



**The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Year C ~ Proper 28
November 16, 2025
Services
7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.**

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

**The Cathedral Church of
Saint Michael and All Angels
of Barbados**

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Sunday, November 16, 2025
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
President and Preacher:
The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist: The Canons in the
Cathedral Series continues
President and Preacher: The Ven. Dr. Von E. Watson,
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Deacons:
The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White, B.A.
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Lay Eucharist Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit Hymn ~438

Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armour on,
strong in the strength which God supplies,
through his eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
and in his mighty power:
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might,
with all his strength endued;
and take, to arm you for the fight,

the panoply of God.

From strength to strength go on,
wrestle and fight and pray;
tread all the powers of darkness down,
and win the well-fought day.

That, having all things done,
and all your conflicts past,
ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,
and stand entire at last.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Opening Sentence

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“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” *Philippians 1:2*

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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“The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost”

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of eternal life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

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

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

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Isaiah the sixty-fifth chapter, beginning at the seventeenth verse.

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its
people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a
youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be
considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people
be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their
hands.

They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD--
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

(Please remain seated)

Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce Deus*

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Saviour.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great
things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy
One of Israel.

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 Thessalonians 3:6-13

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

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

A reading from the Word of God written in the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians, the third chapter, beginning at the sixth verse.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 388

Stand up, and bless the Lord,
ye people of his choice;
stand up, and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name,
and laud and magnify?

O for the living flame
from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name,
henceforth forevermore.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Gospeller: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne, B.A.; MSc.

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the
twenty-first chapter, beginning at the fifth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

The Sermon:

7:00 A.M. The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. The Ven. Dr. Von E. Watson

(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)

INTERCESSION:

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Sandra Fields

LEADER:

As our Nation prepares to celebrate its 59th anniversary of Independence and 4th as a Republic, we give thanks for our President, giving thanks for her self-giving service to this nation, and praying for her continued strength and well-being. We pray for our political leaders, that they may know that greatness is found most profoundly in the gift of service to others. We also pray for all Judges and Magistrates, the Barbados Police Service, the Barbados Defense Force, for prison and probation officers, for lawyers and legal advisors, that they may fulfil their vocation with integrity and impartiality, with wisdom and with compassion for all.

Silence may be kept.

We pray for the Church of God in every place; especially for this diocese, our Bishop Michael, Archbishop-Elect Philip; 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; we pray for the Anglican presence in the civil parish of St. Michael as it observes “We Gatherin”, for Jeffrey, Re-Shan and Richard at the Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Joseph at St. Mary, Monrelle and Stephanie at St. Barnabas, Erma at St. Paul, Suzanne at All Souls, Clive at St. Ambrose, Ian at St. Cyprian, George and Lisa at St. Stephen, Michael at St. Matthew and the Church of the Resurrection, Davidson at Christ the King, and Sonia at St. Leonard; 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 the maintenance of peace in Palestine; countries where there is civil war: Ethiopia, Myanmar and Sudan; for the Caribbean to be a Zone of Peace; for the government and people of Jamaica in the aftermath of the passage of Hurricane Melissa and for the capacity of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency to respond to their needs; 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, Sharron, Margaret, Miriam, Cecile, Abigail, Jared, Pamela, Richard, and Joan; 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; David Best, retired Archbishop Drexel Gomez 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.

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”

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 411 MP

*Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love in our eyes
May now your love sweep this nation*

*Cause us O Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Of neighbourly love that is real
Let there be peace shared among us
Let there be joy.*

*Words: Dave Bilbrough
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THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Hymn ~ 143

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! That flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive, and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! That he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man

for man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

Words: Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

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.***

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 ~ 572 & 515

Be still, my soul! for God is near!
The great High Priest is with thee now;
the Lord of life himself is near,
before whose face the angels bow.

To make thy heart his lowly throne
thy Saviour God in love draws nigh;
he gives himself unto his own,
for whom he once came down to die.

He pleads before the mercy-seat;
he pleads with God; he pleads for thee;
he gives thee bread from heaven to eat,
his flesh and blood in mystery.

I come, O Lord! For thou dost call -
to blend my pleading prayer with thine;
to thee I give myself - my all,
and feed on thee and make thee mine.

Hymn ~ 515

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

Come, we that love the Lord
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

*We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King,
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad,
may speak their joys abroad.

Refrain

The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets,

or walk the golden streets.

Refrain

Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high.

Refrain

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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 Christ our Lord. *Amen*

THE BLESSING “*Pentecost*”

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The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ 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 ~ 311

GOD is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the
waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath
trod,
by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of
God,
"Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the
waters cover the sea."

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase
the brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of
peace?

What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely
be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the
waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of
Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious Gospel of truth may shine
throughout the world.

Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives
free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the
waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the
seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely
be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the
waters cover the sea.

Words: Arthur C. Ainger (1841-1919)

THE DISMISSAL

DEACON:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.



The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Proper 28 – Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Comment: *“A new heaven and new earth”*

In this prophetic reading we hear of a **blessed time when God will overcome many of life’s shortcomings and frustrations**. A prophet probably wrote these words in a period after the people had returned from exile but while there was still much cause for discouragement. A new order will come from Jerusalem. No longer will children die young or workers not know the fruits of their labour. Even the animals will enjoy the new age.

Canticle 9 **Isaiah 12** (*The First Song of Isaiah*)

A canticle of praise announcing the vindication of those who have placed their confidence in the Lord God.

