



**The Emancipation Statue
Barbados**

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

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Emancipation
Celebrations**

Sunday, August 3rd, 2025

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

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

Deacon: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White

9:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

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Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome (Please sit)

The Opening **Hymn ~ 554**

(Please stand as able)

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 over a way that with tears has been watered;
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 hast 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 (1871-1938)

Opening Sentence “*Emancipation*”

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

(Galatians 5:1)

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.

The President says,

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

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.

The Collect: For Emancipation

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Liberating God, whose service is perfect freedom, Who delivered Your people Israel from slavery in Egypt; we thank You for delivering the people of these lands out of enslavement into freedom; and we pray that by Your help we will preserve our freedom, respect and defend the freedom of others; through Him by Whom we are made free, Your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Exodus 6:2-13

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

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

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Exodus, the sixth chapter, beginning at the second verse.

Moses: Called to Liberate God's People

²God also spoke to Moses and said to him: ‘I am the LORD. ³I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name “The LORD” I did not make myself known to them. ⁴I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. ⁵I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are holding as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. ⁶Say therefore to the Israelites, “I am the LORD, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgement. ⁷I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.”’ ⁹Moses told this to the Israelites; but they would not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel slavery.

¹⁰ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, ¹¹‘Go and tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land.’ ¹²But Moses spoke to the LORD, ‘The Israelites have not listened

to me; how then shall Pharaoh listen to me, poor speaker that I am?' ¹³Thus the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them orders regarding the Israelites and Pharaoh king of Egypt, charging them to free the Israelites from the land of Egypt.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114 *(TO BE READ)*

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1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange
speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Second Lesson: Philemon 8-21

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Gittens
9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Small

A reading from the Word of God written in the Letter of Paul to Philemon, beginning at the eighth verse.

Paul's Plea for Onesimus

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am

writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as able)

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 251**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,

and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing:
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
his changeless name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:16-19

Gospeller: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter, beginning at the sixteenth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour

Jesus at Nazareth: The Liberator

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

The Sermon: 7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M. ~

The Very Rev’d Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

(Please stand as able)

The Nicene Creed

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.**

THE LITANY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

(Adapted from the Episcopal Office of Governmental Relations) Please kneel or sit.

Litanists:

7:00 A. M. ~ Prof Anne St. John, GCM

9:00 A. M. ~ Mr. John Moore, (M.F.)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Brothers and sisters: God commands us through Jesus Christ to love one another. In baptism, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbours as ourselves and to strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being. Let us now honour those vows and pray for our nation, for wise and just leaders, and for the needs of others throughout our country and the world, on this Emancipation Day.

We pray for the Church of God in every place; especially for this diocese, our Bishop Michael, Senior Bishop Philip and for wisdom and discernment in the election of the next Archbishop of the Church in the Province of the West Indies; for Wilfred, retired Bishop of Croydon, for Rufus retired Bishop of this Diocese, and John retired Bishop of Barbados

and retired Archbishop of the Church in the Province of the West Indies; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines; we also pray for the Anglican presence in the civil parish of St. Andrew as it observes “We Gatherin”, for Curtis, priest at St. Andrew Parish Church and for Fequel at the parish of St. Simon and St. Saviour; and all the people of God.

God of mercy and of grace,

All: Show the brightness of your face.

We pray for the work of the CARICOM Reparations Commission, a regional body established to set the moral, ethical and legal case for the payment of Reparations by the Governments of all the former colonial powers and the relevant institutions of those countries, to the nations and people of the Caribbean Community for the Crimes against Humanity of Native Genocide, the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, and a racialized system of Chattel Slavery.

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,

All: 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 poor and the vulnerable; for the rebuilding of our communities; and for an end to the cycles of violence that threaten our future.

God of generosity and compassion,

All: 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. We especially pray for the nations of Ethiopia, Haiti, Israel, Myanmar, Palestine, Russia and Ukraine, in their respective state of affairs.

God of liberty and freedom,

All: 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,

All: 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,

All: 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,
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for all immigrants, refugees, and visitors from around the world, that there may be a more generous understanding of the needs of others throughout the world, for an openness to the value that people different from ourselves can bring to our life, and for a recognition that it is only by working together that we can serve the good and the prosperity of all.

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,
All: 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,
All: 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,

All: 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 healing love.

God of outreach and restoration,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died because 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,

All: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others (*please add your requests in this moment of silence*)

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Silence may be kept.

