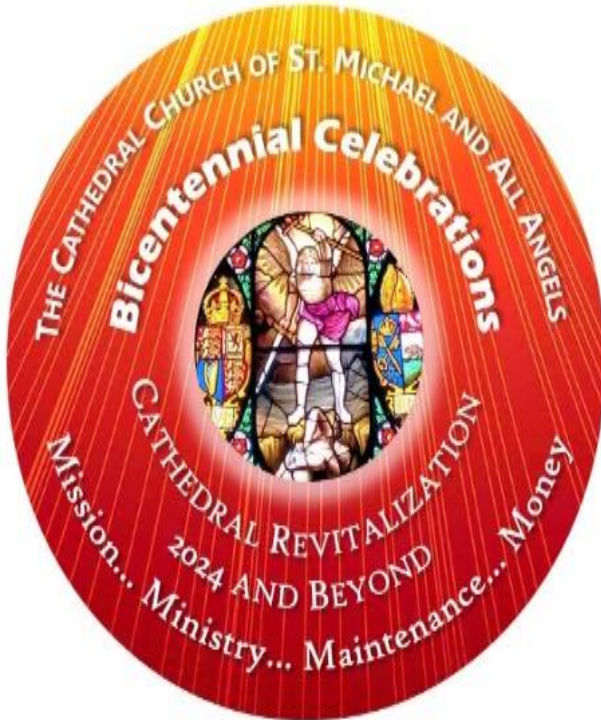




The Anglican
Diocese of
Barbados



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

**on
Sunday, October 6, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

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

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Sunday October 6, 2024
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Prelude

Introit Hymn ~ 792

Songs of praise the angels sang,
heaven with alleluias rang,
when creation was begun,
when God spoke and it was done.

Songs of praise awoke the morn
when the Prince of Peace was born:
songs of praise arose when he
captive led captivity.

Heaven and earth must pass away:
songs of praise shall crown that day:
God will make new heavens and earth;
songs of praise shall hail their birth.

And will man alone be dumb
till that glorious Kingdom come?
No, the church delights to raise
psalms and hymns and songs of praise.

Saints below, with heart and voice,
still in songs of praise rejoice;
learning here, by faith and love,
songs of praise to sing above.

Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise,
Jesu, glory unto thee,

with the Spirit ever be.

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
and Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern.*

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 145 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

1. I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King: and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
2. Every day will I give thanks unto thee: and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
3. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness.
4. One generation shall praise thy works unto another: and declare thy power.
5. As for me, I will be talking of thy worship: thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
6. So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts: and I will also tell of thy greatness.
7. The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed: and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

8. The Lord is gracious and merciful: long-suffering and of great goodness.
9. The Lord is loving unto every man: and his mercy is over all his works.
10. All thy works praise thee, O Lord: and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
11. They shew the glory of thy kingdom: and talk of thy power;
12. That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom: might be known unto men.
13. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
14. The Lord upholdeth all such as fall: and lifteth up all those that are down.
15. The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season.
16. Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
17. The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works.
18. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
19. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will help them.
20. The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
21. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

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: 2 Kings 20:1-21

Lector: Mr. Victor Small, Lay Reader

In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, ‘Thus says the Lord: Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover.’² Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord:³ ‘Remember now, O Lord, I implore you, how I have walked before you in faithfulness with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight.’ Hezekiah wept bitterly.⁴ Before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the Lord came to him:⁵ ‘Turn back, and say to Hezekiah prince of my people, Thus says the Lord, the God of your ancestor David: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; indeed, I will heal you; on the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord.⁶ I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David’s sake.’⁷ Then Isaiah said, ‘Bring a lump of figs. Let them take it and apply it to the boil, so that he may recover.’

⁸ Hezekiah said to Isaiah, ‘What shall be the sign that the Lord will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the Lord on the third day?’⁹ Isaiah said, ‘This is the sign to you from the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing that he has promised: the shadow has now advanced ten intervals; shall it retreat ten intervals?’¹⁰ Hezekiah answered, ‘It is normal for the shadow to lengthen ten intervals; rather let the shadow retreat ten intervals.’¹¹ The prophet Isaiah cried to the Lord; and he brought the shadow back the ten intervals, by which the sun had declined on the dial of Ahaz.

¹² At that time King Merodach-baladan son of Baladan of Babylon sent envoys with letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.¹³ Hezekiah welcomed them; he showed them all his treasure house, the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, his armoury, all that was found in his storehouses; there was nothing in his house or in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them.¹⁴ Then the prophet

Isaiah came to King Hezekiah, and said to him, ‘What did these men say? From where did they come to you?’ Hezekiah answered, ‘They have come from a far country, from Babylon.’ ¹⁵He said, ‘What have they seen in your house?’ Hezekiah answered, ‘They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing in my storehouses that I did not show them.’

16 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, ‘Hear the word of the Lord: ¹⁷Days are coming when all that is in your house, and that which your ancestors have stored up until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, says the Lord. ¹⁸Some of your own sons who are born to you shall be taken away; they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’ ¹⁹Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, ‘The word of the Lord that you have spoken is good.’ For he thought, ‘Why not, if there will be peace and security in my days?’

20 The rest of the deeds of Hezekiah, all his power, how he made the pool and the conduit and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah? ²¹Hezekiah slept with his ancestors; and his son Manasseh succeeded him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

Office Hymn ~ 791

Around the throne of God a band
of glorious angels ever stand;
bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,
and on their heads are crowns of gold.

Some wait around him, ready still
to sing his praise and do his will;
and some, when he commands them, go
to guard his servants here below.

Lord, give thy angels every day
command to guide us on our way,
and bid them every evening keep
their watch around us while we sleep.

So shall no wicked thing draw near,
to do us harm or cause us fear;
and we shall dwell, when life is past,
with angels round thy throne at last.

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Magnificat (*Stanford in B flat*)

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: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Lector: Mr. John Moore, Men's Fellowship

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

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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 ~ “Praise ye the Lord” by Rutter

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn ~ 732

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.

For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee when they come,
and, going, take thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
thy former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim
the sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer,
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

The Sermon ~ *The Rev'd Selven S. Lowe, Rector of All Saints*

Offertory Hymn ~ 730

God is here! As we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place;
here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
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Processional Hymns: 351 & 728

Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.

When shadows thick were falling,
and all seemed sunk in night,
thou, Lord, didst send thy servants,
thy chosen sons of light.
on them and on thy people
thy plenteous Grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one church, one faith, one Lord.
Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
One church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
One church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
One church, one faith, one Lord.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1821)

Hymn 728

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the Head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.
All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

PART THREE

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted lovingkindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

DOXOLOGY

To be sung at the end of any Part

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

*Words: anonymous, before 9th century, Latin;
translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.*

Te Deum Laudamus (*Oakeley*)

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers
therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee;
The Father: of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true: and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not
abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: thou didst
open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast
redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage.
Govern them: and lift them up for ever.
Day by day: we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

Closing Prayer(s) & Blessings

Closing Hymn ~ 372

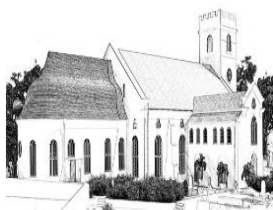
NOW thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessèd 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)

Organ Postlude



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