



St. Michael's Cathedral
Services
for
The Fifth Sunday in Lent: Year C
Sunday, April 6, 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 Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. John. Maxwell, M. A.

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The Fifth Sunday in Lent: 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: Mrs. Valdine Browne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn ~ 153**

‘Forgive them, O my Father,
they know not what they do:’
the Saviour spake in anguish,
as the sharp nails went through.

No word of anger spake he
to them that shed his blood,
but prayer and tenderest pity
large as the love of God.

For me was that compassion,
for me that tender care;
I need his wide forgiveness
as much as any there.

It was my pride and hardness
that hung him on the tree;
those cruel nails, O Saviour,
were driven in by me

And often I have slighted
thy gentle voice that chid:
forgive me too, Lord Jesus,
I knew not what I did.

O depth of sweet compassion!
O love divine and true!
Save thou the souls that slight thee,
and know not what they do.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Opening Sentence “**Lent**”

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Be imitators of God as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:1, 2*

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.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect: “*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*”

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Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: **Isaiah 43:16-21**

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Paul Blackman

9:00 A.M. ~ Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Isaiah, the forty-third chapter, beginning at the sixteenth verse.

Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

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- 1 **W**hen the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
 then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
 "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
 and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their
sheaves.

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: **Philippians 3:4b-14**

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Gittens

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Small

A reading from the Word of God written in the Letter of Paul to the Philippians, the third chapter, beginning at the fourth verse.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that

comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the sharing of His sufferings by becoming like Him in His death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 144 Pt 1**

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
sing the last, the dread affray;
o'er the cross, the Victor's trophy,
sound the high triumphal lay,
how, the pains of death enduring,
earth's Redeemer won the day.

When at length the appointed fullness
of the sacred time was come,
he was sent, the world's Creator,
from the Father's heavenly home,
and was found in human fashion,
offspring of the virgin's womb.

Now the thirty years are ended
which on earth he willed to see,
willingly he meets his passion,
born to set his people free;
on the cross the Lamb is lifted,
there the sacrifice to be.

There the nails and spear he suffers,
vinegar and gall and reed;
from his sacred body piercèd
blood and water both proceed:
precious flood, which all creation
from the stain of sin hath freed.

[UNISON DOXOLOGY]

Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One:
One in might, and One in glory,
while eternal ages run.

*Words: Venantius Fortunatus (530-600),
from Pange lingua gloriosi proelium certaminis, Latin;
translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), and
Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern*

The Holy Gospel: **John 12:1-8**

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 John, the twelfth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for Him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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. ~ Prof. Anne St. John, GCM

**9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Shaquan Pompey and
children of the Cathedral**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Diocesan Bishop; for wisdom and discernment in the selection of the next Archbishops of the Church in the Province of the West Indies and for the Province of Canterbury, Church of England; for the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

Silence.

God of love,

Hear our prayers for the church.

God of freedom, we pray for our nation and for the civil parish of St. Joseph as it begins this month's celebration of 'We Gatherin'; and all the nations of the world, specifically Ukraine, Sudan, South Sudan, Palestine, Haiti, Myanmar, and Trinidad and Tobago: For peace and unity across barriers of language, colour, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

Silence.

God of freedom,

Hear our prayers for the world.

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

Silence.

God of justice,

Hear our prayers for the earth.

God of peace, we pray for the communities of our diocese: especially for the Anglican presence in the civil parish of St. Joseph: the Parish Priests, namely The Rev'd Jilian S. Crawford at the Parish Church of St. Joseph and St. Aidan, and The Rev'd Myra LaPlante at St. Anne. For our local leaders; for our schools and workplaces; for our neighbourhoods and homes. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people.

Silence.

God of peace,

Hear our prayers for our communities.

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially persons who will be celebrating a birthday this week: namely Joni Walker, Claudine M. Manning, Beverley R. Bradshaw, Henderson Williams, Neville G. Griffith; and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

Silence.

God of mercy,

Hear our prayers for all who are in need.

God of grace, we pray for those who have died, especially Mildred Cox-Inniss; for the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Silence.