ALL:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people in the multitude of your mercies. Look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help: for you are gracious O Lord of love, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

ACT OF PENITENCE

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DEACON:

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.

A period of silence shall be kept.

DEACON:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life 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.

(Please stand as able)

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.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory **Hymn ~ 239**

The right hand of God is writing in our land,
writing with power and with love
our conflicts and our fears, our triumphs and our tears
are recorded by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is pointing in our land,
pointing the way we must go.
So clouded is the way, so easily we stray,

but we're guided by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is striking in our land,
striking out at envy, hate and greed.
our selfishness and lust, our pride and deeds unjust
are destroyed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land,
healing broken bodies, minds and souls.
So wondrous is its touch, with love that means so much,
when we're healed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God, is planting in our land,
planting seeds of freedom, hope and love.
In these Caribbean lands, let his people all join hands,
and be one with the right hand of God.

Words: Patrick Prescod.

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THE OFFERTORY PRAYER "B"

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PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

**Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us:
this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer
ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through
your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice.
As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of
Christ, so may we and all your people become channels
of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God: *(Go to page 130)*

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Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. *(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 “C”

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PRESIDENT:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in
creation; in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and, above all, in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent Him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In Him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you,
In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

For, on the night that 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:

Therefore, Father, according to His command:

ALL:

**We remember His death;
We proclaim His resurrection;
We await His coming in glory.**

PRESIDENT:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the sacrament
of the Body of Christ
and His Blood of the New Covenant.
Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice
that we, made acceptable in Him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to the city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation:

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, now and ever.

ALL: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name;

your kingdom come;

your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

**and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD “A” Page 145

PRESIDENT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all
share in one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

The Invitation “B” Page 146

DEACON:

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 Page 147

**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 ~ 603 and 559

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees;

Refrain:

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees;

Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees;

Refrain

Words: African-American Spiritual

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 (We Shall Overcome)

THE POST COMMUNION "A"

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ALL:

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live His risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness

**to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your Name, through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING “*Pentecost*”

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The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you this day and forever more.

ALL: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

The Recessional Hymn: 553

You have all our future in your hands, in your hands.

We bid you take over all our life, Lord –
our dreams, aspirations, all our best, Jesus Christ.

Our all we place in your hands.

Refrain:

*In your hands, Lord, we place today, tomorrow;
in your hands, Lord, we surrender all.*

*To your hands we commit our joys, our sorrows;
in your hands, Lord, we surrender all.*

Keep walking beside us every night, every day,
and giving us courage for the fray, Lord.

We need you to guide us every step of the way;
forsake us not, Lord, we pray.

Refrain

You place many duties in our hands, in our hands;
and shaping our world is our task, Lord.
On you we depend, Lord, for the power; this we ask,
that all make sense in our hands.

Refrain

You call us to service in this land, in this land,
whose soul is just aching for your touch, Lord;
and we too are reaching for your hand, Jesus, Lord.
Redeem us as we take our stand.

Refrain

So, Lord, we are trusting everything to your hands,
and then we keep praying for our land, Lord,
to labour with others for the best, Jesus, Lord.
Our all we place in your hands.

Refrain

*Words: F. Allan Kirton (c 1940-2010),
From Sing a New Song # 3, alt. Words 1981 Caribbean Conferences of Churches*

THE DISMISSAL

DEACON:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude

WELCOME AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Emancipation Day

First Reading: Exodus 6:2-13

Comment: *“Moses: Called to Liberate God’s People”*

After the divine self-introduction, **God sends Moses to the Israelites and then to Pharaoh.** This is the parallel account to the version in chapter 3. God’s covenant with Abraham, the promise of the land of Canaan is repeated and God’s personal name is tied to the fulfilment of this solemn promise of freedom and gift.

Psalm 114

A hymn of praise of the God of the Exodus.

Second Reading (**The Epistle**): Philemon 8-21

Comment: *“A Plea for Onesimus”*

This is a story about a runaway slave, **Onesimus, who had come to know Paul in Rome, and through him was converted to the Christian faith.** He rendered voluntary service to Paul in his Roman imprisonment. Paul encouraged Onesimus to return to Philemon, his former master; meantime, he encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus as a beloved brother in the faith rather than a slave—and he further asked Philemon to return Onesimus to Rome so that he might help Paul. Though he did not seek his

freedom, he elevated Onesimus' status to one of brother rather than menial servant.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:16-19

Comment: *“Jesus the Liberator”*

In our gospel story **Jesus returns to Galilee and enters the synagogue in Nazareth. Here he gives what has been called his inaugural sermon.** He reads from the book of the prophet Isaiah. These words offer hope and good news to the poor and tell of healing and freedom for the oppressed. This time, Jesus says, has begun.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

WELCOME!

