-38	Psalms 40:1-14 (15-19); 54 1 Peter 1:10-20 John 19:38-42
Holy Saturday	Psalms 95 (Invitatory) & 88 Lamentations 3:37-58 Hebrews 4:1-16	Psalm 27 Job 19:21-27a Romans 8:1-11 Collect for Holy Saturday

### CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

#### HOLY WEEK 2024











The Sixth Sunday of Lent - March 24 **SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: Palm Sunday** 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist with the Distribution of Palms 9:00 A.M. The Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Eucharist (The congregation assembles in the Central Bank Courtyard for procession into the Cathedral)



Wednesday, March 27 10:00 A.M ~ Holy Eucharist

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28**

10:00 A.M. Chrism Mass (The Diocesan Clergy in attendance) President: The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell

7:00 P.M. ~ The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday



**GOOD FRIDAY, March 29** 

8:30 A.M. Family Devotions 10:30 A.M. Matins

12:00 Noon The Good Friday Liturgy 6:00 P.M. ~ Solemn Musick for Good Friday

(Tickets are available. Admission \$30.00)



### HOLY SATURDAY ~ Easter Eve, March 30 6:30 P.M. The Great Easter Vigil



EASTER DAY, 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)

### 6:00 P.M. Festal Evensong

#### **Church Wardens:**

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

Secretary: Ms. Donnah Russell

Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Juno Burrows

Treasurer: Mr. David Murray

Assistant Secretary: Ms. Harriett Clarke

#### **Synod Representatives**

Mr. Darnley King;

Mr. Samuel Maxwell, J. P.

Ms. Cyrilene Forde

#### **Alternative Synod Representative**

Ms. Donna Inniss

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Men's Fellowship: Mr. John Moore Mothers' Union: Mrs. Colleen Byer

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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