



The
SPIRIT
of
PENTECOST

**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost:
Year C ~ Proper 17
August 31, 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
of Barbados**

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7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

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The Rev'd Michael Haynes

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President:

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Lay Eucharist Minister: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit Hymn 369

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 17”

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring

forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Jeremiah 2:4-13

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Danita Layne

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

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became
worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the LORD
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the LORD,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 **(TO BE READ)**

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1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

- 10 I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and
said, * "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill
it."
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their
hearts, * to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before
him, * and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

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 13:1-8, 15-16

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Lina Springer

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Mary Weekes

A reading from the Word of God written in the Letter of Paul
to the Hebrews, the thirteenth chapter, beginning at the first
verse.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 511

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

Words: John Keble (1792-1866), with others

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14
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
fourteenth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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 A. Harewood

(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. ~ Ms. Shernelle O’Neale

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Juno Burrows

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 Church of South India (United); 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 of 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 give thanks for CARIFESTA, the Caribbean Festival of Creative Arts that will climax today in Barbados. For the inspiration of those who first conceived of it, for the many

people whose work has gone into sustaining it over the years and for all who have worked so hard to make this fifteenth edition of it a success. We pray for all who have come from across the Caribbean and beyond and have taken part in whatever way, for all who have attended their events, that this festival may enrich the life of those in this nation, the region and the world. We give thanks for the manifold gifts of the arts to enhance our lives, for the joy, comfort and power they have to bring us beyond our own experience and deepen our knowledge, compassion and humanity.

ALL:

Pour out your blessing, we pray, on CARIFESTA, that through its work we may be refreshed in our spirits and grow into deeper fellowship with all those in our community, our country, our region and our world.

LEADER:

We pray for our own community, for this parish: especially those celebrating birthdays this week, namely Cicely, Monica, Katetra, Oscar, Catherine, Glyne, Margaret, and Jayden; 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 Clyde Outram 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.

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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 ~ 711

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.

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

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

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,

flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.

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

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THE 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” Page 130

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 “E”

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PRESIDENT:

Sovereign Lord and Father,

To you be glory and praise for ever. In
your boundless wisdom
you brought creation into being; In your great love
you fashioned us in your image;
In your tender compassion
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
to share our human nature;
In the power of the Holy Spirit,
He overcame the power of sin and death
and brought your people to new birth
as first fruits of your new creation.

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 the command

of your dearly beloved Son

ALL:

We remember His death

We proclaim His resurrection

We await His coming in glory

PRESIDENT:

And we offer you, Father,
our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of
bread and wine that they may become
the Body and Blood of your Son,
Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer.
As we partake of this holy food of new
and unending life, may your Holy Spirit
establish us as a royal priesthood
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Aidan
and all your sons and daughters who share
in your eternal inheritance;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 "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 ~ 608 & 298

My God, and is thy table spread,
and doth thy cup with love o'erflow?
Thither be all thy children led,
and let them all thy sweetness know.

Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes,
rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
Thrice happy he who here partakes
that sacred stream, that heavenly food.

Why are its dainties all in vain
before unwilling hearts displayed?
Was not for them the Victim slain?
Are they forbid the children's Bread?

O let thy table honoured be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the god whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Hymn ~ 298

Belovèd, let us love: love is of God;
in God alone hath love its true abode.

Belovèd, let us love: for they who love,
they only, are his sons, born from above.

Belovèd, let us love: for love is rest,
and he who loveth not abides unblest.

Belovèd, let us love: for love is light,
and he who loveth not dwelleth in night.

Belovèd, let us love: for only thus
shall we behold that God who loveth us.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

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 ~ “*St. Aidan*”

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God give you grace to follow St. Aidan and all His Saints in faith and hope and love; 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 ~ 750

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;

tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-), based on Luke 1:46-55.
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THE DISMISSAL

DEACON:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 17

First Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13

Comment: “Israel forsakes the Lord”

In our Hebrew scripture lesson, **the prophet gives voice to the Lord's bafflement with the families of Israel, who have strayed far and no longer seek God.** The people seem to have forgotten their deliverance from Egypt and God's providential care in giving them the promised land. All have forgotten the Lord: priests, rulers, prophets, and people alike, pursuing gods which are no gods, and worthless ways. The very heavens are appalled that the people have turned from God, the fountain of living water.

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

A song of festival praise and an exhortation to worship the Lord alone.

Second Lesson: (The Epistle) Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Comment: *"God is with us: let acts of mutual love continue"*

In this reading **Christians are urged to live moral, hospitable, and charitable lives, recalling the faith and examples of their leaders, but especially the unchanging Jesus.** The leaders referred to are the founders of this church who have now died. Jesus Christ, however, remains with his people, in the past, present, and future. Scripture says that God will never forsake us, and, with the Lord as our helper, there is no need to be afraid. Therefore, one should be swift to worship, both in the praise of one's lips and by sharing and striving to do good to others.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Comment: *"An image of God's reign: invite the poor, crippled to your banquet"*

In the Gospel **Jesus tells a parable about humility and teaches his host that he should invite the poor and infirm to his feasts.** Both the parable and the teaching have a still deeper significance. The reign of God is the Lord's gift, which comes to those who do not presume their place in it. By his actions as well as his words Jesus's ministry shows that the kingdom is open to those who are considered by others to be outcasts. People who share in God's ruling love and justice are to have a transformed attitude toward the poor and needy.



