The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist On

Sunday October 6, 2024
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M.

Twentieth Sunday after

Pentecost

"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 October 6, 2024 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 22

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist President: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson Preacher: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist President: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn Preacher: The Rev'd Canon George Knight

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THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Opening 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.

Opening Sentence "General"

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Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of Him. Psalm 96:9

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 known, 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

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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.

Let us pray.

The Collect: Proper 22 Page 179

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes, S.C.

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Shaquan Pompey

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Job, the first chapter, beginning at the first verse.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26 Judica me, Domine

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- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; * I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, * that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, * nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, * and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; * redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; * in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

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*.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Remech Matthias 9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. John Moore

A reading from the Word of God written in the Letter to the Hebrews, the first chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere.

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual **Hymn** ~ 736

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided, Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us, Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care; for young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain, hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him, Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us, self on the cross and Christ upon the throne; past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-) Words © 1969 Hope Publishing Co.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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 Mark, the tenth chapter, beginning at the second verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Sermon: The Rev'd Canon George Knight

(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*

THE PRAYERS

Intercessors:

7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Linda Springer 9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Darnley King

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

(Please sit or kneel as able)

Intercession Form "D"

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LEADER:

Our Heavenly Father has promised through our Lord Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Let us therefore pray for the Church and the World and let us thank God for His goodness.

(Silence may be kept)

LEADER:

We pray for the Church of God in every place; especially for this Diocese, our Diocesan Bishop Michael, Wilfred retired Bishop of Croydon, Rufus retired Bishop of Barbados and John retired Archbishop of the Church in the Province of the West Indies and retired Bishop of Barbados; and all the people of God.

ALL:

Strengthen your Church to carry forward the work of Christ; that we and all who confess your Name may unite in truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.

LEADER:

We pray for our country and for all the nations of the world, especially Haiti, Palestine, Sudan and Ukraine and for all peoples in their various callings.

ALL:

Direct this nation and all nations in the ways of justice and truth. Give wisdom to all in positions of public trust and authority; that they may promote the prosperity, godliness and peace of your people everywhere.

LEADER:

We pray for our own community, for this parish, for our families, friends, and all who live and work with us.

ALL:

Give grace to all our friends and neighbours in Christ, that we may serve Him in one another and grow together in His love.

LEADER:

We pray for the poor, the sick, the unemployed, the handicapped; all who have requested our prayers and all who seek the prayers of the Church in their time of trouble.

ALL:

Give healing and strength to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and sustain all those who remember and care for them.

LEADER:

We commemorate the departed, especially Mr. Ryan Blackman.

ALL:

We commend all people to your unfailing love, that in them your will may be fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence may be kept).

LEADER:

Accept these prayers, O Lord our God, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

ALL: 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.

ALL: Amen.

(Please stand as able)

PRESIDENT:

The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL:

They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

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

The Offertory **Hymn** ~ **741**

We love the place, O God, wherein thine honour dwells; the joy of thine abode all earthly joy excels.

It is the house of prayer,

wherein thy servants meet; and thou, O Lord, art there thy chosen flock to greet.

We love the sacred font; for there the holy Dove to pour is ever wont his blessing from above.

We love thine altar, Lord; O what on earth so dear? For there, in faith adored, we find thy presence near.

We love the word of life, the word that tells of peace, of comfort in the strife, and joys that never cease.

We love to sing below for mercies freely given; but O, we long to know the triumph-song of heaven.

Lord Jesus, give us grace on earth to love thee more, in heaven to see thy face, and with thy saints adore.

> Words: William Bullock (1798-1874), and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

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.

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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: (*Go to page 130*)

Because on this most glorious day, a triple light was given. On the first day of creation you brought light and life into being. On the first day, for our salvation, you raised your Son victorious over death; and on this day you gave your Holy and lifegiving Spirit to your church. (*Go to page 131*)

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

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"

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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)

Communion **Hymns** ~ **620** & **591**

Sweet sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home;
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet sacrament divine,
sweet sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament of peace, dear home of every heart, where restless yearnings cease and sorrows all depart; there in thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery: sweet sacrament of peace, sweet sacrament of peace.

Sweet sacrament of rest, ark from the ocean's roar, within thy shelter blest soon may we reach the shore; save us, for still the tempest raves, save, lest we sink beneath the waves: sweet sacrament of rest, sweet sacrament of rest.

Sweet sacrament divine, earth's light and jubilee, in thy far depths doth shine thy Godhead's majesty; sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,

that earthly joys may fade away: sweet sacrament divine, sweet sacrament divine.

Words: Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)

Hymn ~ 591

How glorious is the life above, which in this ordinance we taste; that fullness of celestial love, that joy which shall for ever last.

That heavenly life in Christ concealed these earthen vessels could not bear; the part which now we find revealed no tongue of angels can declare.

The light of life eternal darts into our souls a dazzling ray; a drop of heaven o'erflows our hearts, and deluges the house of clay.

Sure pledge of ecstasies unknown shall this divine Communion be; the ray shall rise into a sun, the drop shall swell into a sea.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER "A" Page 147

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 "Pentecost"

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The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; 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 ~ 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)

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.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Our respect for one another is a sign of our dignity as children of God."



Sunday October 6, 2024

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 22

First Reading: Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Comment: "The Plight of a Righteous Man"

In our first lesson, we hear **the beginning of the story of Job: the plight of a righteous man.** Satan appears in God's heavenly court and charges that Job is upright only because of the many blessings that are his. God permits Satan to test Job greatly through terrible and tragic trials. Then, through dialogue and poetry, the Book of Job explores the problem of human suffering and faith in God's ways with unflinching honesty and feeling.