The Reverend Re-Shan Adrilyn WHITE, Deacon in the Church of God was ordained on the Feast of St. James, July 25, 2025 in St. James Parish Church. Rev'd White is 28 years of age and started her early education at Roland Edwards Primary and then went on to the Daryll Jordan Secondary School. She furthered her studies by pursuing an Associate Degree at the Barbados Community College in Sociology and Literature.

Her call to ministry began at an early age and shortly after, she was confirmed at her home parish of All Saints Church. There, she began serving, participating in Sunday School and performing solos. In the year 2022, she was accepted to attend Codrington College to test her vocation and to pursue a BA in Theology which she successfully completed with Upper Second-Class honors. During her three years at seminary, she was assigned to St. James Parish Church and

All Souls Church and through those assignments she grew a deeper love for pastoral ministry and community engagement.

The Dean, Parochial Church Council and members of the Cathedral Church of St Michael and All Angels are pleased to welcome Rev'd White as she begins her ministry in the Cathedral, as Assistant Curate. God's blessing and best wishes for a fulfilling ministry.



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. 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 (Under consultation)

 - 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. (Work is due to commence on Tuesday, August 5th)

 - 5) Already purchased of a Photocopier - \$18,346.45 (To be installed and awaiting demonstration)

 - 6) Rentokil Treatment to safeguard the building from the influx of pigeons - \$28,000.00 (In progress)

 - 7) Ceiling Light fittings for the Southern Balcony – (\$2,000.00)

- 8) A pair of Processional Torches (\$2,500.00).
(Donated and to be dedicated)

Thanks to all who have made donations towards this appeal.
We expect to begin work on the windows very soon.



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays
this week ~ August 3, 2025 to August 9, 2025***

- 3 Mr. John W. Clarke**
4 Mrs. Pamela A. Walker
6 Ms. Pamela Lashley
8 Mr. Shaquan Pompey
9 Mrs. Velda Alleyne



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, Judy King, Marlene Moore, Clyde Outram, Gloria Regis, 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 family of the late Blair Murray, former Chorister of this Cathedral.



We thank God for his life, work, and witness among us.

May the bereaved family know the blessedness of those who mourn.



THEME FOR THE WEEK

“The God of history leads all people to freedom in Christ.”



Sunday, August 3, 2025

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Emancipation Celebrations

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

5:00 P.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

**(50th Anniversary of the ordination to the Priesthood of
The Very Rev'd William G. St. C. Dixon, O.B.E.,
Dean Emeritus.)**



Wednesday, August 6, 2025
10:00 A.M. ~ A Service of Public Healing



Sunday, August 10, 2025
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 14 –
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7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
August 3 to 9, 2025**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: <i>Proper 13</i>	Psalms 93, 96 2 Samuel 6:12-23 Romans 14:7-12	Psalms 34 Judges 6:1-24 John 1:43-51
Monday	Psalms 80 2 Samuel 7:1-17 Acts 18:1-11	Psalms 77, [79] Judges 6:25-40 Mark 8:11-21
Tuesday	Psalms 78:1-39 2 Samuel 7:18-29 Acts 18:12-28 Mark 8:22-33	<i>Eve of the Transfiguration</i> Psalms 84 1 Kings 19:1-12 2 Corinthians 3:3:1-9, 18 <i>Collect for the Transfiguration</i>
Wednesday <i>The Transfiguration of our Lord</i>	Psalms 2, 24 Exodus 24:12-18 2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Psalms 72 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 John 12:27-36a
Thursday	Psalms [83] or 145 2 Samuel 11:1-27 Acts 19:11-20	Psalms 85, 86 Judges 8:22-35 Mark 9:2-13
Friday	Psalms 88 2 Samuel 12:1-14 Acts 19:21-41	Psalms 91, 92 Judges 9:1-16, 19-21 Mark 9:14-29
Saturday	Psalms 87, 90 2 Samuel 12:15-31 Acts 20:1-16	Psalms 126 Judges 9:22-25, 50-57 Mark 9:30-41 <i>Collect for Proper 14</i>

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