



**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Year C ~ Proper 22**

***“We Gatherin’ with the Angels: Protection, Resilience
and Grace”***

October 5, 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

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

President and Preacher:

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Deacon: The Rev’d Re-Shan A. White, B.A.

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

In Appreciation of the Ministry of Canon George Knight

Preacher: The Rev’d Dr. Adrian Smith, Senior Pastor,
Calvary Moravian Church

Lay Eucharist Minister: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit Hymn ~ 799

Sing we the praises of the great forerunner,
tell forth the mighty wonders of his story:
so may his Master cleanse our lips and make them
fit to extol him.

Lo, God’s high herald, swift from heaven descending,
gives to thy father tidings of thy coming,
telling thy name and all the tale of marvels

that shall befall thee.
Oft had the prophets in the time before thee
spoken in vision of the Daystar's coming;
but when he came, 'twas thou that didst proclaim him
Saviour of all men.

*Words: Paul the Deacon (730-799), from Ut queant laxis, Latin;
translation: Charles Stanley Phillips (1883-1949)*

Opening Sentence “*General*” Page 100

“Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.” (*Psalm 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

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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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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

First Lesson: Lamentations 1:1-6

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Senator Gregory Nicholls

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

How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.
She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
they have become her enemies.
Judah has gone into exile with suffering
and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
and finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.
The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.
Her foes have become the masters,
her enemies prosper,
because the LORD has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions;

her children have gone away,
 captives before the foe.

From daughter Zion has departed
 all her majesty.

Her princes have become like stags
 that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
 before the pursuer.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 137 *Super flumina*

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- 1 **B**y the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, *
 when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up *
 on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a
 song, and our oppressors called for mirth: *
 "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How shall we sing the Lord's song * upon an alien
 soil.
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand
 forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
 if I do not remember you, *
 if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD,
 against the people of Edom, *

who said, "Down with it! down with it!
even to the ground!"

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *
happy the one who pays you back
for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, *
and dashes them against 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: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Shaquan Pompey

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

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the
sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ
Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear
conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you
constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears,

I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 732

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.

For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee when they come,
and, going, take thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
thy former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim
the sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer,
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

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 seventeenth chapter, beginning at the fifth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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)

AN INTERCESSION Form “D”

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Intercessors:

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. John Moore

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 Anglican Church of Tanzania; we also pray for the Anglican presence in the civil parish of Christ Church as it observes “We Gatherin”, for Mark at Christ Church Parish Church, David at St. Christopher, Wayne at St. Bartholomew,

Nicholas at St. Patrick, Noel at St. David, Sandra at St. Lawrence, and Roslyn at St. Matthias; 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 Maeve, Yvette, Doris, Claudia, Aswika, Dean Emeritus Dixon, Helena and Justin; 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; Reon Dottin, The Rev'd Barclay Stoute, Orpha Taylor, and Arlington Watson, 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.

(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

(During the singing of this hymn worshippers, are encouraged, as inspired, to share tangible expressions such as a hand shake, etc.)

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

The Offertory Hymn ~ 736

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-)
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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)

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 ~ 791 & 792

Around the throne of God a band
of glorious angels ever stand;
bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,
and on their heads are crowns of gold.

Some wait around him, ready still
to sing his praise and do his will;
and some, when he commands them, go
to guard his servants here below.

Lord, give thy angels every day
command to guide us on our way,
and bid them every evening keep
their watch around us while we sleep.

So shall no wicked thing draw near,
to do us harm or cause us fear;
and we shall dwell, when life is past,
with angels round thy throne at last.

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Hymn ~ 792

Songs of praise the angels sang,
heaven with alleluias rang,
when creation was begun,
when God spoke and it was done.

Songs of praise awoke the morn
when the Prince of Peace was born:
songs of praise arose when he
captive led captivity.

Heaven and earth must pass away:
songs of praise shall crown that day:
God will make new heavens and earth;
songs of praise shall hail their birth.

And will man alone be dumb
till that glorious Kingdom come?
No, the church delights to raise
psalms and hymns and songs of praise.

Saints below, with heart and voice,
still in songs of praise rejoice;
learning here, by faith and love,
songs of praise to sing above.

Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise,
Jesu, glory unto thee,
with the Spirit ever be.

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
and Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern.*

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 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 ~ 797

Praise to God who reigns above
binding earth and heaven in love;
all the armies of the sky
worship his dread sovereignty.

Seraphim his praises sing,
cherubim on fourfold wing,
thrones, dominions, princes, powers,
marshalled might that never cowers.

Speeds the archangel from his face,
bearing messages of grace;
angel hosts his words fulfil,
ruling nature by his will.

Yet on man thy joy to wait,
all that bright celestial state,
for in Man their Lord they see,
Christ, the incarnate Deity.

