



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Year C
Proper 15
August 17, 2025
Services
7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.

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

**The Cathedral Church of
Saint Michael and All Angels
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7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit Hymn 314

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of thy face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill thy church with light divine,
and thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored;

let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
man to God devoted live;
all below, and all above,
one in joy, and light, and love.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), based on Psalm 67

Opening Sentence “*General*” Page 100
“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.” (*Philippians 1:2*)

THE INVOCATION Page 101

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 Collect:

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“The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15”

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of His redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of His most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Harriett Blackman

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Isaiah, the fifth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 **(TO BE READ)**

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- 1 **H**ear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from
heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
at the rebuke of your countenance let them
perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right
hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for
yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we
shall be saved.

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: **Hebrews 11:29—12:2**

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Marlene Barrow

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Margaret Fraser-Morrison

A reading from the Word of God written in the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews, the eleventh chapter, beginning at the twenty-ninth verse.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were

killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 538

O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return

in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.

Still let me prove thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:49-56
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 twelfth chapter, beginning at the forty-ninth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

The Sermon:

7:00 A.M. The Rev'd Michael Haynes

9:00 A.M. The Rev'd Canon George Knight

(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.**

AN INTERCESSION Form “D”

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Intercessors:

7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Joyann Blackman-Jarvis

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Valdine Browne

LEADER:

Our Heavenly Father has promised through our Lord Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Let us therefore pray for the Church and the World, and let us thank God for His goodness.

Silence may be kept.

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 Scottish Episcopal Church; 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.

ALL:

Strengthen your Church to carry forward the work of Christ; that we and all who confess your Name may unite

in truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.

LEADER:

We pray for our country and for all the nations of the world, especially those at war: Russia and Ukraine, and Israel and Palestine; countries where there is civil war: Ethiopia, Myanmar and Sudan; and for all peoples in their various callings.

ALL:

Direct this nation and all the nations in the ways of justice and truth. Give wisdom to all in positions of public trust and authority; that they may promote the prosperity, godliness and peace of your people everywhere.

LEADER:

We pray for our own community, for this parish: especially those celebrating birthdays this week, namely Judy, Ian, Nellie, Nathan and Mervyn; and for couples celebrating an anniversary of marriage, and for our families, friends, and all who live and work with us.

ALL:

Give grace to all our friends and neighbours in Christ, that we may serve Him in one another and grow together in His love.

LEADER:

We pray for the poor, the sick, the unemployed, people who are disabled; all who have requested our prayers and

all who seek the prayers of the Church in their time of trouble.

ALL:

Give healing and strength to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and sustain all those who remember and care for them.

LEADER:

We commemorate the departed; especially Blair Murray and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time; help us to rejoice in the knowledge that they live with you now in the fullness of heaven's joy.

ALL:

We commend all people to your unfailing love, that in them your will may be fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom.

Silence is kept.

LEADER:

Accept these prayers, O Lord our God, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

ALL: 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. *(1 John 1:8,9)*

A period of silence shall be kept.

DEACON:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

FORM A

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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.

ALL: 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.

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 ~ 467

God moves in a mysterious way
his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea,
and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
of never-failing skill
he treasures up his bright designs,
and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break
in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
but trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence
he hides a smiling face.

Blind unbelief is sure to err
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,

and he will make it plain.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800), 1779

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)*

PROPER PREFACE ~ “Of God the Father”

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For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
(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 and 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"

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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

(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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DEACON:

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:

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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 ~ 455 & 350

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,

Saviour divine:
now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Saviour, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

Hymn ~ 350

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Saviour;
there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.

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 ~ *“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 upon you and remain with you this day and forever more.

ALL: *Amen.*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional Hymn ~ 799

Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God’s right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord’s command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour’s face,

his praises sound,
as in his light
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

Ye saints who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthems sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.

My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love.
Let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise

*Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691),
and John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862)*

THE DISMISSAL

DEACON:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Comment: *“The vineyard destroyed”*

In our opening lesson, **the prophet sings a sad parable about God’s vineyard, Israel, and the destruction which must now come upon it.** Despite all God’s loving care, this vineyard brought forth only sour grapes. The Lord looked for right judgement and found wrong. God hoped for justice and instead heard cries of distress.

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

A lament and a plea to the Lord, the shepherd of Israel, that the Lord will restore God’s ravaged vineyard.

