



**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost:
Year C ~ Proper 25
Provincial Youth Sunday
October 26, 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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7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit Hymn ~ 715

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:

Refrain:

*for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

Let us blaze his name abroad,
for of gods he is the God:

Refrain

He with all-commanding might
filled the new-made world with light:

Refrain

He the golden-tressèd sun
caused all day his course to run:

Refrain

And the hornèd moon at night,
'mid her spangled sisters bright:

Refrain

All things living he doth feed,
his full hand supplies their need:

Refrain

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:

Refrain

Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt

Opening Sentence "*General*"

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"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (*John 4:24*)

THE INVOCATION

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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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Joel 2:23-32

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Rojana Marshall

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Joel, the second chapter, beginning at the twenty-third verse.

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no
other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood
and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to
darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible
day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the
name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in
Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has
said, and among the survivors shall be those whom
the LORD calls.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please remain seated)

Psalm 65 *Te decet hymnus*

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1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your
house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will
tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the
ridges; *

with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless
its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for
grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

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 remain seated)

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Gia Ifill

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

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of
my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have
finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is
reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord,
the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only
to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So, I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 449

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,

whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953), from Enlarged Songs of Praise

The Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14
Gospeller: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the eighteenth chapter, beginning at the ninth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

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

(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 for Provincial Youth Sunday

Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donnah Russell, J.P.

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Jared Nurse

LEADER:

On this Provincial Youth Sunday, we pray for The Provincial Youth Commission and all Youth Officers across the Church in the Province of the West Indies (CPWI); for the work of youth commissions in Barbados and the Caribbean whose focus is on advocacy and spirituality, that they may work to identify the needs of the youth and empower them to be good stewards now and in the future.

ALL:

Empower our young people, Lord, to live and work and witness for Christ, that they may know the fullness of God's love and share it with all whom they encounter.

+ *For all Sunday Schools and Youth Groups in our Province.*

LEADER:

We give You thanks, O God, for all Sunday Schools and Youth Groups throughout Barbados and the wider Caribbean. Pour your Holy Spirit on the children and young people who gather to learn, to worship, and to share in fellowship. Bless the educators, leaders, and volunteers with wisdom, patience, and a deep love for those in their care. Grant that our Sunday Schools may be a place of joy and growth, where faith is lived out and friendships are formed.

ALL:

May their leaders inspire these young hearts to follow Christ, serve their communities, and witness boldly to God's love all the days of their lives.

+ *For Schools and Institutions, Teachers and Tutors.*

LEADER:

Lord, we thank you for the gift of learning, and we pray for all who teach in our schools, community colleges, universities, and all other institutions of learning; for all who support their work and all who direct and implement educational policies.

ALL:

May they inspire this younger generation to discover an ever deeper love for truth, a quest for excellence, a passion for learning, and compassion for others.

+ *For the Bishops and all Clergy and Lay-Ministers of the CPWI.*

LEADER:

Lord, we pray for the clergy of our Church, our Bishop, Priests and Deacons, and for our Lay-Ministers, that they may remain steadfast and courageous in nurturing the contributions of our young people, and of all congregations in the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

God of all ages, grant our leaders open-mindedness and patience, to inspire young people to become unwavering witnesses of your grace in the world.

+ *For Young persons to readily answer the call of God on their lives to be Priests.*

LEADER:

We bring before you all young persons who have already answered the call of God and those who are being called, to dedicate their lives to the priesthood, and in the various callings of ministries.

ALL:

Guide them, O Lord, in the way you would have them go and give them the strength of character, courage, and discernment to be true to your word.

+ *For young persons who are battling illnesses, seriously injured, and young persons who are disabled.*

LEADER:

We offer up special prayers for young persons facing severe illness, injuries, and disabilities, and place their rehabilitation in your hands. We ask for your divine grace and compassion for those facing psychological, mental, and physical challenges, praying that their lives are enriched through the support of their caregivers.

Mercifully bless all young people who are living with various challenges and those who love and care for them.

+ *For those who have died young, and for their grieving families.*

LEADER:

And finally, we pray for all those who have died at a tender age due to illness, violence, or natural causes. Give comfort to their relatives and friends and bring them to the joy of your eternal kingdom.

ALL:

We commend all those who passed away at a tender age into your everlasting arms and look forward to reuniting with them in your eternal kingdom.

Silence is kept

Closing Prayer

ALL:

Lord God, you call us all, young and old, to wait for the coming of your kingdom. Help us to share with one another the gifts we have been given, so that the old may know the energy and the trust of the young and the young may know the wisdom and the gentleness of the old, that together we may be found eager for the coming of your kingdom and effective in pursuing justice and peace in our world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

(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 ~ 649

I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command,
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;

while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that I could be,
thou, God, art present there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

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 ~ 463 & 322

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy praise!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

Hymn 322

(Worshippers who desire a blessing for their birthday or marriage anniversary are asked to come to the altar during the singing of this hymn)

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around, can warm up in its glowing;
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
you spread his love to everyone;
you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are
budding,
the birds begin to sing; the flowers start their blooming;
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it you want to sing,
It's fresh like spring; you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found;
you can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountaintop,
I want my world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

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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 ~ 239

The right hand of God is writing in our land,
writing with power and with love
our conflicts and our fears, our triumphs and our tears
are recorded by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is pointing in our land,
pointing the way we must go.
So clouded is the way, so easily we stray,
but we're guided by the right hand of God.
The right hand of God is striking in our land,
striking out at envy, hate and greed.
our selfishness and lust, our pride and deeds unjust
are destroyed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land,
healing broken bodies, minds and souls.
So wondrous is its touch, with love that means so much,
when we're healed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God, is planting in our land,
planting seeds of freedom, hope and love.
In these Caribbean lands, let his people all join hands,
and be one with the right hand of God.

