



**The Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ The
Sunday after Ascension Day: Start of
Faith and Action week**

June 1, 2025

Services

7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.

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

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Lay Eucharist Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit Hymn ~ 554

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come, treading our path through the
blood of the slaughtered;

out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who has by thy might, led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
where we met thee;
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world,
we forget thee,
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we for ever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Words: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1918)

Opening Sentence “*Ascension*”

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Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

THE INVOCATION

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PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIES

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collects: 1. **“The Seventh Sunday of Easter”** Page 171

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Saviour Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

2. **“For Faith and Action Week”**

Triune God, whose kingdom encompasses all that is, draw our hearts to things above, that we might trust in you, hope

for your goodness, and love as you love us; empower your people to respond to human need by loving service; to seek to transform the unjust structures of the world, and secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please sit)

First Lesson: **Acts 16:16-34**

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes

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

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

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men

are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of
his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of
the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah
rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are
truehearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

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.

(Please sit)

Second Lesson: **Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Remech Matthias

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Christopher Burnett

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

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay
according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the
Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will
have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the
gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony
for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David,
the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a
gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am
coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.
Amen.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 196

The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light.

the joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,

to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given:
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1854/5)

The Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26
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
seventeenth chapter, beginning at the twentieth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not
only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will

believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

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

(Please sit)

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

(Please stand, as able)

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

**Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Prof. Ann St. John, GCM
9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. John Moore**

An Intercession for Faith and Action Week

(Adapted from Episcopal Litany for Social Justice)

Leader:

Brothers and Sisters, God commands us through Jesus Christ to love one another: Let us now honour those commandments and pray for our nation, for its good governance, for the peace and stability of the world, for the renewal of the Church, and for the needs of others throughout our country and the world.

We pray for continued blessings on all peacemakers, on leaders who value peace, and on everyone who promotes nonviolent solutions to conflict. We pray for a speedy end to all violence and warfare around the world.

God of peace and gentleness,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the strength of heart and mind to look beyond ourselves and address the needs of our siblings throughout the world; for the rural and urban poor; for the rebuilding of our communities; and for an end to the cycles of violence that threaten our future.

God of generosity and compassion,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all nations, that they may live in unity, peace, and concord; and that all people may know justice and enjoy the perfect freedom that only God can give.

God of liberty and freedom,
Hear our prayer.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may embrace the most vulnerable members of our society; we pray also for an end to the growing disparity between the rich and poor; and for the grace and courage to strive for economic justice.

God of all gifts and blessings,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country and the world; that we will respect all people as precious children of God; and that racism, sexism, and all other forms of discrimination will be forever banished from our hearts, our society, and our laws.

God of fellowship and equality,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for a reverence of creation; that we will have the tools and the will to conserve it; that we will use its bountiful resources in the service of others; and that we will become better stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

God of nature and the universe,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the people of the Caribbean, that these lands would be places of gracious hospitality to all who live, work

and have their being here; and for all immigrants, refugees, and pilgrims from around the world, that they may be welcomed in our midst and be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

God of outcasts and wanderers,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick, the aged and the infirm; for those with physical or mental disabilities; that all may have access to proper health care; and that God's loving embrace may be felt by all who suffer.

God of comfort and healing,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all prisoners and captives; that a spirit of forgiveness may replace vengeance and retribution; and that we, with all the destitute, lonely, and oppressed, may be restored to the fullness of God's grace.
God of absolution and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all children and families, and particularly for the orphaned, neglected, abused, and those who live in fear of violence or disease; that they may be relieved and protected.

God of children and families,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the reconciliation of all people, and for the

Church throughout the world, that it may be an instrument of your reconciling love.

God of outreach and restoration,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died as a result of violence, war, disease or famine, especially those who died because of human blindness, neglect, or hardness of heart.

God of eternal life and resurrecting love,
Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

Almighty God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the name of your Son. Watch over our nation now as your Church observes Faith and Action week; strengthen all who work for fairness in this land and every land, that through their work the lives of others would improve and all people would glimpse the purpose for which you made us: to love and serve one another in Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.*

THE ABSOLUTION

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PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE “A”

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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
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.

Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller in 1955

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Hymn ~ 559

We shall overcome. We shall overcome,
we shall overcome some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe.
We shall overcome some day.

We'll walk hand in hand. We'll walk hand in hand,
we' walk hand in hand today;
oh, deep in my heart, I do believe.
We'll walk hand in hand today.

God is on our side. God is on our side,
God is on our side today;
oh, deep in my heart I do believe.
God is on our side today.

We are not afraid We are not afraid,
we are not afraid, today;
oh, deep in my heart, I do believe.
We are not afraid today.

We shall live in peace. We shall live in peace,
we shall live in peace some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe.
We shall live in peace some day.

Words: African-American Spiritual

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 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)*

PROPER PREFACE ~ “Ascension”

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Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After His glorious resurrection He openly appeared to His disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where He is, there we might be also be, and reign with Him in glory. *(Go to page 131)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

(Please sit or kneel as able)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “A”

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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 for 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 “B”

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PRESIDENT:

God of promise, You have prepared a Banquet for us.

ALL:

**Happy are those who are called to the supper of the
Lamb.**

THE COMMUNION

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

The Invitation “Form “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

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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 ~ 447 & 379

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain:

*I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.

Refrain

Words: Arabella Katherine Hankey (1831-1911)

Hymn ~ 379

Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth - his wonderful love proclaim!
Hail him, hail him! Highest archangels in glory;
strength and honour give to his holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children,
in his arms he carries them all day long.