SECOND READING (The Epistle): 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Comment: *“Do not be idle, but do what is right for the sake of Christ”*

In this lesson **Paul deals with the problem of those who are so expectant that the Lord will come soon and are so meddling in the affairs of others that they have given up their daily work.** These individuals may have believed that they were already exalted to such a spiritual plane that mundane matters were no longer a concern for them. This may seem like piety on their part, but it means they have become a problem for others. Paul reminds them of his own example and bluntly rules that such people should either work or else not eat.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21: 5-19

Comment: *“Jesus speaks of wars, endurance, betrayal, and suffering for his sake”*

In the gospel passage the **disciples are forewarned of the destruction of the Jewish temple and of great upheavals in the natural and supernatural order that must take place before the end of history.** There will be persecutions and divisions in families. Individuals will appear claiming to be Jesus. While in some passages the New Testament suggests that the end and fulfilment of human time will come quite unexpectedly, here the disciples are advised of a period of great tribulation when the powers of evil will make their final onslaught. In one sense this is poetic language used to describe the indescribable, but it insists that the ultimate meaning of life will finally be known.

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) 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.



‘We Gatherin’ St. Michael’s Cathedral Flea Market Group Fair will be held at the Blooms and Blessings Bazaar on Saturday, November 22, 2025 at Church Village Green, Central Bank, St. Michael, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Donations are required to purchase pudding and souse for sale on the day, sweet bread, pone, and conkies. Members are asked to inform Ms. Marshall about their contributions. Tel: 427-0790 at the Office





SAVE THE DATE!

We Gatherin': Blooms and Blessings Bazaar

Bazaar at the
Church Village Green 
Saturday, November 22,
2025, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Flower Show at the Church
Saturday & Sunday
November 22 & 23
3:00 pm to 7:00 pm 

**Cathedral Church of St.
Michael and All Angels,
Bridgetown**

Tickets ~ \$75.00
Under the distinguished patronage of
Dr. The Most Honourable Kenneth George,
Chief Medical Officer

***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays
this week ~ November 16 to 22, 2025***

16 Mrs. Sharon S.C.A. Lucas-Blackman

17 Ms. Margaret R. Aimey

Ms. Miriam I. Barrow

Mrs. Cecile L. Aimey-Clarke

Ms. Abigail Molyneaux

Mr. Jared Nurse

18 Ms. Pamela A. Clarke

Mr. Richard A. Lewis

21 Mrs. Joan St. E. Y. Norville-Arthur



May God bless and strengthen you.



SICK: Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Daphne Browne, Margaret Browne, Colleen Byer, Darwin Clarke, Heather Coward-Downes, 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

“Vigilance is a key part of our service of the Lord.”



BEREAVEMENT: We extend sincere condolences to the family of the late former Archbishop Drexel Gomez.



We thank God for his life, work, and witness among us.

May the bereaved family 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, and 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



Sunday, November 16, 2025

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President and Preacher:

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

**9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist: The
Canons in the Cathedral Series continues
President and Preacher: The Ven. Dr. Von E. Watson,
Archdeacon and of the Stall of Saint Ignatius**



**4:00 P.M. ~ Diocesan Church Army's
'We Gatherin' Service
Preacher: The Rev'd Lisa Jessamy-Maynard**



**Wednesday, November 19, 2025
10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**



**Looking Ahead !
December 2025**

**2nd Sunday of Advent:
December 7, 2025**

**An Advent Procession with Carols at 6:00 P.M.
An Offering will be taken.**



**3rd Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025**

**Blue Christmas Service at 5:00 P.M.
(Offering Healing and Hope for the Season)**



**Thursday December, 18th 2025
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 8:00 P.M.
Admission: \$30.00**



SERMON NOTES

Sermon

Text:.....
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Topic:

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Preacher:

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Points to Ponder:

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What was God saying specifically to me during the Sermon?

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**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
November 16 to 22, 2025**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost <i>Proper 28</i>	Psalms 66, 67 1 Maccabees 2:29-43, 49-50 Acts 28:14b-23	Psalms 19, 46 Habakkuk 1:1-4(5-11)12—2:1 Luke 16:1-13
Monday	Psalm 89:1-18 1 Maccabees 3:1-24 Revelation 20:7-15	Psalm 89:19-52 Habakkuk 32:1-4, 9-20 Matthew 17:1-13
Tuesday	Psalms 97, 99, [100] 1 Maccabees 3:25-41 Revelation 21:1-8	Psalms 94, [95] Habakkuk 3:1-10(11-15)16-18 Matthew 17:14-21
Wednesday	Psalms 101, 109:1-4(5-19)20-30 1 Maccabees 3:42-60 Revelation 21:9-21	Psalm 119:121-144 Malachi 1:1, 6-14 Matthew 17:22-27
Thursday	Psalm 105:1-22 1 Maccabees 4:1-25 Revelation 21:22—22:5	Psalm 105:23-45 Malachi 2:1-16 Matthew 18:1-9
Friday	Psalm 102 1 Maccabees 4:1-25 Revelation 21:6-13	Psalm 107:1-32 Malachi 3:1-12 Matthew 18:10-20
Saturday	Psalms 107:33-43, 108:1-6(7-13) Isaiah 65:17-25 Revelation 22:14-21	Psalm 33 Malachi 3:13—4:6 Matthew 18:21-35 <i>Collect for Proper 29</i>

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