



**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Year C ~ Proper 21
September 28, 2025
Services
7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.**

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

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Sunday, September 28, 2025
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7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

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Preacher: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White, B.A.

Lay Eucharist Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit Hymn ~ 381

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him,
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all ye stars of light:
praise the Lord! For he hath spoken,
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws, which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he hath made.

Praise the Lord! For he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious,
sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!

Words: John Kemphorne (1775-1838), 1796

Opening Sentence “*General*” Page 100
“Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole
earth stand in awe of Him.” (*Psalms 96:9*)

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 Page 101

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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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 32:1-3a, 6-15

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Joyanne Blackman-Jarvis

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Betty Holder-Montgomery

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

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says

the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 *Qui habitat*

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- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

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 6:6-19

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Stephen White

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

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment

without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 729

Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;

our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim
in joyful song,
both loud and long,
that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
in copious shower
on all who pray
each holy day
thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

*Words: anonymous, from Angularis fundamentum,
before 9th century, Latin;
translation: John Chandler (1806-1876), alt.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31
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 nineteenth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

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

(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)

AN INTERCESSION Form “D”

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Intercessors:

7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donnah Russell

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Margaret Aimey

LEADER:

Lord God, we pray for your world, that your holy angels would watch over all those who are vulnerable or in particular need this day, that through their ministry all people would come to know security and peace.

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 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; 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 Daphne, Julian, Nadya, Andrea, and Margaret; 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, Reon Dottin, 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.

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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.*

(Please stand)

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE “A”

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PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised into one Body and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL:

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP

Hymn 296

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet Heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us,
filling us with your love.
And for these blessings,
we lift our hearts in praise,
without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.*

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
'I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.

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THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

(At 9:00 A.M.) A Presentation of Dance – “Praise Him in Advance” by Marvin Sapp, performed by “One Movement”.

The Offertory Hymn ~ 730

God is here! As we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place;
here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore

what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.
Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
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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 “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 ~ 627 & 590

We pray thee, heavenly Father,
to hear us in thy love,
and pour upon thy children
the unction from above;
that so in love abiding,
from all defilement free,
we may in pureness offer
our eucharist to thee.

Be thou our guide and helper,
O Jesu Christ, we pray;
so may we well approach thee,
if thou wilt be the Way:
thou, very Truth, hast promised
to help us in our strife,
food of the weary pilgrim,
eternal source of life.

And thou, creator Spirit,
look on us, we are thine;
renew in us thy graces,
upon our darkness shine;
that, with thy benediction
upon our souls outpoured,

we may receive in gladness
the body of the Lord.

O Trinity of Persons,
O Unity most high,
on thee alone relying
thy servants would draw nigh:
unworthy in our weakness,
on thee our hope is stayed,
and blessed by thy forgiveness
we will not be afraid.

Words: Vincent Stuckey Stratton Coles (1845-1929)

Hymn ~ 590

Hosanna to the living Lord!
Hosanna to the Incarnate Word,
to Christ, Creator, Saviour, King,
let earth, let heaven hosanna sing,
hosanna in the highest!

O Saviour, with protecting care
abide in this thy house of prayer,
where we thy parting promise claim,
assembled in thy sacred name.
Hosanna in the highest!

But, chiefest, in our cleansèd breast,
Eternal, bid thy Spirit rest;
and make our secret soul to be
a temple pure and worthy thee.
Hosanna in the highest!

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
be honour, praise, and glory given
by all on earth and all in heaven.
Hosanna in the highest!

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), 1811

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 ~ 798

Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright,
filled with celestial resplendence and light,
these that, where night never followeth day,
raise the Trisagion ever and ay:
These are thy counsellors, these dost thou own,
Lord God of Sabaoth, nearest thy throne;
these are thy ministers, these dost thou send,
help of the helpless ones, us to defend.

*These keep the guard amid Salem's dear bowers;
thrones, principalities, virtues and powers;
where, with the living ones, mystical four,
cherubim, seraphim bow and adore.

‘Who like the Lord?’ thunders Michael the Chief;
Raphael, ‘the Cure of God’, comforteth grief;
and, as at Nazareth, prophet of peace,
Gabriel, ‘the light of God’, bringeth release.

Then, when the earth was first poised in mid-space,
then, when the planets first sped on their race,
then, when were ended the six days' employ,
then all the Sons of God shouted for joy.

Still let them succour us; still let them fight,
Lord of angelic hosts, battling for right;
till, where their anthems they ceaselessly pour,
we with the angels may bow and adore.

