

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

*The Holy Eucharist*

*On*

**May 5, 2024**

**7:00 A.M.**



*Sixth  
Sunday of  
Easter :  
Rogation  
Sunday*

*“To be a guiding light of Christ’s grace, justice, freedom and love”.*

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**The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Day, YEAR B**

**May 5, 2024**

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

**President:**

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**Preacher:**

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



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**THE PREPARATION**

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn ~ **661**

**“Morning has broken like the first morning;”**

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dew-fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung from completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

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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.*

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

The First Lesson **Acts 10:44-48**

Lector: **Ms. Mary Haynes, S.C.**

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

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

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

### **Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino***

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song,\*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm\*  
has he won for himself the victory.

- 3 The LORD has made known his victory;\*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the  
sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the  
house of Israel,\*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the  
victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;\*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp,\*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn\*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,\*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands,\*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before  
the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world\*  
and the peoples with equity.

**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.**

The Epistle **1 John 5:1-6**

Lector: **Mr. Victor Gittens**

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



Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 719

**“Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,”**

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,  
for all things living thou madest good;  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Bless thou the labour we bring to serve thee,  
that with our neighbour we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with thee;  
harvesting, milling, for daily bread.

Father, providing food for thy children,  
thy wisdom guiding teaches us share  
one with another, so that rejoicing  
with us, our brother may know thy care.

Then will thy blessing reach every people;  
freely confessing thy gracious hand.  
Where thy will reigneth no one will hunger:  
thy love sustaineth; fruitful the land.

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## **The Gospel John 15:9-17**

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

**GOSPELLER:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:**           **And also with you.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, the  
fifteenth chapter, beginning at the ninth verse.

**All: Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so  
I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my  
commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have

kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

**GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.**

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

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

*(Please stand, as able)*

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: For Rogation Sunday**

**Intercessor: Prof. Anne St. John, CGM**

### **The Bidding Prayer: The Dean**

Lord of all, we pray for your world. On this Rogation Day we pray for the fruitfulness of the earth; for commerce and industry; and for the wise management of the land and of the world's environment, that generations to come would inherit a renewed and restored creation.

We pray for...

Jesus, Lord of life,

**ALL: In your mercy, hear us.**

*(Please kneel or sit, as able)*

LEADER: Father, we pray for the Church and all Communities of faith;

**ALL: That they may nurture human flourishing in body, mind and spirit and promote the common good.**

LEADER: Lord, be present with your people in their gardens, to which they go for fellowship and recreation, and give them a commitment to care for their environment;

**ALL: That we would live, as you would wish, as one family, unafraid of difference and in harmony with the universe.**

LEADER: Lord of life, we thank you for the courage shown by our emergency services in times of danger and for their care in times of human weakness;

**ALL: That they would know your presence with them in all they do, and that through their service to others they would know that they are serving you.**

LEADER: We pray for the leaders of the nations and all in authority;

**ALL: That they may have honesty and integrity in their public life, seek the peace of the world and equality and justice in their own societies.**

LEADER: Heavenly Father, from whom every family on earth takes its name, be with us in our homes and with all who live on the streets of this city and throughout the world;

**ALL: Grant to all your people safety and well-being, and endow all organizations and institutions serving**

**the homeless, compassion, commitment and charity as they seek to preserve the dignity of all.**

LEADER: Lord, be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will;

**ALL: That there would be pride in what we do, and a just return for our labour.**

LEADER: Heavenly Father, bring your healing to all those who struggle and suffer in life; and bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, empathy and patience;

**ALL: That in you, all people would find their perfect peace.**

LEADER: We thank you for all who dedicate their lives to the creative arts. Refresh them with your Spirit, that they may continue to stimulate our wonder and insight, and may find fulfilment in all they produce;

**ALL: That enriched with heavenly inspiration they may continue to delight and challenge us in this shared journey of life.**

LEADER: Lord, we pray for all athletes, coaches and managers of sports teams, and give thanks for their safety and fulfilment;

**ALL: That they would compete with integrity and care, and would grow in fitness, friendship and faculty.**

LEADER: Lord, we thank you for the gift of learning and we pray for all who study, all who teach and all who support students;

**ALL: That each new generation would discover an ever deeper love for truth and an ever greater compassion for others.**

LEADER: Lord, as we give thanks for the gifts of the harvest, so we pray for those who do not have enough, and for the farmers in this and every land;

**ALL: That farmers would get a just return for their labours and that all people would be able to satisfy their daily sustenance.**

LEADER: Let us pray for the revitalization of Bridgetown and for this Cathedral Church, a spiritual home to parishioners, Mother Church in the Diocese of Barbados, a sacred space in The City and a place of pilgrimage to visitors.

