



**The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 25, 2025**

**9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist**

**In the Cathedral Church of  
St. Michael and All Angels, Bridgetown**

*“To be a guiding light of Christ’s grace, justice, freedom and love”.*

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# **A Rogation Celebration in The City**

## **Order of Worship**

### **Organ Prelude**

*(Entrance of the Servers, Choir and The Dean)*

### **Welcome**

### **The Greeting**

Celebrant:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ

**People: And also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### **Hymn ~ 661**

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dew-fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung from completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,

## God's re-creation of the new day!

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### Opening Prayer

#### **ALL:**

We come before you our God and Sustainer, remembering that you are our Creator and the source of all being. Out of your love the universe was born. From primordial darkness you put in place all that is needed for growth and saw that it was good. You have put this world into our hands: may we recognise your Spirit within it, disturbing and challenging us to care for creation, for the weak and the deprived. Lord we remember that we are called by you to nourish the earth and its diversity of life, to share the gifts you have given, with one another and with the poor of the world. **Amen**

### Prayers of Penitence

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,  
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.

Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency  
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,

but we squander its rich resources.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,

but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And Also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Organ Interlude

## **An Urban Rogation Procession**

*The Dean and Servers move in procession to suitable stations placed in the aisle around the building which focus on life in The City. The Procession being formed, the Celebrant, standing before the altar, says:*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray (*Silence*)

Almighty God, the Giver of all that is good, you promise to hear the prayers of those who ask in your Son's Name. We pray that in your mercy you will supply all our needs, so that daily we may offer our lives to your praise and glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

**People: In the name of Christ.**

**HYMN ~ 189** (*verses 1 to 3, 7 to 8 and refrain*)

To thee, our God, we fly  
for mercy and for grace;  
O hear our lowly cry,  
and hide not thou thy face.

### ***Refrain***

*O Lord, stretch forth thy mighty hand,  
and guard and bless our fatherland.*

Arise, O Lord of Hosts!  
be jealous for thy name,  
and drive from out our coasts  
the sins that put to shame.

***Refrain***

Thy best gifts from on high  
in rich abundance pour,  
that we may magnify  
and praise thee more and more.

***Refrain***

O let us love thy house,  
and sanctify thy day,  
bring unto thee our vows,  
and loyal homage pay.

***Refrain***

Give peace, Lord, in our time;  
O let no foe draw nigh,  
nor lawless deed of crime  
insult thy majesty.

***Refrain***

*Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)*

*The Congregation sits for the Procession and joins in the singing of the hymns as indicated. On the altar, a candle is lit simultaneously.*

**Station # 1: “Commerce and Industry”**

**Leader: Ms. Donna Inniss**

*We pray for those engaged in the commercial and industrial life of our nation; for a spirit of enterprise and tolerance that employers and employees may work together for the common good.*

**Celebrant:**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labour: be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give us all a pride in what we do and a just return for our labour; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**HYMN ~ 644 (verse 3)**

O boys, be strong in Jesus,  
to toil for him is gain,  
and Jesus wrought with Joseph  
with chisel, saw, and plane;  
O maidens, live for Jesus,  
who was a maiden's Son;  
be patient, pure, and gentle,  
and perfect grace begun.

**Station # 2: "Health and Wellness:**

**For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Health Institutions"**

**Leader:**

*We pray for all those who work in medicine in our day, for those who work directly in the care of others: doctors,*



*nurses, therapists and carers, for those whose research discovers new treatments and cures for our sicknesses and infirmities, and for those whose simple offering of love and friendship brings healing of souls and hearts.*

**Celebrant:**

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**HYMN ~ 706 (verse 1)**

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old  
was strong to heal and save;  
it triumphed o'er disease and death,  
o'er darkness and the grave:  
to thee they went, the blind, the dumb,  
the palsied and the lame,  
the leper with his tainted life,  
the sick with fevered frame.

**Station # 3: "Education:**

**For Universities, Schools and Colleges"**

***Leader:***

*Lord, we thank you for the gift of learning and we pray for all who study, all who teach and all who support their work, that a new generation would discover an ever-deeper love for truth and an ever-greater compassion for others.*

**Celebrant:**

Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**HYMN ~ 338 (AMS verse 3)**

Spread Thy golden pinions o'er them,  
Holy Spirit, from above,  
Guide them, lead them, go before them,  
Give them peace, and joy, and love:  
Thy true temples, Holy Spirit,  
May they with Thy glory shine,  
And immortal bliss inherit,  
And for evermore be Thine.

**Station # 4: “Agriculture: For Fruitful Seasons”**

***Leader:***

*Lord of all, we pray for your world. On this Rogation Day we pray for the fruitfulness of our Nation and for the wise management of the land and of the world's environment, that they may continue to bear fruit for generations to come.*

**Celebrant:**

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labour to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you

thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, for ever and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn ~ 725 (verse 1)**

We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.

