

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

*Welcomes you to
A Rogation Celebration*

On

Sunday, May 5, 2024

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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Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

**In the Cathedral Church of
St. Michael and All Angels, Bridgetown**

A Rogation Celebration in The City

Order of Worship

Organ & Brass Prelude

(Entrance of the Servers, Choir and Clergy)

Welcome

The Greeting

Celebrant:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ

.

People: And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 Prayer

ALL:

We come before you our God and Sustainer, remembering that you are our Creator and the source of all being. Out of your love the universe was born. From primordial darkness you put in place all that is needed for growth and saw that it was good.

You have put this world into our hands: may we recognise your Spirit within it, disturbing and challenging us to care for creation, for the weak and the deprived. Lord we remember that we are called by you to nourish the earth and its diversity of life, to share the gifts you have given, with one another and with the poor of the world. **Amen**

Prayers of Penitence

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.

Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you
from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and
raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: 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.**

Interlude of Music

(by the Barbados Police Service Band Brass)

An Urban Rogation Procession

The Clergy and Servers move in procession to suitable stations placed in the aisle around the building which focus on life in The City. The Procession being formed, the Celebrant, standing before the altar, says:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray *(Silence)*

Almighty God, the Giver of all that is good, you promise to hear the prayers of those who ask in your Son's Name.

We pray that in your mercy you will supply all our needs, so that daily we may offer our lives to your praise and glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ.

HYMN 189 verses 1 - 3 and refrain

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.

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

The Congregation sits for the Procession and joins in the singing of the hymns as indicated. On the altar, a candle is lit simultaneously.

Station # 1: Commerce and Industry

We pray for those engaged in the commercial and industrial life of our nation; for a spirit enterprise and tolerance that employers and employees may work together for the common good.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labour: be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give us all a pride in what we do and a just return for our labour; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN 644 verse 3

O boys, be strong in Jesus,
to toil for him is gain,
and Jesus wrought with Joseph
with chisel, saw, and plane;
O maidens, live for Jesus,
who was a maiden's Son;
be patient, pure, and gentle,
and perfect grace begun.

Station # 2: Health

**For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Health
Institutions"**

We pray for all those who work in medicine in our day, for those who work directly in the care of others such as doctors, nurses, therapists and carers, for those whose research discovers new treatments and cures for our sicknesses and infirmities, and for those whose simple offering of love and friendship brings healing of souls and hearts.

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 706 verse 1

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
was strong to heal and save;
it triumphed o'er disease and death,
o'er darkness and the grave:
to thee they went, the blind, the dumb,
the palsied and the lame,
the leper with his tainted life,
the sick with fevered frame.

**Station # 3: Education:
For Universities, Schools and Colleges”**

Lord, we thank you for the gift of learning and we pray for all who study, all who teach and all who support their

work, that a new generation would discover an ever deeper love for truth and an ever greater compassion for others.

Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 338 AMS verse 3

Spread Thy golden pinions o'er them,
Holy Spirit, from above,
Guide them, lead them, go before them,
Give them peace, and joy, and love:
Thy true temples, Holy Spirit,
May they with Thy glory shine,
And immortal bliss inherit,
And for evermore be Thine.

Station # 4: Safety and Security: The Police, Defence Force, Fire Service, etc.

Lord, we pray for all those who put themselves at risk for the sake of others, for all police officers, soldiers, fire officers and all working in security, who put themselves in places of difficulty that we may live in safety.

Almighty God, protector of all who put their trust in you, we commend to your goodness this day all who put themselves in danger for the service of others. Be their

strength when they are in peril, give them confidence to commit their lives to your protection, and through their work let the good triumph and all evil and cruelty flee away, for the sake of our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn 798 verse 4

‘Who like the Lord?’ thunders Michael the Chief;
Raphael, ‘the Cure of God’, comforteth grief;
and, as at Nazareth, prophet of peace,
Gabriel, ‘the light of God’, bringeth release.

Station # 5: Stewardship of Creation

THE BLESSING OF THE GARDEN

Celebrant: As the earth puts forth its blossoms, or bushes in a garden burst into flower,

***People:* So shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise blossom before all nations.**

Let us Pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty God, we pray that of your great goodness you might pour upon this garden the continual dew of your blessing. Nourished by gentle winds and rains, let the earth bring forth its fruit in due season. Bless the lands and the waters of all the world, and multiply their harvests; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth. Show your loving kindness, that our land may yield its

increase; and grant that we all may share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CHOIR: Look at the world (*J. Rutter*)

Verse 2

Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flower
Look at the sky: The sunshine and the rain
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains
Valley and flowing river field and plain
Praise to thee O Lord for all creation
Give us thankful hearts that we may see
All the gifts we share and every blessing
All things come of thee

Station # 6: Sport
(ICC Men's T20 World Cup, 2024)

Lord, we pray for all professional athletes and for all amateur sports; especially persons preparing for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, 2024 to be hosted by the West Indies and the United States of America.

Lord of all life, we thank you for the gift of our bodies, for their potential to develop and grow in strength and dexterity, and for those people whose training and talent produce performances that are delightful and inspiring to watch. Teach us all to reverence these gifts you have given us, that through all our life we may become fully alive in body as well as in mind, and learn to be gentle and patient when our bodies need care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Rally Round the West Indies (David Rudder)

**Station # 7: Agriculture
For Fruitful Seasons**

Lord of all, we pray for your world. On this Rogation Day we pray for the fruitfulness of our Nation and for the wise management of the land and of the world's environment, that they may continue to bear fruit for generations to come.