*(A period of silence shall be kept)*

**Concluding Prayer to be said by everyone.**

O God, you brought us together in this place to learn your will and to be your family. We ask you to bless us with your Holy Spirit that we may live and work for you and for each other. Help us to live together in love and joy and peace. Make us strong to bear all trouble that may come to us that we may know and do your will in all things. Draw us near to you in our prayers, and give us happiness in our feasts and times together. Give us hearts of praise and



thanksgiving for all your goodness and mercy; and help us to remember those who are poor, starving, sick, or helpless. Finish in us all good work which we have begun, that we may spread your rule in all the world, to the honour and glory of your name; through 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.**

*(Please stand as able)*

## **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 love Shared among Us”**

Let there be love shared among us,  
Let there be love in our eyes;  
may now Your love sweep this nation,  
cause us, O Lord to arise:

Give us a fresh understanding  
Of neighbourly love that is real;  
Let there be love shared among us,  
Let there be love.

## THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

*During the singing of this hymn, an offering will be collected. Please note that the Cathedral's ministry is fully maintained by its members and the generous contributions of well-wishers. Your donations would be greatly appreciated.*

Offertory Hymn ~ **189 verses 1 – 3**  
**“To thee, our God, we fly”**

To thee, our God, we fly  
for mercy and for grace;  
O hear our lowly cry,  
and hide not thou thy face.

### ***Refrain***

*O Lord, stretch forth thy mighty hand,  
and guard and bless our fatherland.*

Arise, O Lord of Hosts!  
be jealous for thy name,  
and drive from out our coasts  
the sins that put to shame.

### ***Refrain***

Thy best gifts from on high  
in rich abundance pour,  
that we may magnify  
and praise thee more and more.

### ***Refrain***

*Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)*

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER “B”

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**PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE: Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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**PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.**

**ALL: And also with you.**

**PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.**

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**PRESIDENT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:**

**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”**      Page 131

**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 every place  
His perfect offering which He made  
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed  
He took bread,  
and when He had given thanks to you,  
He broke it and gave it to His disciples  
and said: "Take this, and eat it:  
This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after supper  
He took the cup of wine:  
and when He had given thanks,  
He gave it to them and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the New Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

PRESIDENT: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**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)*

Hymn ~ 711 **“For the beauty of the earth”**

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our grateful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our grateful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our grateful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine,  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our grateful hymn of praise.

For thy church which evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our grateful hymn of praise.

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### Hymn ~ 242 “This is my Father’s world”

This is my Father's world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,  
oh, let me not forget  
that though the wrong is great and strong,  
God is our Father yet.  
He trusts us with his world,  
to keep it clean and fair,  
all earth and trees, all skies and seas,  
all creatures everywhere.

*Words: Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901), st 1, and Mary Babcock Crawford  
(1909-1999) st. 2*

**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 Spirit 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 “*Rogation Sunday*”**

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. **Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*~~~Notices and Announcements~~~*

The Recessional Hymn ~ 725 “We plough the fields and scatter”

We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.

***Refrain:***

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

***Refrain***

We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food;  
accept the gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.

***Refrain***

*Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815),  
from Wir pflügen und wir streuen, German;  
translation: Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)*

**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 Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

**“We are ambassadors of the love of God through our generosity to others.”**



First Reading: **Acts 10:44-48**

**Comment: ” The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles”**

In our New Testament lesson, **Peter has gone to visit Cornelius, a Gentile and Roman centurion, and has proclaimed to him the good news of Jesus, that all who believe in Jesus will receive forgiveness of sins. .**

Even as Peter is speaking, the Holy Spirit falls upon the gathered and they extol God and speak in tongues, as had happened to Jewish disciples with the arrival of the Spirit. The Jewish believers who had come with Peter are astounded that the Spirit has fallen impartially also upon Gentiles, and Peter is persuaded that baptism must be extended to these new believers .

Psalm **98**

**Comment: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands.  
(Ps.98.4)**

A song of thanksgiving and praise to the victorious Lord, who has made divine righteousness known and shown faithfulness to the people of God.



