

# St. Michael's Cathedral

# Services

for

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany: Year C Sunday, February 16, 2025 7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.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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## The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany: YEAR C

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist President and Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

#### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

#### The Opening Hymn ~ 373

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive, the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Saviour come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim and spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Opening Sentence **"African Heritage Month"** "Let bronze be brought from Egypt; let Ethiopia hasten to stretch out its hands to God." (Psalm 68:31)

#### THE INVOCATION

#### The President says,

I remember and acknowledge the energies of this land's original inhabitants the Ciboney, the Kalinagos and the Tainos, all those elevated energies who were born in this place, those who made it across the deep waters, those who may still be found in the waters. We also give thanks for those on the continent who are connected with us. I acknowledge you and all that you come with, and I greet all of you in peace.

PRESIDENT: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

# 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.

All: 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

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.

The Collect:

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"The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany"

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

# First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Remech Matthias 9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Margaret Fraser-Morrison

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Jeremiah, the seventeenth chapter, beginning at the fifth verse.

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,

in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

- They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.
- It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.
The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-who can understand it?
I the LORD test the mind and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.
LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 1 Beatus vir qui non abiit

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \* nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \* and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \* everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \* they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \* nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \* but the way of the wicked is doomed.
- 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: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Linda Springer 9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Harriett Blackman

A reading from the Word of God written in the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter, beginning at the twelfth verse.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

#### The Gradual Hymn ~ 263

THOU art the way: by thee alone from sin and death we flee; and he who would the Father seek must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the truth: thy word alone true wisdom can impart; thou only canst inform the mind and purify the heart.

Thou art the life: the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm; and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the way, the truth, the life: grant us that way to know, that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

Words: George Washington Doane (1799-1859)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17-26 Gospellers: 7:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson 9:00 A.M. ~ The Rev'd Canon George Knight

GOSPELLER:The Lord be with you.ALL:And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter, beginning at the seventeenth verse.

# ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

- "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
- "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
- "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

#### "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

#### GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ. ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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

#### **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.** 

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Joyanne Blackman-Jarvis 9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Juno Burrows

LEADER: INTERCESSION FORM **"B"** 

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LEADER:

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

# ALL: That we all may be one.

LEADER:

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

# ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

# LEADER:

We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;

# ALL: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

# LEADER:

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

# ALL: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

# LEADER:

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

# ALL: That our works may find favour in your sight.

# LEADER:

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

# ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

# LEADER:

Give to the departed eternal rest.

# ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

# LEADER:

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

# ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

LEADER: Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

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Silence may be kept; and special intentions will be offered by the Dean.

# ALL:

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords to your will; and the good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# ACT OF PENITENCE

## 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.

# FORM A

# 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

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may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Amen*.

#### THE ABSOLUTION

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.

# **THE GREETING OF THE PEACE "A"** Page 124

PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

# ALL:

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

# ALL: And also with you.

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP: "Let there be peace on earth"

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me Let there be peace on earth The peace that was meant to be With God our Creator Children all are we

Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me Let this be the moment now With every step I take Let this be my solemn vow To take each moment And live each moment In peace eternally Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.

Words: Jill Jackson; Melody: Sy Miller (1945)

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

#### The Offertory Hymn ~ 471

Put thou thy trust in God, in duty's path go on; walk in His strength with faith and hope, so shall thy work be done.

Commit thy ways to Him, thy works into His hands, and rest on His unchanging word, who heaven and earth commands.

Though years on years roll on, His covenant shall endure; though clouds and darkness hide His path, the promised grace is sure.

Give to the winds thy fears;

hope, and be undismayed; God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms His power will clear thy way: wait thou His time; the darkest night shall end in brightest day.

Leave to His sovereign sway to choose and to command; so shalt thou, wondering, own His way, how wise, how strong His hand.

*Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676),* from *Befiehl du deine Wege*, German; translation John Wesley (1703-1791)

#### 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**Page 126

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.ALL:And also with you.

# 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:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in coming to dwell among us as man, He revealed the radiance of His glory, and brought us out of darkness into His own marvellous light. (*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!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING "A"

#### PRESIDENT:

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 "A" Page 145

#### **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

#### The Invitation "A"

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#### PRESIDENT:

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body, which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

#### ALL:

Grant gracious Lord that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

#### THE AGNUS DEI

- 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

# The Communion Hymns ~ 148 LEV & 203 LEV

I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table, I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table, some of these days. I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table, I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table, some of these days.

