

Christ
is
Risen!

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist

On

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

7:00 A.M. and 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**

Diocesan Bishop

The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. John. Maxwell, M. A.

Dean

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

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The Second Sunday of Easter, April 7, 2024

YEAR B

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President and Preacher:

The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn ~ 171 “Good Christian men, rejoice and sing!”

Good Christian men, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay!
bring flowers of song to strew his way;
let all mankind rejoice and say:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory
that Love, that Life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Words: Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955)

Opening Sentence “*Easter*”

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

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 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

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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

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 “*The Second Sunday of Easter*” Page 169

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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: Acts 4:32-35

Lectors:

7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes, S.C.

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Darnley King

A reading from the Word of God written in the Acts of the Apostles, the fourth chapter, beginning at the thirty-second verse.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!*

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1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,*
when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head*
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron,*
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon*
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing:*
life for evermore.

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 John 1:1 - 2:2

Lectors:

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Kimberly Griffith

A reading from the Word of God, written in the First Letter of John, the first chapter, beginning at the first verse.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is

light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 182 “The strife is o'er, the battle done;”

Antiphon (to be repeated at the end)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst.

Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:

Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee

Alleluia!

*Words: anonymous, from Finita jam sunt proelia, 17th century, Latin;
translation: Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

Gospellers:

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

9:00 A.M. The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,
and the doors of the house where the disciples had met
were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood

among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus

is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

The Sermon:

7:00 A.M. The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

9:00 A.M. The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

(Please stand, as able)

The Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary,

and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered, died and was buried.

On the third day He rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right
hand of the Father

He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.

With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen*

INTERCESSION FORM “B”
INTERCESSORS:

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7:00 A.M.: Prof. Anne St. John, GCM
9:00 A.M.: Mr. Shaquan Pompey

The Bidding Prayer: The Dean

Lord we pray for your Church, that together with the whole of creation we may rejoice in the resurrection of Christ.

We pray for...

Jesus, Lord of life,

ALL: In your mercy, hear us.

(Please kneel or sit, as able)

LEADER: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church:

ALL: That we all may be one.

LEADER: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

LEADER: We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;

ALL: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments..

(Silence)

LEADER: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

ALL: That there may be justice and peace on the earth..

LEADER: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

ALL: That our works may find favour in your sight.

(Silence)

LEADER Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEADER Give to the departed eternal rest;

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them

(Silence)

LEADER We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

LEADER Let us pray for our needs and those of others

(Silence may be kept)

ALL Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords to your will; and the good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ACT OF PENITENCE “A”

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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.

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.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE “A”

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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, 1955

(Please sit)

9:00 A.M.

Greetings and presentation: Ms. Eileen McClean

Musical Selection: Mr. Everett Suttle, Tenor
The Holy City (Stephen Adams and Frederick E.
Weatherly)

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 ~ 178 (1-4&8-9) “O sons and daughters, let us sing!”

Antiphon:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death today rose triumphing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,
who sat, and spake unto the three,
'Your Lord doth go to Galilee.'
Alleluia! Alleluia!

That night th' Apostles met in fear;
amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, 'My peace be on all here.'
Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been;
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days,
to God your hearts and voices raise

in laud, and jubilee, and praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Antiphon

*Words: Jean Tisserant (14??-1494),
from O filiae, 17th century, Latin;
translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

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.

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:

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”

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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

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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

(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

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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 ~ 589 “Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here faith would touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load;
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but thine; nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon:
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Words: Horatius Bonar

Hymn ~ 590 “Hosanna to the living Lord!”

Hosanna to the living Lord!
Hosanna to the Incarnate Word,
to Christ, Creator, Saviour, King,
let earth, let heaven hosanna sing,
hosanna in the highest!

O Saviour, with protecting care
abide in this thy house of prayer,
where we thy parting promise claim,
assembled in thy sacred name.
Hosanna in the highest!

But, chiefest, in our cleansèd breast,
Eternal, bid thy Spirit rest;
and make our secret soul to be
a temple pure and worthy thee.
Hosanna in the highest!

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
be honour, praise, and glory given
by all on earth and all in heaven.
Hosanna in the highest!

