



## **St. Michael's Cathedral**

Services  
for

The First Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, February 22, 2026  
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**

***The Diocese of Barbados***

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# **The First Sunday in Lent: YEAR A**

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

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

**President:**

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

**Deacon of the Liturgy: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne**

**Deacon of the Word: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White**

**Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **THE PREPARATION**

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn ~ 424**

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,

love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

*Words: James Weldon Edmeston (1791-1867)*

Opening Sentence

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Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:1, 2*

**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.**

***“The First Sunday in Lent”***

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted into the wilderness by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

***(Please sit)***

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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

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

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of the Genesis, the second chapter, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did

God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please remain seated)*

Psalm 32 *Beati quorum*

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- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no  
guilt, \* and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of  
summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \* and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \* Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \* when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \* you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \* I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \* who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \* but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \* shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Glory 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.

Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

**Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Harriett Godding**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Small**

A reading from the Word of God written in Paul's Letter to the Romans, the fifth chapter, beginning at the twelfth verse.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand, as able)*

## The Gradual **Hymn** ~ 406

Be thou my guardian and my guide,  
and hear me when I call;  
let not my slippery footsteps slide,  
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell  
around the path I tread;  
O save me from the snares of hell,  
thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,  
and outward things are strong,  
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,  
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,  
and feel that I am frail;  
that if the tempter cross my way,  
yet he may not prevail.

Words: Isaac Williams (1802-1865)

### **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11** **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 Matthew, the fourth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the  
mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a  
stone.’”

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

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

*(Please sit)*

The Sermon: **The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne**

*(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)*

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS – “H”**

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

**9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donna Inniss**

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Grant Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

**LEADER:** Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL:** Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,  
**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.

*Silence*

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,  
**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours: especially we give thanks for, Darwin, Pauline, Mary, Beverley, Charmaine, Ayodele, and David as they celebrate their birthday during this week; grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us.

*Silence*

LEADER: Lord in your mercy,  
**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

We commend to your mercy all who have died: especially Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw, Mrs. Rosalind Cragwell Bynoe, and Mr. Jonathan Holder, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

## **THE CONCLUDING COLLECT**

THE PRESIDENT:

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **ACT OF PENITENCE**

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DEACON:

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may

delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

*A period of silence shall be kept.*

DEACON:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

## FORM A

**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. *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

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## FORM B

**PRESIDENT:**

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you.

**ALL:**

**Leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.**

**PRESIDENT:**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP: “Let there be peace on earth”**

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



Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God our Creator  
Children all are we  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment  
And live each moment

In peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.

*Words: Jill Jackson; Melody: Sy Miller (1945)*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Offertory Hymn ~387

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

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

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

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

#### ***Refrain***

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

but purer and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

### *Refrain*

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

## THE 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 thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

For you bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. *(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:**

Holy and gracious Father,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
All life, all holiness, comes from you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom you sent to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,

the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts,  
and we ask you to make them holy  
by the power of your Spirit,  
that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who offered Himself in obedience to your will,  
the Perfect Sacrifice for all humanity.

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."

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.  
Do this, whenever you drink it,  
For the remembrance of me."

**ALL:**

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim  
the death of Christ until He comes again.**

PRESIDENT:

Father, calling to mind the death your Son  
endured for our salvation;  
His glorious Resurrection and Ascension;  
His continual intercession for us in heaven;  
and looking for His coming again in glory,  
we offer you, in thanksgiving,  
this holy and life-giving sacrifice.

Look with favour on your Church's offering,  
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts  
may be filled with your Holy Spirit  
and become one body in Christ,  
and serve you in unity, constancy and peace.

May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable us,  
in communion with blessed Mary  
and the whole company of heaven,  
to share in the inheritance of your Saints.

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 “C”** Page 145

**PRESIDENT:**

This is the true bread which come from heaven.

**ALL:**

**Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

**THE COMMUNION**

**The Invitation “C”** Page 146

**DEACON:**

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour  
Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

**ALL:**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, most  
merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but  
only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy**

to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin 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 ~ *“Yield not to Temptation” and  
“Tempted and tried”*

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;  
Each vict’ry will help you some other to win;  
Fight ardently onward, dark passions subdue;  
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

### ***Refrain:***

*Ask the Saviour to help you,  
Comfort, strengthen, and keep you;*

*He is willing to aid you,  
He will carry you through.*

Shun evil companions, bad language disdain,  
God's name hold in rev'rence, nor take it in vain;  
Be thoughtful and earnest, kindhearted and true;  
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

**Refrain**

To him that o'ercometh, God giveth a crown,  
Through faith we will conquer, though often cast down;  
He who is our Saviour, our strength will renew;  
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

**Refrain**

*Words: Horatio R. Palmer, 1868*

Hymn ~ ***“Tempted and tried”***

Tempted and tried we're oft made to wonder,  
Why it should be thus all the day long;  
While there are others living about us,  
Never molested though in the wrong.

