



# rogation sunday

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 25, 2025**  
**7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist**

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

**The Cathedral Church of  
Saint Michael and All Angels  
of Barbados**

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**President and Preacher:  
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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Organ Prelude

**Introit 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 dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in 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 every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

*Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), alt., from The Children's Bells,  
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**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!**

## **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 recognize 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**

Officiant: 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.**

*(Please sit)*

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

**Lector: ~ Ms. Deidre Cox**

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 *Deus misereatur*

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- 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.*

*(Please sit)*

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

**Lector: ~ Ms. Linda Springer**

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of  
Revelation, 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 honour 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.**

*(Please stand, as able)*



## The Gradual Hymn ~ 228

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

*Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), after 1 Timothy 1:17*

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

**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**

*(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: ~ Ms. Donnah Russell**

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.**

### **# 1: Commerce and Industry**

*LEADER: 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.*

**ALL: 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**

### **# 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.*

**ALL: 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.**

### **# 3: Education**

*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.*

**ALL: 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.**

#### **# 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.*

**ALL: 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.**

#### **# 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.*

**ALL: 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.**

## # 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.*

**ALL: 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.**

### **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.**

**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 ~ 189 (*verses 6 & 9 omitted*)

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*

The powers ordained by thee  
with heavenly wisdom bless;  
may they thy servants be,  
and rule in righteousness.

### *Refrain*

The church of thy dear Son  
in flame with love's pure fire,  
bind her once more in one,  
and life and truth inspire.

### *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 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 ~ “Easter”

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But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has won for us eternal life. *(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.**



**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 ~ 242 & 657**

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-), 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)*

**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 “*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.**



## NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Recessional Hymn ~ 372

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)*



## **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, alms-giving 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.



## Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings May 25 to 31, 2025

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Sixth Sunday of Easter	Psalms 93, 96 Ecclesiasticus 43:1-12, 27-32 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Psalms 34 Leviticus 25:1-17 Matthew 13:24-34a
Monday	Psalms 80 Deuteronomy 8:1-10 James 1:1-15	Psalms 77, [79] Leviticus 25:35-55 Luke 9:18-27
Tuesday	Psalms 78:1-39 Deuteronomy 8:11-20 James 1:16-27	Psalms 78:40-72 Leviticus 26:1-20 Luke 11:1-13
Wednesday	Psalms 119:97-120 Baruch 3:24-37 James 5:13-18 Luke 12:22-31	<b>Eve of Ascension</b> Psalms 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> Psalms 132 Isaiah 11:1-10 Hebrews 2:11-18 <i>Collect for the Visitation</i>
Saturday	Psalms 72 1 Samuel 1:1-20 Hebrews 3:1-6	Psalms 146, 147 Zechariah 2:10-13 John 3:25-30

## SERMON NOTES

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Topic:.....

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Points to Ponder:

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