

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

Choral Evensong

To mark the 7th Anniversary of
The St. Michael Centre for Faith and Action
(SMCFA)

Sunday, June 2, 2024

6:00 P.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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Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit Hymn 406

Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

Versicles and Responses

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Psalm 72

1. Give the king your justice, O God * and your righteousness to the king's son;
2. That he may rule your people righteously* and the poor with justice;
3. That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,* and the little hills bring righteousness.
4. He shall defend the needy among the people;* he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
5. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,* from one generation to another.
6. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,* like showers that water the earth.
7. In his time shall the righteous flourish;* there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
8. He shall rule from sea to sea,* and from the River to the ends of the earth.
9. His foes shall bow down before him,* and his enemies lick the dust.
10. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,* and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
11. All kings shall bow down before him,* and all the nations do him service.
12. For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress," and the oppressed who has no helper.
13. He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;* he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
14. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,* and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
15. Long may he live! and may there be given to him gold from Arabia;* may prayer be made for him always,

- and may they bless him all the day long.
16. May there be abundance of grain on the earth,
growing thick even on the hilltops;* may its fruit
flourish like Lebanon and its grain like grass upon the
earth.
17. May his name remain for ever and be established as
long as the sun endures;* may all the nations
bless themselves in him and call him blessed.
18. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,*
Who alone does wondrous deeds!
19. And blessed be his glorious name for ever!" and may
all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

The First Lesson Isaiah 42:1-7

Office Hymn 16

Refrain:

*Jesus is born, sing it loud, every girl and boy,
Jesus is born, sing his praises and shout for joy,
Jesus is born for the high and the low;
Jesus is born, Jesus is born,
Let the world know.*

To preach the good news to the poor and the lowly,
to pardon us sinners, to make us all holy,
to free all the captives from prison he came,
Jesus is born, Jesus is born, O praise his name.

Refrain

He came down to die and to lead us to glory;
he came down to write our redemption story.
From heaven's bright sphere to this dark world he came.
Jesus is born, Jesus is born, O praise his name.

Refrain

To show us the way we should love one another,

to make us aware that each man is our brother,
to show us his great love from bright heaven he came.
Jesus is born, Jesus is born, Jesus is born.

Refrain

Magnificat

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- 2 For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
- 3 For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the
proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- 9 He remembering his mercy :
hath holpen his servant Israel :
- 10 As he promised to our forefathers :
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without
end. Amen.

The Second Lesson Matthew 10:32-42

Nunc Dimittis

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation : which thou hast
prepared before the face of all people;
- 3 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world
without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

V. Let us pray

R. **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who 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 trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. Amen.

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

R. **And grant us thy salvation.**

V. O Lord, save our nation.

R. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. **And bless thine inheritance.**

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R. **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only**

thou, O God.

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect, for Faith and Action Week

Heavenly Father, by our baptism we are made members of your family and brothers and sisters with each other; draw our hearts and minds to those things that are pleasing to you, that we readily responding to human need with loving service may transform this world into that which resembles your kingdom; through Jesus Christ Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for aid against all perils.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

The Anthem ~

The Commissioning of new members of the Board of Trustees of SMCF A

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn 508

A charge to keep I have,
a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save,
and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,
my calling to fulfill,
O may it all my powers engage
to do my Master's will.

Arm me with jealous care,
as in thy sight to live;
and, O, thy servant, Lord, prepare
a good account to give.

Help me to watch and pray,
and on thyself rely;
and let me ne'er my trust betray,
but press to realms on high.

**The Sermon: The Rev'd Canon Beverley Sealy-Knight
Rector of St. James Parish Church and Rural Dean of St. Peter**

Offertory Hymn 739 A&M

Oh, it is hard to work for God,
To rise and take His part
Upon this battlefield of earth,
And not sometimes lose heart!

He hides Himself so wondrously,
As though there were no God;

He is least seen when all the pow'rs
Of ill are most abroad.

Ah, God is other than we think,
His ways are far above,
Far beyond reason's height, and reached
Only by childlike love.

Workman of God! O lose not heart,
But learn what God is like,
And in the darkest battlefield
Thou shalt know where to strike.

Then learn to scorn the praise of men,
And learn to lose with God;
For Jesus won the world through shame,
And beckons thee His road.

For right is right, as God is God,
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter were to sin.

Closing Prayer

The Episcopal Blessing

Closing Hymn 541

Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King?
Who will be his helpers other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side? Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side? Who for him will go?
By thy call of mercy, by thy grace divine,
we are on the Lord's side; Saviour, we are thine.

Not for weight of glory, not for crown or palm,
enter we the army, raise the warrior-psalm;
but for love that claimeth lives for whom he died:
he whom Jesus nameth must be on his side.

By thy love constraining, by thy grace divine,
we are on the Lord's side; Saviour, we are thine.

Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe,
but the King's own army none can overthrow.
Round his standard ranging, victory is secure,
for his truth unchanging makes the triumph sure.
Joyfully enlisting, by thy grace divine,
we are on the Lord's side; Saviour, we are thine.

Chosen to be soldiers in an alien land,
chosen, called, and faithful, for our captain's band;
in the service royal let us not grow cold;
let us be right loyal, noble, true and bold.
Master, thou wilt keep us, by thy grace divine,
always on the Lord's side, Saviour, always thine.

Organ Postlude



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