Words: Patrick Prescod.

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THE DISMISSAL

DEACON:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 25 Year C

First Reading: Joel 2:23-32

Comment: *“The promise to restore Israel”*

In our opening reading **the prophet pictures a time of great abundance and gladness.** All plague and famine are in the past. The Lord will be present to the people of God, and they will never again be put to shame. God will pour forth the Spirit on all peoples, creating prophecies, dreams, and visions. There will be signs in the natural world as well, on earth and in the sky, for this will be a time of great transformation—a day of judgment as well as opportunity for salvation.

Psalm 65

A psalm of praise and thanksgiving to the saviour, the mighty Lord, who creates the earth and causes it to bring forth abundantly.

The Second Reading (The Epistle): 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Comment: *“The good fight of faith”*

In this epistle passage **Paul, believing that his death is near, closes his letter to Timothy and looks forward with great faith to the heavenly kingdom.** Paul is in prison in Rome, having already been put on trial once and barely escaping the lion’s jaws. Although he may only be speaking figuratively, some form of martyrdom appears close at hand. Even his friends have deserted him. Still, he proclaims the gospel and is ready to be sacrificed, trusting that the Lord

will soon appear. His perseverance becomes a pillar for the continuing faith of the church.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Comment: *“A Pharisee and tax collector pray”*

Our Gospel lesson is the story of the Pharisee who trusts in his righteousness and the sinful tax collector. The parable illustrates repeated themes of the gospels: God’s ways frequently reverse human expectations. It is God’s acceptance and not human merit which opens the gift of the kingdom.

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)

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 26 to November 1, 2025***

26 Ms. Glencora Daniel
27 Mr. Edward S. D. Morrison
28 Ms. Annalee P. Blackman
 Mr. Stephen J. Blackman
 Ms. Phyllis Springer
29 Ms. Esther O. Taylor
30 Mr. Malcolm H. Jones
31 Ms. Hilda G. Herbert
 1 Mr. George N. Small
 Ms. Susanne R. Thompson
 Mrs. Veronica P. Thompson



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, Winfield Downes, Alice P. Hall, Martin Haynes, Beverley Hinds, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Judy King,

Helena Lyte, 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 humble prayers to the Lord always find a loving heart.”



BEREAVEMENT: We extend sincere condolences to the families of the late Sadie Dixon, former Archbishop Drexel Gomez, Yvonne Mayers (sister of Ezra Mayers), 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.



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. 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



The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne:

A member of St. Barnabas Church until the age of 26 years, The Reverend Richard Orlando Alleyne joined the St. Bartholomew Church Family having married a member of that congregation. At St. Bartholomew he spent about two decades serving as a Sunday School teacher. Educated at Harrison College, the Barbados Community College, The University of the West Indies and the World Maritime University, Deacon Alleyne holds a B.A. in Sociology and Law, a MSc. in Maritime Administration, and is one course away from completing a BA in Theology. Deacon Richard, 68, served as Harbour Master at the Barbados Port for thirty years until his retirement eight years ago. He is particularly interested in Port Chaplaincy, including to seafarers and port workers, especially those who live in the surrounding area. Reverend Alleyne credits his inspiration to Dean Emeritus William Dixon. He is married and has three adult children. The Reverend Richard Alleyne has been assigned to the Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels, as a Distinctive Deacon under the supervision of The Dean, and

tasked with the responsibility of developing and offering a ministry to the seafarers, fishermen and the Barbados Port Authority, effective October 15, 2025. Rev'd Richard, like the other distinctive deacons, will serve the church in a non-stipendiary capacity and will be compensated by the Diocese for his expenses.

A hearty welcome is hereby extended to Deacon Alleyne!



Sunday, October 26, 2025
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 25 –
Provincial Youth Sunday
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, October 29, 2025
(The Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles,
transferred)
10:00 A.M ~ Holy Eucharist



Sunday, November 2, 2025
All Saints' Day (transferred)
7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist : The Canons
of the Cathedral Series continues.
President and Preacher : Senator, the Rev'd Canon Dr.
John A. Rogers, Rector of St. George and Canon
Missioner.

**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
October 26, to November 1, 2025**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: <i>Proper 25</i>	Psalms 63:1-8(9-11); 98 Haggai 1:1—2:9 Acts 18:24—19:7	Psalm 103 Ecclesiasticus 18:19-33 Luke 10:25-37
Monday	Psalms 41, 52 Zechariah 1:7-17 Revelation 1:4-20	Psalm 44 Ecclesiasticus 19:4-17 Matthew 12:43-50
Tuesday	Psalm 66 Isaiah 28:9-16 Ephesians 4:1-16	Psalms 116, 117 Isaiah 4:2-6 John 14:15-31
Wednesday	Psalm 119:49-72 Ezra 6:1-22 Revelation 5:1-10	Psalms 49, [53] Ecclesiasticus 28:14-26 Matthew 13:10-17
Thursday	Psalm 50 Nehemiah 1:1-11 Revelation 5:11—6:11	Psalms [59, 60] or 103 Ecclesiasticus 31:12-18, 5—32:2 Matthew 13:18-23
Friday	Psalms 40, 54 Nehemiah 2:1-20 Revelation 6:12—7:4 Matthew 13:24-30	Eve of All Saints Psalm 34 Wisdom 3:1-9 Revelation 19:1, 4-10 <i>Collect for All Saints</i>
Saturday	Psalms 111, 112 2 Esdras 2:42-47 Hebrews 11:32—12:2	Psalms 148, 150 Wisdom 5:1-5, 14-16 Revelation 21:1-4, 22—22:5

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