



The Anglican
Diocese of
Barbados



**The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All
Angels
Festal Choral Matins
On
Sunday, October 6, 2024
11:00 A.M.**

The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels

Diocesan Bishop

The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell, MA, BA, BSc.

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Organ Prelude:

All stand as the Cathedral Choir & Clergy enters the Cathedral

Opening Hymn/Anthem ~ Michaelmas Introit

(Sumsion)

Versicles and Responses ~ (settings by 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.

Venite *(setting by Slater)*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth,
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it,
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
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*

All sit

Psalm 26

- 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 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*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Lector: **Mr. Paul Blackman**

Here beginneth the first verse of the first Chapter of the Book of Job.

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.

READER: Here endeth the first lesson

All stand

Te Deum Laudamus ~ (*setting by Stanford in B flat*)

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

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

All sit

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 10:2-16

Lector: ~ Mr. Victor Small, *Lay Reader*

Here beginneth the second verse of the tenth Chapter of the Gospel according to Mark

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.

READER: Here endeth the second lesson

All stand

Jubilate Deo ~ (*setting by Britten in C*)

O Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise;
 be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting;
 and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

Responses after The Creed

V. The Lord be with you

R. And with thy spirit

All kneel OR sit

V. Let us pray

R. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL:

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.

Responses after the Lord's Prayer

V. O Lord shew thy mercy upon us.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord save this 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 ~ *The Feast of Saint Michael and 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, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Third Collect, for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be

ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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” (Rutter)*

Hymn ~ 423 AMS

Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright,
Filled with celestial virtue and light,
These that, where night never followeth day,
raise the “Trisagion” * ever and ay:

These are Thy ministers, these dost Thou own,
Lord God of Sabaoth, nearest Thy throne;
These are Thy messengers, these dost thou send,
Help of the helpless ones! man 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 (p) bow and adore.

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 (p)bow and adore.

J. M. Neale: *from the Greek of St. Joseph*

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

The Offertory 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)

Communion Anthem/Motet ~ *“Let all mortal flesh”*
(Holst)

The Closing Prayers

All kneel OR sit

A Prayer for the Clergy and People

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels; Send down upon our Bishops and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing: Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE Amen.

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their request; Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

PEOPLE Amen.

The Blessing

Let us pray

REMEMBER, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us and not what we deserve; and, as thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

PRIEST The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

PRIEST Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

PEOPLE **The maker of heaven and earth.**

PRIEST Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

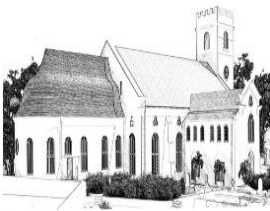
PEOPLE **From this time and for evermore.**

PRIEST The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be with you and remain with you forever more.

Choral “Amen” – *J. Stainer sung by the choir*

All stand as the Cathedral Choir & Clergy departs.

Organ Postlude



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