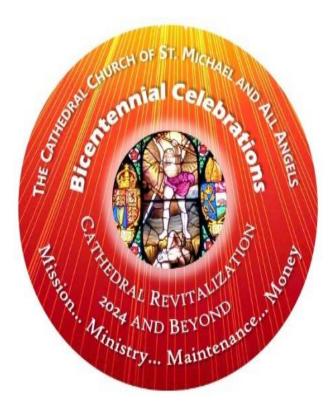


The Anglican Diocese of Barbados



The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels Festal Evensong

> on Sunday, September 29, 2024 6:00 P.M.

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

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Sunday September 29, 2024 The Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels

Organ Prelude

Introit Hymn ~ 799

Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command, assist our song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mortal tongue.

Ye blessèd souls at rest, who ran this earthly race, and now, from sin released, behold the Saviour's face, his praises sound, as in his light with sweet delight ye do abound.

Ye saints who toil below, adore your heavenly King, and onward as ye go some joyful anthems sing; take what he gives and praise him still, through good and ill, who ever lives.

My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above, and with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love. Let all thy days till life shall end, whate'er he send, be filled with praise

> Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691), And John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862

Versicles and Responses (Fletcher)

- 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 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 34 Benedicam Domino

- 1. I WILL alway give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

- 3. O praise the Lord with me: and let us magnify his Name together.
- 4. I sought the Lord, and he heard me: yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
- 5. They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6. Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him: yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
- 7. The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.
- 8. O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- 9. O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints: for they that fear him lack nothing.
- 10. The lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
- 11. Come, ye children, and hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12. What man is he that lusteth to live: and would fain see good days?
- 13. Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
- 14. Eschew evil, and do good: seek peace, and ensue it.
- 15. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous: and his ears are open unto their prayers.

- 16. The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil: to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- 18. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart: and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
- 19. Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
- 20. He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.
- 21. But misfortune shall slay the ungodly: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
- 22. The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3 Lector: Ms. Mary Haynes, S.C.

12'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

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

Office Hymn ~ 795

Life and strength of all thy servants, brightness of the Father's light; men with angels, earth with heaven, in thy praise their songs unite.

Thousand thousand warrior princes in thine angel army stand; flames the victor cross before them, grasped in Michael's dauntless hand.

Hurling back from heaven the rebels with the lifting of his sword, in the might of God he tramples on the dragon's head abhorred.

Lord of Angels, Christ, we pray thee, bid them aid us in our strife, chase afar the hosts of evil, till we reach the land of life.

God the Father, God immortal, God the Son, for us who died, God the Comforter, the Spirit, evermore be glorified!

Words: Rabanus Maurus (1776-856), from Tibi Christie, splendor Patris, Latin; translation: Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern

Magnificat (Chant)

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 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: Mark 13:21-27 Lector: Mr. Victor Small

²¹And if anyone says to you at that time, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "Look! There he is!"—do not believe it. ²²False messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. ²³But be alert; I have already told you everything.

24 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

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

Nunc Dimittis (Chant)

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
- 2. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation: which thou has 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

All kneel

- 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, in 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, shew 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 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 the Feast of Saint Michael & All Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *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 both 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 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 ~ "Let all the world" by Vaughan Williams

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn ~ 729

Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build; with his true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled: on his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring; our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing; and thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou for evermore draw nigh; accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh; in copious shower on all who pray each holy day thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven the grace which we implore; and may that grace, once given, be with us evermore, until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.

> Words: anonymous, from Angularis fundamentum, before 9th century, Latin; translation: John Chandler (1806-1876), alt.

The Sermon ~ *The Rev'd Canon George A. Harewood, Rector* of St. Stephen and of the Stall of St. Aidan

Offertory Hymn ~798

Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright, filled with celestial resplendence and light, these that, where night never followeth day, raise the Trisagion ever and ay:

These are thy counsellors, these dost thou own, Lord God of Sabaoth, nearest thy throne; these are thy ministers, these dost thou send, help of the helpless ones, us to defend. *These keep the guard amid Salem's dear bowers; thrones, principalities, virtues and powers; where, with the living ones, mystical four, cherubim, seraphim bow and adore. '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.

Then, when the earth was first poised in mid-space, then, when the planets first sped on their race, then, when were ended the six days' employ, then all the Sons of God shouted for joy.

Still let them succour us; still let them fight, Lord of angelic hosts, battling for right; till, where their anthems they ceaselessly pour, we with the angels may bow and adore.

> Words: Joseph the Hymnographer? (died 883) from Greek; translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Closing Prayer(s) & Blessings

Closing Hymn ~ 797

Praise to God who reigns above binding earth and heaven in love; all the armies of the sky worship his dread sovereignty.

Seraphim his praises sing, cherubim on fourfold wing, thrones, dominions, princes, powers, marshalled might that never cowers.

Speeds the archangel from his face, bearing messages of grace; angel hosts his words fulfil, ruling nature by his will.

Yet on man thy joy to wait, all that bright celestial state, for in Man their Lord they see, Christ, the incarnate Deity.

On the throne their Lord who died sits in Manhood glorified; where his people faint below angels count it joy to go.

O the depths of joy divine thrilling through those orders nine, when the lost are found again, when the banished come to reign!

Now in faith, in hope, in love, we will join the choirs above, praising, with the heavenly host, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Richard Meux Benson (1824-1915)

Organ Postlude

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