God of grace,

Hear our prayers for those who have died.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, grant us courage and conviction, and strengthen us to love others who are unlike

us. May God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, make us compassionate in our actions and courageous in our works, that we may see Christ's Beloved Community in our own day. **Amen.**

ACT OF PENITENCE

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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.

FORM B

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ALL:

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

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 Peace **“B”**

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PRESIDENT:

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you.

ALL:

Leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

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 ~ 232

MY God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright,
how beautiful thy mercy-seat,
in depths of burning light!

How dread are thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
by prostrate spirits day and night
incessantly adored!

How wonderful, how beautiful,
the sight of thee must be,
thine endless wisdom, boundless power,
and awful purity!

Oh, how I fear thee, Living God,
with deepest, tenderest fears,
and worship thee with trembling hope,
and penitential tears!

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
almighty as thou art,
for thou hast stooped to ask of me
the love of my poor heart.

No earthly father loves like thee,
no mother, e'er so mild,
bears and forbears as thou hast done
with me thy sinful child.

Father of Jesus, love's reward!
What rapture will it be,
prostrate before thy throne to lie,
and gaze and gaze on thee.

Words: Frederick William Fisher (1814-1863)

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.

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 128)*

For you bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. *(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)

PRESIDENT:

Holy and gracious Father,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness, comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whom you sent to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts,
and we ask you to make them holy
by the power of your Spirit,
that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who offered Himself in obedience to your will,
the Perfect Sacrifice for all mankind.

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."

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.

Do this, whenever you drink it,

For the remembrance of me."

ALL:

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim
the death of Christ until He comes again.**

PRESIDENT:

Father, calling to mind the death your Son
endured for our salvation;

His glorious Resurrection and Ascension;

His continual intercession for us in heaven;

and looking for His coming again in glory,

we offer you, in thanksgiving,

this holy and life-giving sacrifice.

Look with favour on your Church's offering,

and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts

may be filled with your Holy Spirit

and become one body in Christ,

and serve you in unity, constancy and peace.

May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable us,

in communion with blessed Mary

and the whole company of heaven,

to share in the inheritance of your Saints.

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 “C”

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PRESIDENT:

This is the true bread which comes from heaven.

ALL:

Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

THE COMMUNION

(All baptized members of the Church, as inspired, may come to the altar and receive Holy Communion)

The Invitation “Form “C”

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PRESIDENT:

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

ALL:

We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.*

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

The Communion Hymns ~ 456 & 589

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand -
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When weary in this earthly race,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every wild and stormy gale
my anchor holds and will not fail.

Refrain

His vow, his covenant, and blood
are my defence against the flood;
when earthly hopes are swept away
he will uphold me on that day.

Refrain

When the last trumpet's voice shall sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before his throne.

Refrain

*Words: Edward Mate (1797-1874), alt.
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Hymn ~ 589

Repeat the last line of each verse when using the tune Old 124th.

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here faith would touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load;
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but thine; nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon:
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

**Eternal God and Heavenly Father,
we thank you for feeding us,
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you, and all persons in you,
with gladness and singleness of heart,
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen***

PRESIDENT:

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow Him; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 134 vs. 1-4 & 6**

Refrain:

*Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adores
his sacred Name!*

Come, Christians, follow where the Captain trod,
the King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

Each newborn soldier of the crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

Refrain

This is the sign that Satan's armies fear
and angels veil their faces to revere.

Refrain

Saved by the cross on which their Lord was slain,
see Adam's children their lost home regain.

Refrain

Set up your throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

Refrain

*Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912), revised,
1916 by Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956),
altered by Jubilate Hymns. Alterations © 1974 Hope Publishing Co.*

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Comment: “The Lord gives water in the Wilderness to the Chosen People.”

Our Hebrew scripture lection tells how **the same Lord who brought the people through the Red Sea waters and crushed the army of the Egyptians, will do a new thing in this day when God will bring the people home through the wilderness.** No longer need the Israelites only remember the things the Lord did for them in the past. It is the end of the exile: again, God forms the chosen people. A safe way will be made in the wilderness, and rivers will flow in the barren desert.

Psalm 126

“Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.”

Second Reading (The Epistle): Philippians 3:4b-14

Comment: “To know Christ and his Resurrection, to share in his sufferings.”