I'm a-going to feast on milk and honey, I'm a-going to feast on milk and honey, some of these days. I'm a-going to feast on milk and honey, I'm a-going to feast on milk and honey, some of these days.

I'm a-going to fly all around in heaven, I'm a-going to fly all around in heaven, some of these days. I'm a-going to fly all around in heaven, I'm a-going to fly all around in heaven, some of these days.

I'm a-going to wade cross Jordan's river, I'm a-going to wade cross Jordan's river, some of these days.

I'm a-going to wade cross Jordan's river, I'm a-going to wade cross Jordan's river, some of these days.

#### Hymn ~ 203 LEV

#### **Refrain:**

There is a balm in Gilead To make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead To heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain, But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again. (Refrain)

If you can't preach like Peter, If you can't pray like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus, And say He died for all. (**Refrain**)

Don't ever be discouraged For Jesus is your friend, And if you lack for knowledge He'll ne'er refuse to lend.

#### (Refrain)

#### 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 "Epiphany"

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with good news of His kingdom; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

#### ALL: Amen.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### The Recessional Hymn ~ 383

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

> Father-like, he tends and spares us, well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us,

rescues us from all our foes: alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space: alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.

#### THE DISMISSAL

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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. However, those who wish to leave at this point may do so quietly.)

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany: Year C

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10 **Comment:** *"Blessed are those who trust the Lord, they are like trees by water"* 

In our opening lesson, we hear how the prophet urges each individual to trust solely in the Lord, who alone can search out human motivations. Jeremiah's primary concern is that people should realise the importance of their choice. Only one who recognises the power of human self-deception and rests in the Lord can live a fruitful life.

# Psalm 1

The Lord makes fruitful the lives of those who choose the way of righteousness.

**Second Reading (The Epistle)**: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 **Comment:** "Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died"

In this epistle reading, **Paul insists that belief in** resurrection from death is basic to the faith that Jesus was raised, which, in turn, is vital to all Christian hope and experience. If, as some suggest, there is no resurrection, then there is no reason to believe that God raised Jesus. If Jesus was not raised, then we remain in our unforgiven condition and are without hope for ourselves. In fact, however, Christ was raised and is the first of many who will find new life.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17-26 **Comment:** *"Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full"* 

In our Gospel passage, Jesus heals many of their illnesses and teaches his disciples that the values of the kingdom of God are quite different from worldly standards. His words offer both comfort and challenge. Those who now are poor, hungry, sorrowful, and persecuted will find blessing, while the rich, satisfied, and well-spoken of will experience emptiness. Jesus' disciples must learn to share in material and spiritual deprivation in the world if they are to know the joy of the kingdom.

# CATHEDRAL NEWS

1. FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: The ministry, mission and maintenance of the Cathedral is supported primarily by its members' contributions weekly and monthly. However, contributions are appreciated from anyone. An invitation is extended to all visitors and well-wishers to support the financial needs of this sacred place. Please donate to St. Michael's Cathedral, Bridgetown, St. Michael.

Friends and well-wishers may write to <u>stmichaelcathedral@caribsurf.com</u> or call 1 246-427-0790 for more details. Meantime, donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606.

2. **INITIAL OFFERING:** A total of (\$2,917.00) has been received for the Initial Offering. Sincere thanks to all. Members who have not made their offering as yet are asked to do so as soon as possible.

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

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

- I. This campaign aims to revitalize the Cathedral's heritage; to strengthen congregational vitality; and to build the Church for tomorrow. All are invited to get involved and to recommend the programme to others, especially persons who were nurtured in this sacred place.
- II. **DONATION CARDS:** Please note that Cards are still available for members to solicit donations from family, friends and well-wishers to support the Cathedral. Your continued generosity and kind cooperation would be greatly appreciated.
- III. **MINISTRY:** Opportunities available for are members to serve the Cathedral as Lay Eucharistic Ministers (primarily to administer communion to the Shut-in); Servers (to prepare the Sanctuary for worship, maintaining and caring for the sacred vessels, altar linens, and vestments, and assisting the clergy; and Audio Technicians (to assist, set up and monitor equipment during the sound services). Interested persons are asked to contact The Dean. Please note that training will be provided for each ministry.

4. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**: Leaders of organizations and ministries are asked to submit their reports to the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council, Ms. Donnah Russell, J.P. by Wednesday, February 19<sup>th.</sup> Please send email to <u>donnahrus@hotmail.com</u>

5. **BIRTHDAYS:** Congratulations to all those celebrating their birthdays this week February 16 to 22, 2025.