Refrain:

*Praise him, praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness;
praise him, praise him ever in joyful song!*

Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

For our sins he suffered, and bled, and died;
he our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
hail him, hail him! Jesus the crucified!
Sound his praises - Jesus who bore our sorrows,
love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong.

Refrain

Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessèd Redeemer!
Heavenly portals, loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth for ever and ever:
crown him, crown him! Prophet, and Priest, and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious,
power and glory unto the Lord belong.

Refrain

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (Frances van Alstyne) (1820-1915)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER “A”

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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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE BLESSING ~ “Ascension to Eve of Pentecost”

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Christ our King, make you faithful and strong to do His will,
that you may reign with Him in glory; and the Blessing of

God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you this day and forever more.

ALL: *Amen.*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional Hymn ~ 433

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath
are stored;

he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift
sword,

his truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling
camps,

they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and
damps;

I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring
lamps,

his day is marching on.

Refrain

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound
retreat,

he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement
seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Refrain:

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make men holy, let us live to make all free,
while God is marching on.

Refrain

Words: Julia W. Howe (1819-1910)



**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR C**

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Comment: *“While in prison, Paul speaks to the jailer, who is then baptised”*

This reading tells of **the imprisonment of Paul and Silas after Paul had healed a slave girl who was possessed by a spirit. An earthquake opens the door of the prison, but Paul takes the occasion to convert the jailer and his family.** This is among a series of many adventures that happened to Paul in his missionary work. It illustrates both

his fortitude and the manner in which he seized every opportunity to spread the gospel.

Psalm 97

A hymn to the awesome Lord and Ruler who brings the fire of judgement and light for the righteous.

Second Lesson: (The Epistle): Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21.

Comment: *“Blessed are those who wash their robes.”*

In his final vision John, the Seer pictures the glorious Lord Jesus coming to judge and to save. Blessed are those who have washed their robes by sharing in the sufferings of the one who is both David’s offspring and Lord. He is the brightest star of heaven. The bride, which is the church, joins with the Spirit and all others who take their part in calling. “Come!” The passage closes with one of Christianity’s oldest prayers: “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”

Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26

Comment: *“Jesus prays that the disciples will be one and abide in his love”*

In our Gospel, **Jesus prays for the unity of his present and future disciples with the Father and himself.** This is the closing of what has been called Jesus’ high-priestly prayer. The unity for which he asks reaches deeper than outward signs or human comprehension. It is the oneness of the Father’s love in the Son and of the Son in the Father. This love, Jesus has made known and it indwells his followers. Their unity will be a witness to the world. Jesus prays that

his disciples may behold and share in the glory given to him through the Father's love before the world began.

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 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 ~ June 1 to 7th, 2025***

1 Liam N. Francis-Thornhill

2 Ms. Julissa Bourne

3 Mrs. Evelyn Jackman

5 Ms. Etheline C. E. Smith

6 Ms. Angela J. Kirton

Mr. Stephen A. Smith



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);
- Mr. Berkeley Knight (Brother of the Rev'd Canon George Knight);
- 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

“The presence of Jesus is the driving force behind the Church’s mission to 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 for the “Rogation Celebration: Harvest in The City”. Meantime, members are encouraged to contribute flowers for Pentecost, next Sunday, June 8, 2025.



FLEA MARKET: Thanks to all who have contributed towards the Flea Market, thus making it a success.



Sunday, June 1, 2025
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



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, St. Philip

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



Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings June 1 to 7, 2025

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Seventh Sunday of Easter	Psalm 66, 67 Ezekiel 3:16-27 Ephesians 2:1-10	Psalms 19, 46 Exodus 3:1-12 Matthew 10:24-35, 40-42
Monday	Psalm 89:1-18 Ezekiel 4:1-17 Hebrews 6:1-12	Psalm 89:19-52 Joshua 1:1-9 Luke 9:51-62
Tuesday	Psalms 97, 99, [100] Ezekiel 7:10-15, 23b-27 Hebrews 6:13-20	Psalms 94, [95] 1 Samuel 16:1-13a Luke 10:1-17
Wednesday	Psalm 101; 109:1-4(5-19)20-30 Ezekiel 11:14-25 Hebrews 7:1-17	Psalm 119:121-144 Isaiah 4:2-6 Luke 10:17-24
Thursday	Psalm 105:1-22 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32 Hebrews 7:18-28	Psalm 105:23-45 Zechariah 4:1-14 Luke 10:25-37
Friday	Psalm 102 Ezekiel 34:17-31 Hebrews 8:1-13	Psalm 107:1-32 Jeremiah 31:27-34 Luke 10:38-42
Saturday	Psalm 107:33-43; 108:1-6(7-13) Ezekiel 43:1-12 Hebrews 9:1-14 Luke 11:14-23	<i>Eve of Pentecost</i> Psalm 33 Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20 1 Peter 2:4-10 <i>Collect for Pentecost</i> <i>(1)</i>

SERMON NOTES

Text:.....

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Topic:.....

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Preacher:.....

Points to Ponder:

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What was God saying specifically to me during the Sermon?

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Join us at Three Houses Park, St. Philip

Whit-Monday June 9, 2025

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Bring the whole family and come and gather at
Three Houses Park, St. Philip
in celebration of our life together, in the Spirit.

bring the **FOOD**
come for the **FUN**
stay for the **FELLOWSHIP**



Bicentennial Celebration
Cathedral Gathering

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