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 31 to September 6, 2025***

2 Ms. Cicely I. Goodridge

3 Mr. Oscar DeL. Ifill

Ms. Monica H. Asgill ~ (Shut In)

Ms. Katetra M. Proute

4 Mrs. Catherine A. Bradshaw

Mr. Glyne StC. A. Bourne

Mrs. Margaret Fraser-Morrison

6 Mr. Jayden K. Arthur



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, 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 Clyde Outram.



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 lack of self-importance is one of the marks of the true Christian.”



Sunday, August 31, 2025

**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 17 –
Year C**

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Wednesday, September 3, 2025
10:00 A.M. ~ A Service of Public Healing



Sunday, September 7, 2025
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 18 –
Year C

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
President & Preacher

The Rev'd Michael Haynes

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist
President & Preacher

The Rev'd Canon Trevor O'Neale



Gifts, Memorials and Thanksgiving: Members are invited to donate items for use in worship in memory of loved ones who have passed, and to celebrate birthdays, wedding and confirmation anniversaries and other achievements. Donation options may include: purificators for use at communion, flowers to decorate the church on Sundays or during the Church's upcoming Patronal Festival in September 2025. To offer your donation, you may contact the Administrative Assistant.

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| ❖ Flowers | \$200 - \$250 per week |
| ❖ Wafers | \$60.00 per box |
| ❖ Wine | \$330.00 per case |
| ❖ Votive Candles | \$144.00 per case |

- ❖ Votive candle holders \$82.50 per case
- ❖ Purificators \$75.00 each
- ❖ Water for Dispenser \$29.40 per bottle



FLEA MARKET: We take this opportunity to thank all those persons who contributed towards making the Flea Market a success.



Canons in the Cathedral Series 2025

Members are asked to note that the series, “Canons in the Cathedral” will continue as follows:

- **Sunday, August 31st** – The Rev’d Canon George A. Harewood, Rector of St. Stephen (of the Stall of St. Aidan).
- **Sunday, September 7th** – The Rev’d Trevor S. O’Neale, Rector of St. Philip Parish Church (of the Stall of St. Augustine)
- **Sunday, September 14th** – The Rev’d Noel A. Burke, Rector of St. David (of the Stall of St. Cyprian).



PATRONAL FESTIVAL: The Patronal Festival of the Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels will be celebrated from Sunday, September 28 to Sunday, October 5, 2025. This year’s theme is, **"We Gatherin' with the**

Angels: Protection, Resilience, and Grace". It is envisaged that it will be a festival to incorporate traditional and contemporary worship elements: music, dance and prayer. Members are encouraged to invite their friends, neighbours and former worshippers in the Cathedral to attend.

Meantime, there will be a retreat for all parish leaders on Saturday, September 27, 2025 between 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. The purpose is to consolidate on the Bicentennial campaign to reinvigorate the Cathedral: Mission – Ministry -Maintenance - Money.

The Patronal Festival schedule is as follows:

Sunday, September 28, 2025

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist
6:00 P.M. ~ Festal Evensong

Monday, 29, 2025

7:00 P.M. ~ The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels,
Procession and Sung Eucharist

Tuesday, 30, 2025

7:00 P.M. ~ Women in Worship and Service - Resilience

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

10:00 A.M. ~ A Public Service of Healing
(The Guild of Health and St. Raphael)

Thursday, October 2, 2025

7:00 P.M. ~ Men in Worship and Service - Protection
(The Men's Fellowship's 50th anniversary)

Friday, October 3, 2025

7:00 P.M. ~ Children and Youth in Worship and Service
- Grace

Saturday, October 4, 2025

5:00 P.M. ~ Welcome and Appreciation of Ministries
(Details to be announced)

Sunday, October 5, 2025

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

6:00 P.M. ~ Festal Evensong, Procession and Te Deum



SERMON NOTES

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Topic:.....

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Preacher:.....

Points to Ponder:

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What was God saying specifically to me during the Sermon?

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**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
August 31 to September 6, 2025**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: <i>Proper 17</i>	Psalms 148, 149, 150 1 Kings 8:22-30(31-40) 1 Timothy 4:7b-16	Psalms 114, 115 Job 11:1-9, 13-20 John 8:47-59
Monday	Psalm 25 2 Chronicles 6:32—7:7 James 2:14-26	Psalms 9, 15 Job 12:1-6, 13-25 Mark 14:53-65
Tuesday	Psalms 26, 28 1 Kings 8:65—9:9 James 2:14-26	Psalms 36, 39 Job 12:1; 13:3-17, 21-27 Mark 14:66-72
Wednesday	Psalm 38 1 Kings 9:24—10:13 James 3:1-12	Psalm 119:35-48 Job 12:1; 14:1-22 Mark 15:1-11
Thursday	Psalm 37:1-18 1 Kings 11:1-13 James 3:13—4:12	Psalm 37:19-42 Job 16:16-22; 17:1, 13-16 Mark 15:12-21
Friday	Psalm 31 1 Kings 11:26-43 James 4:13—5:6	Psalm 35 Job 19:1-7, 14-27 Mark 15:22-32
Saturday	Psalms 30, 32 1 Kings 12:1-20 James 5:7-12, 19-20	Psalms 42, 43 Job 22:1-4, 21—23:7 Mark 15:33-39 <i>Collect for Proper 18</i>

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