*Words: Joseph the Hymnographer? (died 883) from Greek;
translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

THE DISMISSAL

DEACON:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21

First Reading: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Comment: *“Jeremiah’s Prophetic Action”*

In our Hebrew scripture lesson **Jeremiah, confined in King Zedekiah’s palace in Jerusalem for prophesying King Zedekiah’s captures by the Chaldeans and the fall of Jerusalem, engages in a prophetic action.** He purchases family land from his cousin and, as a public proceeding, Jeremiah gives his secretary Baruch the task of sealing and securing the deed. All of this is to indicate that, unlike the present time of calamity, the days will once more come when commerce and the buying and selling of property are possible. The state of siege will end.

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

A hymn of trust in the Lord God will guard and deliver the one who loves and seeks refuge with God.

Second Lesson (The Epistle): 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Comment: *“Eager to be rich or eager to pursue richness of God’s justice?”*

In this lesson **Paul exhorts Timothy to be strong with virtues in race of faith for the appearance of the Lord Jesus. He warns against the love of money and instructs the rich to be generous and to store up the treasure of true life.** Timothy was one of Paul's trusted associates. Paul refers to his noble confession of faith and now charges Timothy, in the presence of God and of Jesus who made his testimony before Pontius Pilate, to keep the commandment with purity. Jesus will appear at the time appointed by the great Ruler and Lord, the immortal God, whom no mortal can ever see.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Comment: *“Story of poor Lazarus and the wealthy man”*

Our Gospel is the story of the life and death of a rich man at whose gate lay a poor beggar by the name of Lazarus. In the next life their situations are strikingly reversed. The rich man wishes that Lazarus could return to life to warn his brothers of the fate that awaits them. He is told, however, that if they do not heed Moses and the prophets, they will not listen even if someone rises from the dead. This last comment hints that there will continue to be a callousness toward the poor even after Jesus' resurrection. The story strongly suggests that now is the time that an irrevocable decision must be made.



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.
Work on the windows has officially been started.



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays
this week ~ September 28 to October 4, 2025***

28 Mr. John F. Sealy

29 Ms. Daphne O. Browne

30 Mr. Julian A. Burton

Ms. Nadya Nurse

Ms. Andrea N. White

4 Mrs. Margaret Fraser-Morrison



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, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Sir Wilfred Wood, Basil Worrell, and Ernesta Yarde.



THEME FOR THE WEEK

“Our wealth given to us by God to be used for the benefit of others.”





BEREAVEMENT: We extend sincere condolences to the families of the late Justice Errol Chase, Reon Dottin, grandson of Zida Hunte, Clyde Outram, Sylvester Jones, Teka Lashley, mother of 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 28, 2025

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21

Year C – Start of Patronal Festival 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

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White, Assistant Curate

6:00 P.M. ~ Festal Evensong

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



Monday, September 29, 2025

The Feast of Saint 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, September 30, 2025

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

Resilience

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



Wednesday, October 1, 2025

10:00 A.M. ~ A 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

***(50th anniversary of the establishment of the Cathedral's
Men's Fellowship).***

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 Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson, Dean

**6:00 P.M. ~ Festal Evensong, Procession and Te Deum
(Appreciation of the ministry of Canon George Knight)**

**The Rev'd Dr. Adrian Smith, Senior Calvary Moravian
Church**



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



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), and held the post of Assistant Commissioner until his retirement in December 1999. 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.



FLOWERS:

The Officers and members of the Flower Guild wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all persons who made contribution to the flowers for the Patronal Festival:



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
September 28 to October 4, 2025**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: <i>Proper 21</i>	Psalms 66, 67 2 Kings 17:1-18 Acts 9:36-43	Psalms 19, 46 Hosea 2:2-14 Luke 5:1-11
Monday	Psalms 8, 148 Job 38:1-7 Hebrews 1:1-14	Psalms 34, 150, or 104 Daiel 12:1-3 or 2 Kings 6:8-17 Marl 13:21-27 or Revelation 5:1-14
Tuesday	Psalms 97, 99. [100] 2 Chronicles 29:1-3; 30:1(2-9)10-27 1 Corinthians 7:32-40	Psalms 94, [95] Hosea 4:1-10 Matthew 7:1-12
Wednesday	Psalms 101; 109:1-4(5- 19)20-30 2 Kings 18:9-25 1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Psalm 119:121-144 Hosea 4:11-19 Matthew 7:13-21
Thursday	Psalm 105:1-22 2 Kings 18:28-37 1 Corinthians 9:1-15	Psalm 105:23-45 Hosea 5:8—6:6 Matthew 7:22-29
Friday	Psalm 102 2 Kings 18:28-37 1 Corinthians 9:1-15	Psalm 107:1-32 Hosea 10:1-15 Matthew 8:1-17
Saturday	Psalms 107:33-43; 108:1-6(7-13) 2 Kings 19:21-36 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Psalm 33 Hosea 11:1-9 Matthew 8:18-27 <i>Collect for Proper 22</i>

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