Psalm: 26

A plea for justice by one who serves the Lord well.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Comment: "God has spoken by a Son"

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews teaches that **Jesus**, **the exact imprint of God's being and the pioneer of our salvation made perfect through suffering, is superior to all the angelic order.** God inspired the prophets but has now spoken through a Son, the heir of all things, and through whom the worlds were created. For a while made lower than angels, he now through his death sanctifies all whom he calls brothers and sisters.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Comment: "Teaching on Marriage"

In the gospel Jesus, asked about divorce, reaches back to the creation story to set before his hearers the ideal of the marriage relationship, and then blesses children. In Jesus' lifetime there were many views on divorce, some strict and some more lenient. In one sense, Jesus is the strictest of all: what through natural union God has made one cannot be separated by human action. Yet, in another sense, Jesus' answer refused to deal with the question in the way it is asked. Instead, he honours the solemnity and purpose of marriage. Anything less is sin, which cannot be dismissed by human regulations. His disciples seem surprised by this teaching and also by his embracing of children.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Diocese of Barbados 200th Anniversary Celebration ~ St. Michael Deanery Celebrations:

November 2024

- Saturday 9 ~ Health Fair Church Village Green
- Wednesday 13 ~ 6:00 P.M. Cultural Show
 The Bajan Guyanese Connection, St. Paul Church Centre
- Sunday 17 ~ 6:00 P.M. Choral Evensong The Church of St. Mary

CATHEDRAL NEWS

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS - CATHEDRAL REVITALIZATION 2024 and BEYOND: Mission – Ministry - Maintenance - Money.

Here is the report on the status of the special Patronal Festival Gift Card appeal:

Gift Cards: 7:00 A. M. – \$6,420.00 9:00 A. M. – \$8,400.00 Other – \$1,505.00 Sub-Total – \$16,325.00

Prior to last Sunday - 9,175.00

Grand Total - **\$25,500.00**

Sincere thanks to all who have made personal contributions, and also to persons who have solicited the support of family, friends, and well-wishers of the Cathedral.

Please note that about fifty (50) Cards are still available for use; the appeal will continue until the cards are exhausted. Thanks, again for everyone's generosity and kind cooperation.

October

Sunday 13, Laity Sunday – A Laity Fair: Everyone a Minister - Exploring Opportunities in Cathedral Revitalization **Selection of T-20 Hymns**

BIRTHDAYS: Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week **October 6 to 12**, 2024.

- 7 Ms. Doris Viola Haynes
- 8 Ms. Claudia E. Smith Ms. Aswika Turney
- 9 Dean Emeritus, The Very Rev'd William Dixon, C.B.E. Ms. Helena M. Lyte
- 11 Mr. Justin M. V. Edwards



May God bless and strengthen you all.

SICK: Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Margaret Browne, Elsie Brunson, Colleen Byer, Courtney Carrington, Darwin

Clarke, Heather Howard-Downes, Alice P. Hall, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Marlene Moore, Blair Murray, Clyde Outram, Sylvester (Blues) Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Claudette Sealy, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, Ernesta Yarde and George Yearwood.

BALCONY REPAIRS: The Balcony repairs have almost been completed. So far, the Cathedral has spent \$34,521.97 on materials and the Barbados Diocesan Trustees have met the labour costs. The cost for the sanding, staining and additional works (\$15,000.00); and two monthly payments of \$7,000.00 each to the supplier of the materials are outstanding. Sincere thanks to all who have made financial contributions. Further donations towards this work would be appreciated.

PERSONS WISHING TO SPONSOR FUTURE EVENTS:

Donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606. All donations are appreciated.

DEACON'S CUPBOARD: An appeal is being made for your kind donations of food supplies and toiletries for the cupboard. Whatever supplies can be donated would be greatly appreciated and would go a long way in helping those less fortunate.

FLOWER GUILD: The Officers and members of the Flower Guild wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all those persons who made contributions towards the purchase of the flowers for the Patronal Festival.



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

 Mr. Ryan Blackman
 May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.

Sunday, October 6, 2024 The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost: Proper 22 Patronal Festival 2024 ~ "Faith Working through Love"

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon George Knight

11:00 A.M. ~ Choral Matins

(Special invitation to former congregants of the Cathedral)

Preacher: The Dean

6:00 P.M. ~ Festal Evensong,

Procession & Te Deum Preacher: The Rev'd Selven S. Lowe, Rector of All Saints



Wednesday, October 9, 2024 10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Sunday, October 13, 2024 The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: Laity Sunday

> 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M ~ Sung Eucharist

Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings October 6 – 12, 2024 – Proper 22		
Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost	Psalm 118 Hosea 13:4-14 Matthew 14:1-12 Psalm 106:1-18 Hosea 14:1-9 Luke 6:39-49	Psalm 145 2 Kings 20:1-21 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 Psalm 106:19-48 2 Kings 21:1-18 Acts 22: 30—23:11
Monday Tuesday	Psalms [120], 121, 122, 123 Micah 1:1-9 Luke 7:1-17	Psalms 124, 125, 126, [127] 2 Kings 22:1-13 Acts 23:12-24
Wednesday	Psalm 119:145-176 Micah 2:1-13 Luke 7:18-35	Psalms 128, 129, 130 2 Kings 22:14—23:3 Acts 23:23-35
Thursday	Psalms 131, 132, [133] Micah 3:1-8 Luke 7:36-50	Psalms 134, 135 2 Kings 23:4-25 Acts 24:1-23
Friday	Psalms 140, 142, Micah 3:9—4:5 Luke 8:1-15	Psalms 141, 143:1- 11 (12) 2 Kings 23:36—24:17 Acts 24:24—25:12
Saturday	Psalms 137:1-6 (7-9), 144 Micah 5:1-4, 10-15 Luke 8:16-25	Psalm 104 Jeremiah 35:1-19 Acts 25:13-27 Collect for Proper 23

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