***Refrain:***

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

**Station # 5: “Creative Arts: Art, Craft, Drama and Music”**

***Leader:***

*Lord God, we pray for our world. We give thanks in particular for all those involved in the creative arts, for musicians, artists and designers, for carpenters, poets and sculptors, and for all who put their inspiration at the service of others.*

**Celebrant:**

Creator of all, by your grace you made human beings to share in your love of creating and you give us inspiration and skill to share that love with others. Renew, we pray, the minds of

all those who dedicate their lives to artistic creation, that through their labours we and all people would come to know fresh insights, deeper understandings and more profound compassion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn ~ 363 (verse 3)**

Yea, we know Thy Love rejoices  
o'er each work of Thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for Thy praise combine;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for Thy pleasure didst design.

**Station # 6: "The State: The Government and Citizens"**

***Leader:***

*We pray for our President, Prime Minister, members of Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition, all members of Parliament, the members of the Judiciary, and for all our civic leaders, that they may know that greatness is found in the gift of service to others.*

**Celebrant:**

Sovereign Lord, our heavenly Father, send down upon those who hold office in our Nation the Spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn ~ 742 (verse 1)**

I vow to thee, my country,

all earthly things above,  
entire and whole and perfect,  
the service of my love:  
the love that asks no question,  
the love that stands the test,  
that lays upon the altar  
the dearest and the best;  
the love that never falters,  
the love that pays the price,  
the love that makes undaunted  
the final sacrifice.

*Words: Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)*

*The Procession ends before the altar and the following prayer is said by all:*

### **Concluding Prayer**

O God, you brought us together in this place to learn your will and to be your family. We ask you to bless us with your Holy Spirit, that we may live and work for you and for each other. Help us to live together in love and joy and peace. Make us strong to bear all trouble that may come to us, that we may know and do your will in all things. Draw us near to you in our prayers, and give us happiness in our feasts and times together. Give us hearts of praise and thanksgiving for all your goodness and mercy; and help us to remember those who are poor, starving, sick, or helpless. Finish in us any good work which we have begun, that we may spread your rule in all the world, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Ministry of the Word**

## **The First Lesson Acts 16:9-15**

**Lector: Mrs. Valdine Browne**

A reading from the Word of God written in the Acts of the Apostles, the sixteenth chapter, beginning at the ninth verse.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

**LECTOR:** The Word of the Lord.

**ALL:**       **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 67

- 1 **M**ay God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come  
to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of  
him.

Glory be 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 (The Epistle): Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5** **Lector: Mr. Darnley King**

A reading from the Word of God, written in the Revelation  
to John, the twenty-first chapter, beginning at the tenth verse.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high  
mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming  
down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL:        Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn ~ 711**

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,



Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our grateful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our grateful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our grateful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine,  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our grateful hymn of praise.

For thy church which evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our grateful hymn of praise.

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**The Gospel: John 14:23-29**

**The 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 John, the fourteenth chapter, beginning at the twenty-third verse.

**ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

**ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.**

*(Please sit)*

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

### **Hymn “*All Who Love and Serve Your City*”**

All who love and serve your city,  
all who bear its daily stress,  
all who cry for peace and justice,  
all who curse and all who bless,

In your day of loss and sorrow,  
in your day of helpless strife,  
honor, peace, and love retreating,  
seek the Lord, who is your life.

In your day of wrath and plenty,  
wasted work and wasted play,  
call to mind the word of Jesus,  
"I must work while it is day."

For all days are days of judgment,  
and the Lord is waiting still,  
drawing near a world that spurns him,  
offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord! shall yet the city  
be the city of despair?  
Come today, our Judge, our Glory;  
be its name, "The Lord is there!"

*Words: Erik Routley 1969  
Stainer & Bell (admin. Hope Publishing Company)*

## **The Greeting of Peace**

**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.**

### **HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP**

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**

**Offertory Hymn ~ 360 (*verses 1 to 3 & 7*)**

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia.  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam!

***Refrain:***

*O praise him, O praise him,*

*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,

O praise him, alleluia.

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice;

***Refrain***

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia.

Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light:

***Refrain***

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia.

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;

***Refrain***

*Words: William Henry Draper (1855-1933),  
Based on Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun*

## ***The Administration of Communion from the Reserved Sacrament***

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CELEBRANT:**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**ALL:**

Our Father, which 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 debts  
As we forgive your debtors,  
And leave us not in temptation,  
But deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power  
And the glory, forever. **Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**CELEBRANT:**

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 “B”**

**CELEBRANT:**

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

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 ~ 242 & 657**

**Anthem ~ “The Heavens are Telling” (J. F. Haydn)**

**Hymn ~ 242**

This is my Father's world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,

oh, let me not forget  
that though the wrong is great and strong,  
God is our Father yet.  
He trusts us with his world,  
to keep it clean and fair,  
all earth and trees, all skies and seas,  
all creatures everywhere.