- 16 Mrs. Marva Bourne Ms. Shirley J. Reece
- 17 Ms. Margaret R. Aimey
- 18 Ms. Rojana Marshall
- 20 Ms. Sheila M. E. Griffith
- 21 Ms. Sandra A. Lewis



May God bless and strengthen you.

**POSTPONEMENT:** The Board of Trustees of The St. Michael Centre for Faith and Action deeply regrets that, due to unforeseen circumstances, a decision was taken to postpone the annual City Outreach luncheon. Meantime, cash donations are invited in support of this worthy event, which will be held in due course.

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**SICK:** Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Margaret Browne, Colleen Byer, Darwin Clarke, Heather Coward-Downes, Alice P. Hall, Beverley Hinds, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Jeffrey Mascoll, Marlene Moore, Blair Murray, Clyde Outram, Sylvester (Blues) Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Claudette Sealy, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, The Rev'd StephanieAnn Wedderburn, Ernesta Yarde and George Yearwood.

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**BEREAVEMENT:** We extend sincere condolences to the families of the late:

- Ms. Lucille Barrow
- Mr. Courtney Carrington
- Mrs. Emeline Cumberbatch
- Ms. Muriel Y. Foster
- Mr. Leonard Hunte (Husband of Mrs. Zida Hunte, at St. Barnabas, on February 26, 2025 at 3:00P.M.)
- Mrs. Kathleen A. Vaughn, nee Springer (Florida, U.S.A.)

We thank God for their lives, work, and witness among us. May the bereaved families know the blessedness of those who mourn.



**FLORAL DECORATION:** Sincere thanks to all those who have donated towards the purchase of flowers for this Sunday, and especially to Mrs. Julia Pompey and family in celebration of their mum's Mrs. Marva Bourne 76<sup>th</sup> birthday today Sunday, February 16, 2025.



**VACANCY:** The Cathedral is in need of someone to serve as Assistant Verger. The successful candidate will be expected to assist the Verger with Worship at the Cathedral; the Custodial Care of the Cathedral and its environs; and

other related duties. Applications should be addressed to The Dean, Cathedral House, Spry Street, Bridgetown, St. Michael by **February 28, 2025.** 



THEME FOR THE WEEK

"A good interior makes for a happy life in the world."



CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES Sunday, February 16, 2025 The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, February 19, 2025 10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Sunday, February 23, 2025 The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany 8:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 10:00 A.M. ~ Annual Parish Meeting



Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings February 16 – 22, 2025								
Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings						
The Sixth	Psalms 66, 67	Psalms 19, 46						
Sunday after	Isaiah 62:6-12	Genesis 29:20-35						
the Epiphany	1 John 2:3-11	John 8:12-19						
	Psalm 89:1-18	Psalm 89:19-52						
Monday	Isaiah 63:1-6	Genesis 30:1-24						
2	1 Timothy 1:1-17	Mark 11:1-11						
	Psalms 97, 99, [100]	Psalms 94, [95]						
Tuesday	Isaiah 63:7-14	Genesis 31:1-24						
·	1 Timothy 1:18—2:8	Mark 11:12-26						
Wednesday	Psalms 101, 109:1-4(5-	Psalm 119:121-144						
weathesday	19) 20-30	Genesis 31:25-50						
	Isaiah 63:15—64:9	Mark 11:27—12:12						
	1 Timothy 3:1-16							
Thursday	Psalm 105:1-22	Psalm 105:23-45						
5	Isaiah 65:1-12	Genesis 32:3-21						
	1 Timothy 4:1-6	Mark 12:13-27						
Friday	Psalm 102	Psalm 107:1-32						
•	Isaiah 65:17-25	Genesis 32:22—33:17						
	1 Timothy 5:17-22 (23-	Mark 12:28-34						
	25)							
Saturday	Psalms 107:33-43, 108:1-	Psalm 33						
	6(7-13)	Genesis 35:1-20						
	Isaiah 66:1-6	Mark 12:35-44						
	1 Timothy 6:6-21	Collect for 7 Epiphany						

# **SERMON NOTES**

Text:
Торіс:
Preacher:
Points to Ponder:
What was God saying specifically to me during the Sermon?

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# **NOTES:**

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Baby Jesus Mary Joseph Three Kings Sheep Donkey Inn Bethlehem Ox Shepherd Gold Frankincense Myrrh Angels Star Manger



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