The Second Lesson (The Epistle): Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Comment: *“The faith of the Hebrew people, a great cloud of witnesses”*

In the New Testament lesson, **Jesus the promised one has opened access to the Father in ways previous generations longed to see.** The righteous men and women of former days performed all their deeds in faith, true to God and to such revelation as they had received. Now disciples are to set aside distractions and surmount every obstacle, encouraged by the witness of the faithful ancestors and walking confidently in the way forged by Jesus through the sacrifice of the cross.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Comment: *“Jesus brings fire on earth and has a baptism with which to be baptised”*

In our Gospel passage, **Jesus foresees difficult times ahead: his own ordeal and the necessity of division even within families.** He has come to bring the purifying fire of judgement, and must himself first undergo the baptism of suffering and death. Before there is any peace on earth, hard decisions leading to ruptures have to be made. The people should be like good weather-watchers in reading the signs of the times.



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. 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 (acquired)

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

- 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 17 to 23, 2025***

18 Mrs. Judy King

Mr. Ian E. Lashley

20 Mrs. Nellie E. Hunte

21 Mr. Nathan Daniel

22 Mr. Mervyn E. Rollins



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. The funeral and interment took place at St. Mary Church, on Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.



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

“No Christian can be a worthy disciple of the Lord without some self-sacrifice.”



Sunday, August 17, 2025

**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15 –
Year C**

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, August 20, 2025
10:00 A.M. ~ Morning Prayer and Communion
The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White



Sunday, August 24, 2025
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 16 –
Year C

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



DIOCESAN NEWS

Greetings to all confirmands,

Since your Confirmation, we hope you've been growing in faith and enjoying your spiritual journey. We are excited to invite you to a one-day explorers programme, themed "ROOTED IN FAITH AND GROWING IN CHRIST," on Saturday August 30th, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Codrington College, St. John.

This programme is designed for young people aged 12-19 from across the Diocese, aiming to strengthen your commitment and provide resources for your ongoing faith journey. It's a wonderful opportunity to share and connect with others.

We look forward to seeing you there! Please reply by August 20th 2025.

Yours in Christ

The Rev. Jilian Crawford
Youth Liaison Officer

Application forms are available on the Ushers' Desk.
Please submit completed forms to The Rev'd Jilian Crawford
at youthofficer@anglicanbb.com



ACTING PRESIDENT OF BARBADOS:

Members are asked to note that The Dean, The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson is Acting as President of Barbados from Sunday, August 10, 2025 until Sunday August 31, 2025. Her Excellency The Most Honourable Dame Sandra Mason, President of Barbados who will be on vacation leave during that period.

The Rev'd Sandra Hazell (St. Lawrence) and The Rev'd Erma Ambrose (St. Paul) will serve as Priests-in-Charge of the Cathedral, August 10 to 17 and August 18 to 31, respectively. The 7:00 A.M. services will be conducted by The Rev'd Michael "Tony" Haynes (10th, 17th and 31st); and the Rev'd Erma Ambrose will preside on August 24th. The Rev'd Canon George Knight will officiate at the 9:00 A.M. services; except on August 31st when The Rev'd Canon George Harewood of the Stall of St. Aidan, will preside as part of the Canons in the Cathedral Series. They will be assisted by the Rev'd Re-Shan White, Assistant Curate.

The Cathedral Office will remain open at the usual hours, Monday to Friday, 9:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Please contact Ms. Armel Marshall, Administrative Assistant.

**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
August 17 to 23, 2025**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: <i>Proper 15</i>	Psalm 118 2 Samuel 17:1-23 Galatians 3:6-14	Psalm 145 Judges 16:15-31 John 5:30-47
Monday	Psalm 106:1-18 2 Samuel 17:24—18:8 Acts 22:20—23:11	Psalm 106:19-48 Judges 17:1-13 Mark 11:12-26
Tuesday	Psalms [120], 121, 122. 123 2 Samuel 18:9-18 Acts 23:12-24	Psalms 124, 125, 126. [127] Judges 18:1-15 Mark 11:27—12:12
Wednesday	Psalm 119:145-176 2 Samuel 18:19-33 Acts 23:23-35	Psalms 128, 129, 130 Judges 18:1-31 Mark 12:13-27
Thursday	Psalms 131, 132, [133] 2 Samuel 10:1-23 Acts 23:1-25	Psalms 134, 135 Job 1:1-22 Mark 12:28-34
Friday	Psalms 140, 142 2 Samuel 19:24-43 Acts 24:24—25:12	Psalms 141; 142:1-11(12) Job 2:1-13 Mark 12:34-44
Saturday	Psalms 137:1-6(7-9); 144 2 Samuel 23:1-7, 13-17 Acts 25:13-27	Psalm 104 Job 3:1-26 Mark 13:1-13 <i>Collect for Proper 16</i>

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