



**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:  
Year C ~ Proper 20  
September 21, 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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**Sunday, September 21, 2025**  
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**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**  
**President and Preacher:**  
**The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**  
**Deacon: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White, B.A.**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist**  
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**Lay Eucharist Minister: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Organ Prelude

Welcome

**Introit Hymn 384**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear,  
now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously  
reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting  
sustaineth:

hast thou not seen  
how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend  
thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before  
him!  
Let the amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him.

*Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680),  
from Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren, German;  
translation: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20”*

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

**ALL:**           **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that

shall endure; 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 8:18—9:1**

**Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Deidre Cox**

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

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

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,  
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people  
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?  
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their  
images,  
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,  
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people  
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
so that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of my poor people!

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 79:1-9 *Deus, venerunt*

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- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy temple; \* they have  
made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for  
the birds of the air, \* and the flesh of your faithful  
ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of  
Jerusalem, \* and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \*  
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? \* will your fury  
blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not  
known you \* and upon the kingdoms that have not  
called upon your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob \* and made his dwelling  
a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be  
swift to meet us; \* for we have been brought very  
low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your  
Name; \* deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your  
Name's sake.

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: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

**Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes, Q.C.**

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

A reading from the Word of God written in Paul's First Letter to Timothy, the second chapter, beginning at the first verse.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and  
humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,  
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL:       **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand, as able)*

### **The Gradual 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*

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**  
**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 sixteenth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

**ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so

that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

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

*(Please sit)*

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

*(Please stand, as able)*

**The Nicene Creed**

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
one in Being with the Father.  
Through Him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven:

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

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

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

*(Please sit or kneel)*

**Intercessors:**

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

**9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Lynette Francis-Thornhill**

**LEADER:**

Lord, as we find hope and glory in the mystery of the Cross, so may we find in the struggles and difficulties of this life the comfort of your presence and the truth of your purposes.

*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 Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; we also pray for the Anglican presence in the civil parish of St. James as it observes “We Gatherin”, for Beverley, Priest, and Stevenson, Deacon at St. James Parish Church, for Wayne of the parish of St. John The Baptist with Good Shepherd, and Eric of the parish of St. Silas and St. Alban; 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; also, on this International Day of Peace which is being observed under the theme, “Act Now for a Peaceful World”, draw us together into one family of peace, for your children in the world 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 Sheila, Janiya, Milroy, Wendy, Donna, Valdine and Sandra; 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; Justice Errol Chase, Clyde Outram, Sylvester Jones, Teka Lashley, Orpha Taylor, Arlington Watson and Eudora Yearwood, 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*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Offertory Hymn ~ 409

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;

great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Words: from Rob tu mo bhoile, a Comdi cride, c8th century Irish:  
Translation: Mary Byrne (1880-1931), versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

## **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 “A”**

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**PRESIDENT:**

All Holy and glorious Father,  
our Creator God,  
we give you thanks  
because in your loving wisdom  
you brought all things into being,  
and are truly worthy of praise  
from every creature you have made.

Again and again

we have turned away from you;  
yet in every age your steadfast love  
has called us to return,  
to live in union with you:  
for it is your eternal purpose  
to put new life into all things  
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ  
who took our human nature upon Him  
you have redeemed the world  
from the bondage of sin:  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you have gathered a people to yourself,  
to make known in every place  
His perfect offering which He made  
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed  
He took bread,  
and when He had given thanks to you,  
He broke it and gave it to His disciples  
and said: "Take this, and eat it:  
This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And after supper

He took the cup of wine:

and when He had given thanks,

He gave it to them and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the New Covenant,

which is shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me.”

PRESIDENT:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**ALL:**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

PRESIDENT:

And so, Heavenly Father,

rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation;

His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice

made once for all upon the Cross;

His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;

His Glorious Ascension into heaven;

and looking for His Coming in glory;

we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of  
praise and thanksgiving;  
and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood  
of your Son, our great High Priest,  
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,  
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.  
Unite us with all Bishops,  
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,  
and with the whole people of God,  
living and departed,  
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,  
that we may be found ready to join the company  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,  
and all your saints,  
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:  
Forever giving you thanks and praise  
through Him for whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father Almighty,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All:**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**PRESIDENT:**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**ALL:**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name;  
your kingdom come;  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread,  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD "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 ~ 593 and 262**

I am not worthy, Holy Lord,  
that thou shouldst come to me;

speak but the word; one gracious word  
        can set the sinner free.

    I am not worthy; cold and bare  
        the lodging of my soul;  
    how canst thou deign to enter there?  
    Lord, speak, and make me whole.