Words: Reginald Heber, (1783-1826)

Musical Selection: Mr. Everett Suttle, Tenor
Panis Angelicus (Cesar Franck)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER “A” Page 147

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 Spirits 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 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. *Amen.*

~~~*Notices and Announcements*~~~

**Musical Selection: Mr. Everett Suttle, Tenor**  
At the River (Aaron Copland)

**The Recessional Hymn ~ 166** “Christ the Lord is risen again!”

Christ the Lord is risen again!  
Christ hath broken every chain!  
Hark! Angelic voices cry,  
singing evermore on high,  
Alleluia!

He, who gave for us his life,  
who for us endured the strife,  
is our Paschal Lamb today;  
we too sing for joy, and say  
Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss  
comfortless upon the cross,  
lives in glory now on high,  
pleads for us, and hears our cry:  
Alleluia!

He whose path no records tell,  
who descended into hell,  
who the strong man armed hath bound,

now in highest heaven is crowned.  
Alleluia!

He who slumbered in the grave  
is exalted now to save;  
now through Christendom it rings  
that the Lamb is King of kings.  
Alleluia!

Now he bids us tell abroad  
how the lost may be restored,  
how the penitent forgiven,  
how we too may enter heaven.  
Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, thy ransomed people feed;  
take our sins and guilt away:  
let us sing by night and day  
Alleluia!

*Words: Michael Weisse (1488-1534)  
from Christus ist erstanden, German;  
translation: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), 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 Second Sunday of Easter  
Year B**

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

**Comment:** "The believers' common life"

In this reading we hear of the **enthusiasm and spirit of sharing and caring for one another in the early Christian community.** The apostles continue their powerful witness to resurrection. Greed and anxiety with regard to material possessions are overcome by grace. The author of Acts may present a somewhat idyllic picture, but there is no denying the power of the gospel to bring disciples in a profoundly new way of life.

Psalm 133

**Comment:** "How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity." (Ps.133:1)

The psalm celebrates the blessing of a harmonious people.

Second Reading The Epistle: 1 John 1:1-2:2

**Comment:** “Walking in the light”

**The theme of this passage is the word of life by which Christians are called to walk in the light of God. Confessing their sins, they and all others can find forgiveness through Jesus.** The beginning of this letter leaves open the possibility that the word may be understood as Jesus himself, or Jesus as he is revealed in scripture, or in the bread of the Eucharist. When his followers share a common life in the light that is God, they can be free to be honest about their sins and then be cleansed from them.

The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

**Comment:** “Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ”

Our gospel presents **two appearances of the risen Lord to his disciples.** The first takes place on the very evening of the day of his resurrection. The disciples are gathered in fear, but Jesus brings them peace, gives them their mission, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. A week later, Thomas, who had been absent when Jesus first appeared and who doubted his resurrection, now knows Jesus by his wounds and worships him as his Lord and God. Future disciples will not have Jesus’ physical presence, but they will be blessed in their belief.



**THE BISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE 2024**  
**(To be shared at all Easter Day Services on March 31, 2024)**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings on this Easter Day as we celebrate and acclaim that Jesus Christ is risen today. Our Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia! With hymns and psalms and spiritual songs we lift our voices this day, with approximately a third of the world's population, in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for revealing, through His Son's resurrection, His omnipotence over injustice, evil, sin and death and that they will never, ever have the last say in our lives especially when we live in fellowship and communion with Him.

Every Easter, we are invited to look back, to reflect and recall the victory of Jesus, the victim, as we consider his glorious resurrection following the preceding 48 hours when he was betrayed, falsely accused, sentenced to death, severely beaten and tormented, crucified and buried. Easter invites us to look back and to once again take note of the greatest “come back” from all the suffering our Lord endured. While, not intervening as His Son became the victim of those who carried out His crucifixion, God vindicated Jesus to ultimately become the victor.

In our reflection this day, the Easter message is clear. God said, “Yes” to Jesus’ fulfillment of His divine purpose to offer God’s gifts of love and eternal life to all, and a



definitive “No” to the powers of evil that sought to strip Him of His human dignity as He was dehumanized and crucified that Friday on the cross of Calvary. In and through Jesus’ resurrection, God declared His “Yes,” His joy and pleasure, in all that Jesus stood for, and for all that he embodied and taught. God was delighted with what Jesus did for the sake and wellbeing of humanity, and the way in which He lived and built up God’s Kingdom here on earth - a kingdom of justice and righteousness, of obedience and truth, of love, mercy and peace.

But the Easter message is deeper than merely looking back and recalling God’s “Yes” to Jesus. It is about God’s “Yes” to every victory of new life and light that triumphs over death and darkness which He has enabled us to experience through the blood, sweat and tears of those who were apostles and martyrs and civil rights activists. These people, who like Jesus, stood up, spoke out, and dedicated their lives for what was right in their efforts towards continually building God’s Kingdom on earth. They lived their God-given purposes, at great cost to their lives as they sought to repair the breach and advocate for justice and righteousness, truth, peace and love, human dignity and equality for all. We have every confidence that God said “Yes” to them and has raised them to greater life with Him in His eternal presence as He did for His Son Jesus Christ.