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labour to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, for ever and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 725 verse 1

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.*

Station # 8: Creative Arts

Lord God, we pray for our world. We give thanks in particular for all those involved in the creative arts, for musicians, artists and designers, for carpenters, poets and sculptors, and for all who put their inspiration at the service of others.

Creator of all, by your grace you made human beings to share in your love of creating and you give us inspiration and skill to share that love with others. Renew, we pray, the minds of all those who dedicate their lives to artistic creation, that through their labours we and all people would come to know fresh insights, deeper understandings and more profound compassion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 363 verse 3

Yea, we know Thy Love rejoices
o'er each work of Thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
for Thy praise combine;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for Thy pleasure didst design.

Station # 9: For our Homes

Lord, on this day we pray that your love would be made known in our homes and that you would fill us with a sense of justice and compassion for the homeless.

Heavenly Father, we commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Let your holy angels dwell with them to preserve them in peace, and let your blessing be upon them always. **Amen.**

For the Homeless

Most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons: the homeless and the destitute, the oppressed and rejected, and all who have none to care for them. Rise up, O God, and maintain their cause; help us to share with them as you have shared with us, for the love of your Son who for our sakes became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Choir – Bless this house (*M. Brahe*)

Bless this house O Lord we pray;
Make it safe by night and day;
Bless these walls so firm and stout,
Keeping want and trouble out:
Bless the roof and chimneys tall,
Let thy peace lie over all;
Bless this door, that it may prove
Ever open to joy and love.

Station # 10: The State The Government and Citizens

We pray for our President, Prime Minister, members of Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition, all members of Parliament, the members of the Judiciary, and for all our civic leaders, that they may know that greatness is found in the gift of service to others.

Sovereign Lord, our heavenly Father, send down upon those hold office in our Nation the Spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 742 verse 1

I vow to thee, my country,
all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love:
the love that asks no question,

the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.

Station # 11: Faith Communities

Divine Master, the roots of religion reach back nearly as far as the recorded history of humanity itself. In this global era, help us to appreciate world religion as a source of human flourishing.

Eternal God, Creator of the universe, there is no God but You. Great and wonderful are your works, wondrous are your ways. Thank You for the many splendoured variety of your creation. Thank You for the many ways we affirm Your presence and purpose, and the freedom to do so. Forgive our violation of Your creation. Forgive our violence toward each other. We stand in awe and gratitude for Your persistent love for each and all of Your children: Christian, Jew, Muslim, as well as those with other faiths. Grant to all and our leaders attributes of the strong; mutual respect in words and deed, restraint in the exercise of power, and the will for peace with justice, for all.

Eternal God, Creator of the universe, there is no God but You. **Amen.**

The Congregation stands

Hymn 228

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), after 1 Timothy 1:17

*The Procession ends before the altar and the following
prayer is said by all:*

Concluding Prayer

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.**

The Ministry of the Word

The First Lesson Acts 10:44-48

Lector: The Hon. Corey Lane, J.P., M.P,

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: Lector: Dr. Roland Toppin, Chief Executive Officer, Barbados Cricket Association

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.

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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The Gospel: John 15:9-17

**The Gospeller: Mr. Jason King
Treasurer, Barbados Cricket Association**

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.”

Introduction of Guest Speaker

The Address: To be announced

Hymn "All Who Love and Serve Your City"

All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless,

In your day of loss and sorrow,
in your day of helpless strife,
honor, peace, and love retreating,
seek the Lord, who is your life.

In your day of wrath and plenty,
wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus,
"I must work while it is day."

For all days are days of judgment,
and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him,
offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord! shall yet the city
be the city of despair?
Come today, our Judge, our Glory;
be its name, "The Lord is there!"

The Greeting of Peace

PRESIDENT:

We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised 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.

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.

Offertory Hymn 360 verses 1 – 3 & 7

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia.

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam!

Refrain:

*O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia.

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice;

Refrain

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia.

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light:

Refrain

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia.

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;

Refrain

*Words: William Henry Draper (1855-1933),
Based on Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun*

***The Administration of Communion from the Reserved
Sacrament***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRANT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts
As we forgive your debtors,
And leave us not in temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom and the power
And the glory, forever. **Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CELEBRANT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

The invitation “B”

CELEBRANT:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL:

**Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing
glad songs of praise to Him.**

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.



The Administration of Communion/ Spiritual Communion

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

Communion Hymns

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

Hymn ~ 515 “Come, we that love the Lord”

Come, we that love the Lord
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

*We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King,
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad,
may speak their joys abroad.

Refrain

The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets.

Refrain

Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high.

Refrain

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

The Heavens are telling (*J.F. Haydn*) ~ Anthem (Choir)

Post-Communion Prayer

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.**

Greetings and Announcements

The Recessional Hymn ~ 372
“Now thank we all our God,”

(The last verse to be sung with the Servers, Choir and Clergy standing in the aisle, before the following prayer is said)

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

*Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649)
from Nun danket alle Gott, German;
translation: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

PRAYER FOR THE CITY

Celebrant: The effect of righteousness will be peace.

People:

And the result of righteousness, tranquility and trust for ever.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that Holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory; behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Have mercy upon all who live and work in them. Guide them into the way of justice and truth, establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, and hasten the time when the cities of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Dismissal:

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Celebrant: Go in the peace of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude (Organ & Brass)

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

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, who 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 towards 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. 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.



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

- Ms. Rita Barker;
- Mr. Norman Howard
- Mr. Akeem Hunte
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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		
Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
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	Eve of Ascension 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, 2024
Year B**

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

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

Guest Speaker: To be Announced



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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