## Second Reading - **The Epistle 1 John 5:1-6**

**Comment: “The victory of faith”**

In this lesson we hear that **belief in Jesus as the Christ, together with love of all God’s children, form the heart of the Christian faith. This faith is victorious over the world; that is, over godless society.** To love God means to obey God’s commandments, and the essence of the commandments is the love of all who are of God. The one who overcomes the world believes that Jesus is the Son of God, was present in the world not only through the water of his baptism but in the blood of his crucifixion.

The Holy Gospel: **John 15:9-17**

**Comment: “Christ the friend and lover”**

In our gospel **Jesus speaks of his great love for his disciples and calls upon them to show this same love toward each other that has come to him from the Father.** Jesus is talking with his disciples shortly before his death, when he will be taken away from them. But this love has now formed his followers into a new community in relationship with Jesus and the Father. They are no longer servants but friends.

## 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 (Registration Sheets are available)

May 5 - Rogationtide Service (Harvest in The City)

May 26 - Baptized invited to church

Ongoing: \$200.00 Challenge – Gift to be presented, at the Patronal Festival, September 29, 2024 (Registration Cards are available).

### **2. BIRTHDAYS:** Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week, May 5 -11, 2024

- 5 Ms. Corleta L. A. Ellis
- 7 Mr. Kelvin E. Ward
- 10 Ms. Valarie Y. Quintyne
- 11 The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson  
Ms. Lucille Ward

**3. ROGATION CELEBRATION:** Today, the Christian Church celebrates Rogation Sunday and the Cathedral marks this occasion with a Harvest Festival in The City. A hearty welcome is extended to all. Sincere thanks to all who have made this observance a reality by their attendance and their contribution of money and other resources. It is a great delight to have the Brass section of the band of the Barbados Police Service to enhance today's 9 o'clock worship.

**4. WELCOME:** A most cordial welcome is extended to Ms. Corleta L. A. Ellis, family, and friends, as they join in corporate worship today. Also, we give thanks for Ms. Ellis' donation towards some of the floral arrangements and for her birthday which is today.



**5. 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, Sylvester (Blues) Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, Ernesta Yarde and George Yearwood.



**6. BEREAVEMENT:** We extend sincere condolences to the family of the late:

- Ms. Rita Barker;
- Mr. Norman Howard
- Mr. Akeem Hunte

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

**The Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels**

Invites You to Gather Online Nightly for

## A NOVENA

*From Ascension Day to Pentecost*



**8.00 p.m.**

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**Join the Global Wave of Prayer**

**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings**  
**May 5-11, 2024**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning Readings</b>	<b>Evening Readings</b>
The Sixth Sunday of Easter	Psalms 93, 96 Leviticus 25:1-17 Luke 12:13-21	Psalm 34 Ecclesiasticus 43:1-12, 27-32 James 1:2-8, 16-18
Monday	Psalm 80 Leviticus 25:35-55 Matthew 13:1-16	Psalms 77, [79] Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Colossians 1:9-14
Tuesday	Psalm 78:1-39 Leviticus 26:1-20 Matthew 13:18-23	Psalm 78:40-72 Deuteronomy 8:11-20 1 Timothy 2:1-6
Wednesday	Psalm 119:97-120 Leviticus 26:27-42 Ephesians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:41-46	<b>Eve of Ascension</b> Psalm 68:1-20 2 Kings 2:1-15 Revelation 5:1-14 Collect for Ascension Day
Ascension Day Thursday	Psalms 8, 47 Daniel 7:9-14 Matthew 28:16-20	Psalms 24, 96 Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24-28b Hebrews 2:5-18 Collect for Ascension Day (2)
Friday	Psalms 85, 86 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Matthew 2:22-27	Psalms 91, 92 Ezekiel 1:28—3:3 Ephesians 2:1-10
Saturday	Psalms 87, 90 Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29 Matthew 7:28 - 8:4	Psalm 136 Ezekiel 3:4-17 Ephesians 2:11-22 Collect for 7 Easter

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2024  
Year B**

**Rogation Sunday**

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

**President:**

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

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

**9:00 A.M. A Rogation Celebration**

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

**Invited Guest Speaker**



**Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

**Rogation Wednesday – Stewardship of Creation**

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

**Preacher: The Rev'd Erma Ambrose,  
Rector of St. Paul**



**Thursday, May 9, 2024**

**Ascension Day**

**7:00 P.M. Sung Eucharist**



**The Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2024  
The Sunday After Ascension Day: Mother's Day**

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

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



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