*Words: Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901), st 1, and  
Mary Babcock Crawford (1909-1999) st. 2*

## **HYMN: 657**

Lord, I would own thy tender care,  
and all thy love to me;  
the food I eat, the clothes I wear,  
are all bestowed by thee.

‘Tis thou preservest me from death  
and dangers every hour;  
I cannot draw another breath  
unless thou give me power.

Kind angels guard me every night,  
as round my bed they stay:  
nor am I absent from thy sight  
in darkness or by day.

My health and friends and parents dear  
to me by God are given;  
I have not any blessing here  
but what is sent from heaven.



Such goodness, Lord, and constant care  
I never can repay;  
but may it be my daily prayer,  
to love thee and obey.

*Words: Jane Taylor (1783-1824)*

## **Hymn ~ 515**

Come, we that love the Lord  
and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
and thus surround the throne,  
and thus surround the throne.

### ***Refrain:***

*We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion,  
the beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing  
who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King,  
but children of the heavenly King  
may speak their joys abroad,  
may speak their joys abroad.

### ***Refrain***

The hill of Zion yields  
a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heavenly fields,  
before we reach the heavenly fields,  
or walk the golden streets,

or walk the golden streets.

***Refrain***

Then let our songs abound,  
and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,  
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,  
to fairer worlds on high,  
to fairer worlds on high.

***Refrain***

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

Post-Communion Prayer

**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 Spirits 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 ***“Rogation Sunday”***

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. **Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 372**

*(The last verse to be sung with the Servers, Choir and Clergy standing in the aisle, before the following prayer is said)*

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

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore,

for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

*Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649)  
from Nun danket alle Gott, German;  
translation: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

## **PRAYER FOR THE CITY**

Celebrant: The effect of righteousness will be peace.

**People:**

**And the result of righteousness, tranquility and trust for ever.**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that Holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory; behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Have mercy upon all who live and work in them. Guide them into the way of justice and truth, establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, and hasten the time when the cities of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal:**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Celebrant: Go in the peace of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Organ Postlude**



# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## YEAR C

### **First Reading: Acts 16:9-15**

**Comment:** *“Lydia and her household are baptised by Paul”*

In this reading from the story of the early church, **Paul and his companions are called by a vision to journey to Macedonia and the city of Philippi, where a merchant named Lydia responds to the gospel and is baptised, together with her household.** She offers her home to the travelers, and becomes an important supporter of their missionary endeavour.

### **Psalm 67**

A prayer for God’s graciousness and saving power, and a bidding of praise by all people for God’s justice and bounty.

### **Second Lesson (The Epistle): Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

**Comment:** *“The Lamb is the light of God’s city of God.”*

In this reading, **John the Seer presents a vision of the new Jerusalem, the paradise of God.** The city has no need of a temple or a sun or moon, for it is enlightened by the very glory of God and the lamp of the Lamb, who is Jesus. It will be a place of purity and abundance for the saints. As in the Garden of Eden, here will be found the river and the tree of life.

### **The Holy Gospel: John 14:23-29**

**Comment:** *“The Father will send the Holy Spirit.”*

Our Gospel tells of **Jesus' promise to his disciples of the coming of the Holy Spirit**. Although Jesus will no longer be present physically, those who continue in his love will know his abiding presence, together with that of the Father. The Holy Spirit will be their counsellor and bring Jesus' own words to mind. Jesus shares these things with his followers before they take place, and he gives them his peace.

## **CATHEDRAL NEWS**

**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](mailto: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.

1. **INITIAL OFFERING:** A total of (\$3,545.00) has been received for the Initial Offering. The target is \$ 4,136.72; the cost of the 2025 Stewardship Envelopes. 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)**

## **2. 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. Further to a recent meeting of the Parochial Church Council, members are asked to consider the following projects in pursuance of our goals. They are as follows:
  - 1) Streaming Equipment Foundational Setup - \$35,000.00
  - 2) Repairs to the Southern Balcony - \$59,400.00
  - 3) Repairs to the Chapter Room - \$12,750.00
  - 4) Repairs to five (5) Windows in the Nave - \$17,500.00
  - 5) Purchase of a Photocopier - \$18,346.45
  - 6) Rentokil Treatment to safeguard the building from the influx of pigeons - \$28,000.00
  - 7) Ceiling Light fittings for the Southern Balcony – (\$2,000.00)



The season of Easter, a time to think about new life, is an opportune time to work to further our goals. It is also important that parishioners solicit the support of friends, business partners and people of good will to support the programme of revitalization. Donation Cards are still available.