    I am not worthy; yet, my God,  
        how can I say thee nay;  
    thee, who didst give thy flesh and blood  
        my ransom-price to pay?

    O come! In this sweet morning hour  
        feed me with food divine;  
    and fill with all thy love and power  
        this wavering heart of mine.

*Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)*

## **Hymn 262**

    Son of God, eternal Saviour,  
    source of life and truth and grace,  
    Son of Man, whose birth incarnate  
        hallows all our human race,  
    thou, our Head, who, throned in glory,  
    for thine own dost ever plead,  
    fill us with thy love and pity;  
    heal our wrongs, and help our need.

    As thou, Lord, hast lived for others,  
        so may we for others live;

freely have thy gifts been granted,  
freely may thy servants give:  
thine the gold and thine the silver,  
thine the wealth of land and sea,  
we but stewards of thy bounty,  
held in solemn trust for thee.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love, and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion,  
bid its cruel discords cease;  
by thy patient years of toiling,  
by thy silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
shame our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, Eternal Saviour,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate  
hallows all our human race,  
thou who prayedst, thou who willest,  
that thy people should be one,  
grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth thy will be done

*Words: Somerset Corey Lowry (1855-1932)*

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 the truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus 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 ~ 387

To God be the glory! Great things he hath done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son;  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life Gate that all may go in.

#### ***Refrain:***

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice:  
O come to the Father,  
through Jesus the Son  
and give him the glory;  
great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Refrain*

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*Refrain*

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

**THE DISMISSAL**

DEACON:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.**



**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20**

First Reading: Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

**Comment:** “*Jeremiah laments over Judah*”

In our first lesson **the prophet laments both the heavy word that it is his duty to carry to the people, and the stubborn resistance of the people to repentance.** The prophet’s heart is, like the Lord’s own heart, sick

with grief and trouble, as one found constantly weeping.

**Psalm 79:1-9**

*A psalm of lament in a day of destruction, with petition for the Lord's help and deliverance.*

**Second Lesson (The Epistle): 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

**Comment:** *“One God, one mediator—Christ Jesus—who gave himself for all people”*

In this lesson **disciples are called upon to pray for all, including political rulers, so that Christians may lead peaceable and moral lives. It is God's will that everyone should find salvation.** Jesus is the mediator between the one God and humanity; he has sacrificed himself for the freedom of all. Paul has been appointed an apostle to make his saving work known to the Gentiles. During this period the newborn Christian movement was a tiny part of society and Christians felt that they needed peaceful conditions to spread the gospel. They usually took a positive view of the functions of the state in maintaining peace and justice.

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

**Comment:** *“A shrewd manager: faithful in little, faithful in much; serving God or wealth”*

Our Gospel is **the story of the steward who, when dismissed for mis-management, showed himself to be very shrewd. This is followed by teaching about Mammon, that is, worldly wealth.** The joke would be on us if we fastened on the details of the story. The man's obviously dishonest behaviour forces us to look more deeply

for what is admirable about him-his readiness to face up to reality together with his unquenchable hopefulness in the face of calamity. This is to be the attitude of Jesus' followers as the kingdom with its time challenge and judgement approaches. The teaching on money suggests that disciples must know its significance, while never serving it.



## **CATHEDRAL NEWS**

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** The ministry, mission and maintenance of the Cathedral is supported primarily by its members' contributions weekly and monthly. However, contributions are appreciated from anyone. An invitation is extended to all visitors and well-wishers to support the financial needs of this sacred place. Please donate to St. Michael's Cathedral, Bridgetown, St. Michael.

Friends and well-wishers may write to [stmichaelcathedral@caribsurf.com](mailto:stmichaelcathedral@caribsurf.com) or call 1 246-427-0790 for more details. Meantime, donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606.

**BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS - CATHEDRAL REVITALIZATION 2024 and BEYOND: Mission – Ministry - Maintenance - Money.**

A campaign to revitalise the Cathedral's heritage; to strengthen congregational vitality; and to build the Church for tomorrow, was launched on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. On Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Parochial Church

Council, other parish leaders, and representatives of the congregation are invited to participate in a retreat. The purposes are to review the campaign and to consolidate on its legacy. It will be held at Crystal View Estate, Kendall, St. John between 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Please pray for a productive session.