In our epistle, **the apostle Paul can boast of his religious background, yet nothing matters in comparison with knowing Christ as his Lord.** If righteousness were to be based on a legalistic understanding of religion, Paul had any number of points in his favour. But all such privilege he now counts as garbage so that he may belong to Christ through faith and share in his sufferings. Forgetting what lies behind, he presses on toward the call ahead.

The Holy Gospel: John 12:1-8

Comment: “Mary anoints Jesus for his Burial.”

In our Gospel story **Jesus, but a few days before his passion, is at supper with Lazarus, Martha, and Mary when Mary anoints is feet with costly ointment.** She then wipes his feet with her hair. Jesus links her action to his final anointing at burial, but Judas, seeking personal gain, chastises them over the cost of the perfume and invokes the needs of the poor. This action fits the extreme nature of the moment, Jesus counsels. Love like Mary’s will not overlook the poor.



DIOCESAN NEWS:

1. **Retirement:** The Ven. Eric E. Lynch retired as Archdeacon of Barbados, on Monday, March 31, 2025 after serving in that capacity for twenty-four (24) years, five (5) months. Sincere thanks to Archdeacon Lynch for his ministry; and God’s blessing for a happy retirement.
2. **Appointments:** Consequent to Archdeacon’s Lynch’s retirement, The Rt. Rev’d Michael B. St. J. Maxwell, Bishop of Barbados announced the following appointments:
 - The Rev’d Canon Dr. Von E. Watson, former Canon Missioner is the new Archdeacon of Barbados;
 - Senator The Rev’d Canon Dr. John A. Rogers, former Rural Dean of St. John is the Canon Missioner; and,

- The Rev'd Anthony S. Harewood, Rector of St. John Parish Church is the new Rural Dean of the St John Deanery.

All appointments took effect Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Congratulations and God's blessing to the clerics for fulfilment in their respective ministries.



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 stmichaelcathedral@caribsurf.com 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 (\$3,221.00) 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 are available for 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 the sound equipment during services). Interested persons are asked to contact The Dean. Please note that training will be provided for each ministry.



1. **Gifts, Memorials and Thanksgiving:** Members are invited to donate items for use in worship in memory of loved ones who have passed, and to celebrate birthdays, wedding and confirmation anniversaries and other

achievements. Donation options may also include flowers to decorate the church on First Sundays or during the Church's Festivals. We invite your floral contributions for "**Easter Day**". To offer your donation, you may contact the Administrative Assistant.

- 2. Concert Tickets:** Tickets are available for the Solemn Musick for Palm Sunday, by the St. Michael's Cathedral Choir, which takes place on Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Cathedral. Tickets ~ \$30.00. Kindly collect from the Administrator's office.



BIRTHDAYS: Congratulations to all those celebrating their birthdays this week April 6 to 12, 2025.

7 Ms. Joni Walker

9 Mrs. Claudine M. Manning

10 Ms. Beverley R. Bradshaw

Mr. Henderson Williams

11 Mr. Neville G. Griffith



May God bless and strengthen you.



ANNIVERSARY: Dean Emeritus Harold and Mrs. Margot Crichlow will be celebrating their ninth wedding anniversary on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Heartiest congratulations and God's blessing for continued growth in love with each other.





SICK: Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Daphne Browne, Margaret Browne, Colleen Byer, Darwin Clarke, Heather Coward-Downes, The Most Rev'd Drexel Gomez, Alice P. Hall, Martin Haynes, Beverley Hinds, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Judy King, Jeffrey Mascoll, Marlene Moore, Blair Murray, Clyde Outram, Sylvester (Blues) Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Claudette Sealy, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, Arlington Watson, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Sir Wilfred Wood, Basil Worrell, Ernesta Yarde and George Yearwood.



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



- Mrs. Mildred Cox-Inniss (Shut-in)
We thank God for her life, work, and witness among us.
May the bereaved family know the blessedness of those who mourn.



THEME FOR THE WEEK

“The Lord is always there to help us through our troubles, because he has made us his own.”



CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday, April 6, 2025

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Next Sunday, April 13, 2025

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist with the Distribution of
Palms**

**9:00 A.M. ~ The Liturgy of the Palm and
Sung Eucharist**

Sunday, April 13, 2025

6:00 P.M. ~ Solemn Music on Palm Sunday

featuring

Requiem by Richard Pantcheff

Admission: \$30.00

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025

10:00 A.M. ~ Chrism Mass

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

6:00 P.M. ~ Sir John Stainer's Crucifixion

Sing-A-Long

An offering will be taken.

EPIPHANY WATERS:

Sincere thanks to all who have placed an order for an Epiphany Water Bottle. Please note that the order has arrived and members may collect theirs as soon as possible. The cost is \$10.00.

Water is always seen in Christian theology as a means of **purification**, and so we ask God to **cleans**e us every time we use holy water. Below is a short prayer that is taken directly from **Psalm 51**, and perfectly summarizes the symbolism found in using holy water to bless ourselves.

Sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; wash me, and I shall be made whiter than the snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

LENTEN PROGRAMME 2025

1. **Diocesan Study: Were You There When They Crucified My Lord? Our History, Our Trauma, Ourselves: Reading the Psalms and the Parables of Jesus In A Barbadian Context.** This six (6) week study is as follows:

Week 1: Our Opportunity to Lament, To Cry for Mercy and to Grow: Psalm 103:13-18; and Luke 18:9-14.

Week 2: Our History, Our Trauma, Ourselves: Psalm 44:9-17; and Luke 15:3-10.

Week 3: Our History, Our Trauma, Ourselves – Eloquent Silence on Intergenerational Trauma in Barbados: Psalm 44:9-17; and Luke 15:11-32.

Week 4: Resisting Normalisation of Traumatic Slavery Imageries: Psalm 139:13-20; and Matthew 25:14-30.

Week 5: Were You There When They Crucified My Lord? Our Calling to Embody and Proclaim God’s Kingdom: Psalm 15:1-5; and Matthew 13:3-7, 24-33.

Week 6: Watchfulness and Cost of Embodying and Proclaiming the Kingdom: Psalm 119:33-40; Psalm 119:105-112; and Matthew 25:1-13.

Please note that the full booklet is available online. If parishioners have not already received the document, it may be sent to them, upon the submission of their WhatsApp numbers or email addresses to the Cathedral’s Office.

- 2. Cathedral’s Self-Denial Cards:** As was done previously, this year parishioners and friends are invited to participate in an act of self-denial, almsgiving and Bible Study under the theme: “Building The Beloved Community”. The Lenten Readings reflect the theme, “Reparations and the Beloved Community: Justice, Peace and Love”. The Self-Denial Cards, which were available from Ash Wednesday, are still available from the Ushers’ desk and the tables in the aisles. Be sure to collect yours today!



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
April 6 to 12, 2025**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Fifth Sunday in Lent	Psalm 118 Jeremiah 23:16-32 1 Corinthians 9:19-27	Psalm 145 Exodus 3:16— 4:12 Mark 8:31— 9:1
Monday	Psalm 31 Jeremiah 24:1-10 Romans 9:19-33	Psalm 35 Exodus 4:10-20(21-26) 27-31 John 9:1-17
Tuesday	Psalms [120], 121, 122, 123 Jeremiah 25:8-17 Romans 10:1-13	Psalms 124, 125, 126, [127] Exodus 5:—6:1 John 9:18-41
Wednesday	Psalm 119:145-176 Jeremiah 25:20-38 Romans 10:14-21	Psalms 128, 129, 130 Exodus 7:8-24 John 10:1-18
Thursday	Psalms 131, 132, [133] Jeremiah 26:1-16 Romans 11:1-12	Psalms 140, 142 Exodus 7:25—8:19 John 10:19-42
Friday	Psalms 95 (Invitatory) & 22 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-13 Romans 11:13-24	Psalms 141; 143:1- 11(12) Exodus 9:13-35 John 11:1-27 or 12:1- 10
Saturday	Psalms 137:1-6(7-9), 144 Jeremiah 31:27-34 Romans 11:25-36	Psalms 42, 43 Exodus 10:21—11:8 John 11:28-44, or 12:37-50 <i>Collect for Palm Sunday</i>

SERMON NOTES

Sermon

Text:.....
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Topic:

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Preacher:

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Points to Ponder:

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What was God saying specifically to me during the Sermon?

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