On the throne their Lord who died
sits in Manhood glorified;
where his people faint below
angels count it joy to go.

O the depths of joy divine
thrilling through those orders nine,
when the lost are found again,
when the banished come to reign!

Now in faith, in hope, in love,
we will join the choirs above,
praising, with the heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Richard Meux Benson (1824-1915)

THE DISMISSAL

DEACON:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 22

First Reading: Lamentations 1:1-6

Comment: *“Jerusalem empty and destroyed”*

Our Hebrew scripture lesson is drawn from **liturgical poems recalling the fall of Jerusalem and the exile of her people to Babylon.** The city is lonely and desolate; her former glory a sad and grief-filled memory. The profound mark upon the consciousness of an entire people which occurred with Judah’s exile to Babylon is reflected in the poignant language of this lament.

Psalm 137

A psalm of lament in exile, with longing for Zion and a desire for vengeance.

Second Lesson: (The Epistle) 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Comment: *“Guard the treasure entrusted to your faith”*

This passage is **the opening letter of Paul to his friend and co-worker Timothy, whom he keeps always in his prayers.** Paul is keen to see in Timothy the rekindling of the gift of faith. He prays that he will grow into a mature understanding of the gospel revealed in Jesus, quickened by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Timothy was the son of a Jewish mother and a Gentile father who became a companion of Paul’s at a relatively young age.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Comment: *“Faith the size of a mustard seed”*

In the Gospel lesson, **Jesus tells his disciples of faith’s great power, and reminds them that servants must not expect special privileges or thanks merely for doing their duty.** The first saying forcefully stresses the realization that faith’s strength—even the power of a little faith—ought never be underestimated. The story about the hardworking servant and the master makes the point that humans can never hold any claim over God and put God in their debt. For Jesus’ followers there is no room for boasting or self-righteousness because of their faith and service.



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 ~ October 5 to October 11, 2025***

5 Ms. Maeve I Gittens

Mrs. Yvette Murray

7 Ms. Doris V. Haynes

8 Ms. Claudia E. Smith

Ms. Aswika Turney

9 Dean Emeritus, the Very Rev'd William Dixon, C.B.E.

Ms. Helena Lyte

11 Mr. Justin M. V. Edwards



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

“Good Christians base all their actions on the faith by which they live.”



BEREAVEMENT: We extend sincere condolences to the families of the late Reon Dottin, grandson of Zida Hunte, (whose funeral service will take place on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at St. Luke Church at 2:00 P.M.), Sylvester Jones, The Rev'd Barclay Stoute, and Arlington Watson.



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



Sunday, October 5, 2025

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 22

Year C – Climax 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

Sunday, October 5, 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 Pastor, 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.

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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 |



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, the Ushers' Guild, 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 contributed flowers for the Patronal Festival.



NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The Rt. Rev'd Sarah Mullally, the Bishop of London, has been selected as the new Archbishop of Canterbury, a historic first woman to hold the role in the church's history. A former Chief Nursing Officer for England, who combined this role with unpaid posts as a part-time priest in south London, before moving into full-time church work in 2004. She was appointed a dame in 2005 for her contribution to nursing and midwifery. She and her husband, Eamonn, have two children. She is 63 years old. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the senior bishop and a principal leader of the Church of England, the ceremonial head of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and the bishop of the diocese of Canterbury.

Please pray for Archbishop Sarah, her family, ministry, and the Anglican Communion.



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
October 5, to October 11, 2025**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: <i>Proper 22</i>	Psalm 118 2 Kings 20:1-21 Acts 12:1-17	Psalm 145 Hosea 13:4-14 Luke 7:11-17
Monday	Psalm 106:1-18 2 Kings 21:1-18 1 Corinthians 10:14—11:1	Psalm 106:19-48 Hosea 14:1-9 Matthew 8:28-34
Tuesday	Psalms [120], 121, 122, 123 2 Kings 22:1-13 1 Corinthians 11:2, 17-22	Psalms 124, 125, 126, [127] Micah 1:1-9 Matthew 9:1-8
Wednesday	Psalm 119:145-176 2 Kings 22:14—23:3 1 Corinthians 11:23-34	Psalms 128, 129, 130 Micah 2:1-13 Matthew 9:9-17
Thursday	Psalms 131,132, [133] 2 Kings 23:4-25 1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Psalms 134, 135 Micah 3:1-8 Matthew 9:18-26
Friday	Psalms 140, 142 2 Kings 23:36—24:17 1 Corinthians 12:12-26	Psalms 141, 143:1-11(12) Micah 3:9—4:5 Matthew 9:27-34
Saturday	Psalms 137:1-6(7-9);144 Jeremiah 35:1-19 1 Corinthians 12:27—13:3	Psalm 104 Micah 5:1-4, 10-15 Matthew 9:35—10:4 <i>Collect for Proper 23</i>

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