***Congratulation to all those person celebrating birthdays  
this week ~ May 25 to 31, 2025***

26 Ms. Marcia R. Hoyte

Mr. Robert Agbowu

27 Mr. Jerry A. Alleyne

29 Ms. Deidre Cox

Ms. Kimberley P. Layne

Mrs. Linda R. Springer

30 Ms. Doris D. Hinds

Ms. Aaliyah G. Weekes

31 Ms. Monica Aimey



***May God bless and strengthen you.***





**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, Berkley Knight, Judy King, 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, and Ernesta Yarde.



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



- The Rev'd Norbert G. Connell (Retired priest of the Diocese);
- Ms. Clotelle Grant (Sister of Mrs. Zida Hunte)
- Mrs. Audrey Holder (Mother of The Rev'd Dr. Anthony Holder, Fl., USA);
- Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall (Sister of The Rev'd Canon George Knight);

We thank God for their lives, work, and witness among us.

**May the bereaved families know the blessedness of those who mourn.**



**THEME FOR THE WEEK**  
*“Jesus is the Light of the World.”*



**Cathedral’s Self-Denial Cards:** Sincere thanks to all who have participated in the Lenten act of self-denial, almsgiving and Bible Study under the theme: “Building the Beloved Community”. The total amount received so far is four thousand, two hundred and eighty-one dollars (\$4,281.00). Some Cards are still outstanding; consequently, participants in this act of Self- Denial who have not returned theirs as yet, are asked to do so without further delay. Please place them in the boxes which have been provided.



**FLOWERS:** Sincere thanks to all those members who have contributed flowers.



**FLEA MARKET:** Please note that Ms. Armel Marshall will be coordinating a Flea Market on Saturday, May 31, 2025, starting at 8:00 A.M. Donations of dried coconuts, sweetbread, and cassava pone would be appreciated. Members are asked to inform Ms. Marshall about their contributions at Tel: 427-0790.



**Today, Sunday, May 25, 2025**  
**The Sixth Sunday after Easter: Rogation Sunday**  
**Rogationtide Harvest in The City**  
**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**  
**9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist**



**Wednesday, May 28, 2025**  
**10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**



**Thursday, May 29, 2025**  
**The Feast of Ascension**  
**12:15 P.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**



**LOOKING AHEAD!**

**Sunday, June 1 to Sunday 8, 2025:**  
**Faith and Action Week**



**Friday, June 6, 2025**  
**12:00 Noon – “The Reverend Stephanie-Ann**  
**Wedderburn City Outreach.” (Sponsored by The St.**  
**Michael Centre for Faith and Action, SMCFA)**



**Sunday, June 8, 2025**

**The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday**

**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist**

**5:00 P.M. ~ A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**

(The Opening of Annual Diocesan Synod with the Bishop's  
Charge)



**Monday, June 9, 2025 ~ Whit-Monday**

**Bicentennial Celebration - Cathedral Gathering.**

**10:00 A.M. ~ Three Houses Park, St. Philip**

Parishioners and members of their household are  
encouraged to come and gather in celebration of our life  
together, in the Spirit.



<b>Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings May 25 to 31, 2025</b>		
<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning Readings</b>	<b>Evening Readings</b>
The Sixth Sunday of Easter	Psalms 93, 96 Ecclesiasticus 43:1-12, 27-32 1Timothy 314-4:5	Psalm 34 Leviticus 25:1-17 Matthew 13:24-34a
Monday	Psalm 80 Deuteronomy 8:1-10 James 1:1-15	Psalms 77, [79] Leviticus 25:35-55 Luke 9:18-27
Tuesday	Psalm 78:1-39 Deuteronomy 8:11-20 James 1:16-27	Psalm 78:40-72 Leviticus 26:1-20 Luke 11:1-13
Wednesday	Psalm 119:97-120 Baruch 3:24-37 James 5:13-18 Luke 12:22-31	<b>Eve of Ascension</b> Psalm 68:1-20 2 Kings 2:1-15 Revelation 5:1-14 Collect: Ascension Day (1)
<b>ASCENSION DAY</b> Thursday	Psalms 8, 47 Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24-28b Hebrews 2:5-18	Psalms 24, 96 Daniel 7:9-14 Matthew 28:16-20 Collect: Ascension Day (2)
Friday	Psalms 85, 86 Ezekiel 1:28-3:3 Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Luke 9:28-36	<b>Eve of the Visitation</b> Psalm 132 Isaiah 11:1-10 Hebrews 2:11-18 <i>Collect for the Visitation</i>
Saturday	Psalm 72 1 Samuel 1:1-20 Hebrews 3:1-6	Psalms 146, 147 Zechariah 2:10-13 John 3:25-30

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