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays  
this week ~ September 21 to September 27, 2025***

*22 Ms. Sheila Sealy*

*23 Ms. Janiya Harper*

*24Ms. Milroy I. King (Shut-in)*

*Dr. Wendy Sealy*

*25Ms. Donna Inniss.*

*27Mrs. Valdine E. Browne*

*Ms. Sandra M. Greene*



***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.



**THEME FOR THE WEEK**

*“Personal wealth and the pressures of business place great temptations in the path of Christian discipleship.”*



**BEREAVEMENT:** We extend sincere condolences to the families of the late Justice Errol Chase, Clyde Outram, Sylvester Jones, Teka Lashley, mother of The Rev'd Dr. Marcus Lashley, Orpha Taylor, sister of Helena Lyte, Arlington Watson and Eudora Yearwood.



We thank God for their lives, work, and witness among us. **May the bereaved families know the blessedness of those who mourn.**



**Sunday, September 21, 2025**

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20**

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

**9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist**



**Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

**10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**

**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 also 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.

- ❖ 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



**PATRONAL FESTIVAL 2025**

Patronal Festival 2025 under the theme: **"We Gatherin' with the Angels: Protection, Resilience, and Grace"**.

Worship and Celebration – A Festival to incorporate traditional and contemporary worship elements: - Music – Dance - Prayer

Sunday, 28 September, 2025

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

**Preacher: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White, Assistant Curate, St. Michael's Cathedral**

6:00 P.M. ~ Festal Evensong

**Preacher: The Rev'd Stevenson Sobers, Assistant Curate, St. James Parish Church.**

Monday, 29 September, 2025

**The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels**

7:00 P.M. Procession and Sung Eucharist

**Preacher: The Rev'd Michael Squires, Priest-in-Charge of St. Matthew and the Church of the Resurrection.**

Tuesday, 30 September, 2025

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

**Preacher: The Rev'd Merlene Lucas, Priest-in-Charge of St. Luke.**

Wednesday, 1 October, 2025

10:00 A.M. ~ Public Service of Healing

**President and Preacher: The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell, Bishop of Barbados.**

Thursday, 2 October, 2025

7:00 P.M. ~ Men in Worship and Service – Protection

**Preacher: The Rev'd Joseph King, Rector of St. Mary.**

Friday, 3 October 2025

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

**Preacher: The Rev'd Denis Maynard, Assistant Curate, St. John Parish Church.**

Sunday, 5 October, 2025

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

**Preacher: The Dean,**

**The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson, St. Michael's  
Cathedral.**

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

**Preacher: The Rev'd Dr. Adrian Smith,**

**Calvary Moravian Church.**



### ANNOUNCEMENT

We regret to note the death of Church Warden Emeritus Mr. Arlington DaC Watson, BSM, J.P., on Wednesday evening, September 17, 2025, at his home. Mr. Watson had a distinguished career in the Royal Barbados Police Force (now the Barbados Police Service), from which he retired from the post of Assistant Commissioner. He served the Cathedral wholeheartedly for many years. He was active in the Men's Fellowship and served on the Parochial Church in several capacities, including Church Warden. Upon his retirement from active service in the Cathedral, he was conferred the title Church Warden Emeritus on September 22, 2019. The Dean, the Parochial Church Council and Cathedral congregation take this opportunity to record their appreciation of his life, work and witness; and extend sincere condolences to his wife Margaret and to all members of his family. May he rest in peace.

**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings  
September 21 to 27, 2025**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning Readings</b>	<b>Evening Readings</b>
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: <i>Proper 20</i>	Psalms 93, 96 2 Kings 4:8-37 Acts 9:10-31	Psalm 34 Esther 3:1—4:3 or Judith 5:22—6:4, 10-21 Luke 3:7-18
Monday	Psalm 119:41-64 Isaiah 8:11-20 Romans 10:1-15	Psalms 19, 112 Job 28:12-28 Matthew 13:44-52
Tuesday	Psalm 78:1-9 2 Kings 5:19-27 1 Corinthians 5:1-9	Psalm 78:40-72 Esther 5:1-14 or Judith 8:9-17; 9:1, 7-10 Matthew 5:27-37
Wednesday	Psalm 119:97-120 2 Kings 6:1-23 1 Corinthians 5:9—6:8	Psalms 81, 82 Esther 6:1-14 or Judith 10:1-21 Matthew 5:38-48
Thursday	Psalms [83] or 116, 117 2 Kings 9:1-16 1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Psalms 85, 86 Esther 7:1-10 or Judith 12:1-20 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Friday	Psalm 88 2 Kings 9:17-37 Judith 13:1-20 Matthew 6:7-15	Psalms 91, 92 Esther 8:1-8, 15-17 or Judith 13:1-20 Matthew 6:7-13
Saturday	Psalms 87, 90 2 Kings 11:1-20a 1 Corinthians 7:10-24	Psalm 136 Hosea 1:1—2:1 Matthew 6:19-24 <i>Collect for Proper 21</i>

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