Easter also encourages us to look forward, to anticipate hearing God’s “Yes” as we seek to live our lives in the hope of a joyful resurrection. Easter allows us to be

inspired by Jesus' life as we contribute, by our words and actions of love, toward what is right and good in our society. Every Easter summons us to live daily by God's "Yes," yes to whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, restorative, promote human dignity and the wellbeing of all. It calls us to God's "No," no to whatsoever things are evil, unjust, false, corrupt, discriminatory, abusive, destructive and dehumanizing. This is the Easter message that we affirm this day.

On behalf of my family, I wish you and yours a blessed and joyous Easter season. May we be inspired to anticipate God's "Yes," as we endeavor always to live victoriously for Him.

I am your friend and bishop,

+Michael Barbados.

## **CATHEDRAL NEWS**

### **1. BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS - CATHEDRAL REVITALIZATION 2024 and BEYOND: Mission – Ministry - Maintenance - Money.**

This campaign aims 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.

This month: Polo Shirts; T20 Hymns

Next Month, May 5<sup>th</sup> - Rogationtide Service (Harvest in The City)

May 26<sup>th</sup> - Baptized invited to church

Ongoing: \$200.00 Challenge – Gift to be presented, at the Patronal Festival, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**2. BIRTHDAYS:** Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week, April 7<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

7<sup>th</sup> Ms. Joni Walker

9<sup>th</sup> Ms. Claudine M. Manning

10<sup>th</sup> Ms. Beverley R. Bradshaw

Mr. Henderson R. Williams

11<sup>th</sup> Mr. Neville G. Griffith



**3. 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.



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

Mr. P. L. Sydney Archer

- Ms. Frederica Blackman
- Mr. John W. Clarke
- Mr. Clarine Yearwood

*May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.*

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**5. WELCOME:** A most cordial welcome is extended to Ms. Eileen McClean of New York, who is in Barbados among family and friends to celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thanks to Mr. Everett Suttle, tenor, for the musical contribution to today's worship; all rendered in thanksgiving for Ms. McClean's birthday which was yesterday.

**6. MEETING:** The Annual Parish Meeting will be held next Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Consequently, there will be one service only at 8:00 a.m.

**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings  
April 7-13, 2024**

| <b>Day</b>                        | <b>Morning Readings</b>                                       | <b>Evening Readings</b>                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The Second<br>Sunday of<br>Easter | Psalms 146, 147<br>Exodus 14:5-22<br>John 14:1-7              | Psalms 111, 112, 113<br>Isaiah 43:8-13<br>1 John 1:1-7                                     |
| Monday                            | Psalms 85, 87<br>Isaiah 52:7-12<br>Hebrews 2:5-10             | Psalms 110:1-5(6-7),<br>132<br>Wisdom 9:1-12<br>John 1:9-14                                |
| Tuesday                           | Psalms 5, 6<br>Exodus 15:1-21<br>John 14:18-31                | Psalms 10, 11<br>Daniel 2:1-16<br>1 Peter 1:13-25                                          |
| Wednesday                         | Psalm 119:1-24<br>Exodus 15:22—<br>16:10<br>John 15:1-11      | Psalms 12, 13, 14<br>Daniel 2:17-30<br>1 Peter 2:1-10                                      |
| Thursday                          | Psalm 18:1-20<br>Exodus 16:10-22<br>John 15:12-27             | Psalm 18:21-50<br>Daniel 2:31-49<br>1 Peter 2:11-25                                        |
| Friday                            | Psalms 16, 17<br>Exodus 16:22-36<br>John 16:1-15              | Psalms 134, 135<br>Daniel 3:1-18<br>1 Peter 3:13—4:6                                       |
| Saturday                          | Psalms 20,21:1-7<br>(8-14)<br>Exodus 17:1-16<br>John 16:16-33 | Psalm 110:1-5(6-7),<br>116, 117<br>Daniel 3:19-30<br>1 Peter 4:7-19<br>Collect of 3 Easter |

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

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

**President and Preacher:**

**The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn**

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

**President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight**

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



**Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

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



**The Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2024**

**8:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 A.M. ~ Annual Parish Meeting**



**Church Wardens:**

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

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Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Juno Burrows

**Treasurer:** Mr. David Murray

Assistant Secretary: Ms. Harriett Clarke

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Mr. Darnley King;

Mr. Samuel Maxwell, J. P.

Ms. Cyrilene Forde

**Alternative Synod Representative**

Ms. Donna Inniss

**LEADERS OF ORGANISATIONS  
AND MINISTRIES**

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Men's Fellowship:</b>    | Mr. John Moore         |
| <b>Mothers' Union:</b>      | Mrs. Colleen Byer      |
| <b>Church Army:</b>         | Captain Donnah Russell |
| <b>Woman's Auxiliary:</b>   | <b>Vacant</b>          |
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| <b>Outreach Committee:</b>  | Mrs. Delores Hinds     |
| <b>Guild of Servers:</b>    | Mr. Jerry Alleyne      |
| <b>Health Ministry:</b>     | Dr. Wendy Sealy        |
| <b>Sunday School:</b>       | Mrs. Harriett Blackman |
| <b>Flower Guild:</b>        | <b>Vacant</b>          |
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