**Refrain**

*Farther along we'll know all about it,  
Farther along we'll understand why;  
Cheer up, my brother, live in the sunshine,  
We'll understand it all by and by.*

When death has come and taken our loved ones,  
It leaves our home so lonely and drear;

Then do we wonder why others prosper,  
Living so wicked year after year.

**Refrain**

Faithful till death said our loving Master,  
A few more days to labour and wait;  
Toils of the road will then seem as nothing,  
As we sweep through the beautiful gate.

**Refrain**

When we see Jesus coming in glory,  
When He comes from His home in the sky;  
Then we shall meet Him in that bright mansion,  
We'll understand it all by and by.

**Refrain**

*Words: W. B. Stevens, 20<sup>th</sup> Century*

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER “A”**      Page 147

**ALL:**

**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 gives 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 “Lent”**

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Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow Him; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Recessional **Hymn ~ 114**

Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
prowling beasts about thy way;  
stones thy pillow; earth thy bed.

Shall not we thy sorrow share  
and from earthly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
glad with thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his Vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine:  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at th' eternal Eastertide.

*Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909),  
and George Hunt Smytton (1822-1870)*

## THE DISMISSAL

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DEACON:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL

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

Organ Postlude

*(Worshippers are invited to sit silently and listen to the voluntary. However, those who wish to leave at this point may do so quietly.)*



## The First Sunday in Lent ~ Year A

**First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

**Comments:** *“Eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil”*

From the Hebrew Bible we hear **the story of the creation of the first man and woman in the Garden of Eden and their disobedience and consequent loss of innocence.** Tempted by the serpent, first the woman and then the man eat from the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The

story expresses the understanding that human beings are the crown of God's creation, and yet there is something tragically wrong with them. From later Christian perspective, however, this transgression is seen as part of God's greater plan for the maturity and salvation of humanity. The free choice of disobedience and the learning of good and evil will, through redemption, make possible a more profound relationship with God.

## **Psalm 32**

A psalm of thanksgiving for the forgiveness of sin.

## **The Second Reading (The Epistle): Romans 5:12-19**

Comments: *"Death came through one; life comes through one"*

In this lesson, **Paul tells how the history of human sinfulness and death has been transformed by the free gift of Jesus Christ.** The act of disobedience of the one person, Adam, began the reign of sin and death. This was later compounded by the role of law which, by instructing people not to sin, actually causes trespassing to abound. But now the righteousness and obedience of the one man Jesus Christ means acquittal and new life for all.

## **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

Comments: *"The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days"*

Our gospel is **the story of the temptations of Jesus by the devil.** After his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness and confronted with temptations which are inescapable in his ministry. He might seek to show that he is the Son of God by satisfying material needs or wielding miraculous power. Or he could seek to control allegiance through the pomp and

might of a worldly kingship. But Jesus' obedience is God's way for him.



## CATHEDRAL NEWS

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- Repairs to the Southern Balcony - \$59,400.00
- Repairs to the Chapter Room - \$12,750.00
- Repairs to the Roof - \$20,000.00

**“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”** (2 Corinthians 9:7)

**STEWARDSHIP:** The envelopes for 2026 are still available for collection from the Administrative Assistant's office.

**INITIAL OFFERING:** Thanks to all who made their Initial Offering last Sunday. The amount collected so far, is \$3,625.75. Members who have not yet made their contributions, are asked to do so as soon as possible.

**TICKETS:** Members are asked to note that the tickets for Solemn Musick for Good Friday, to be held on **Friday, April 3, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.**, are now available at **\$30.00**

each and can be purchased from the Administrative Office during office hours.

### ***THEME FOR THE WEEK***

*“As lent begins, it is well for us to study the mechanics of sin.”*



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week 22 to 29, February 2026***

*24 Mr. Darwin E. Clarke*

*25 Ms. Pauline O. Bynoe*

*Ms. Mary A. Haynes, Q. C.*

*Mrs. Beverley Marshall*

*27 Mrs. Charmaine R. Forde*

*Ms. Ayodele Yarde*

*29 Mr. David Scott*



***May God bless and strengthen you.***



**SICK:** Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Daphne Browne, Margaret Browne, Darwin Clarke, Heather Coward-Downes, Alice P. Hall, Martin Haynes, Beverley Hinds, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Judy King, Helena Lyte, Marcia Oxley, Gloria Regis, Sylvester (Blues) Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Claudette Sealy, Phyllis Springer, Winifred

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



**Bereavement:** We extend sincere condolences to the families of the late:

- Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw, Eucharistic Minister, whose funeral took place on Friday, February 20, 2025.
- Captain Jonathan Holder, Captain of St. Leonard's Church Army, whose funeral took place on Friday, February 20, 2026.
- Mrs. Rosalind Cragwell Bynoe whose funeral will take place in the Cathedral on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. followed by interment at the Coral Ridge Memorial Gardens, Christ Church.



We thank God for their lives, work and witness; and pray for the Bradshaw, Holder, and Bynoe families as they mourn.

**May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.**



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings  
February 22 to 28, 2026**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The First Sunday Lent	Psalms 63:1-8(9-11), 98 Daniel 9:3-10 John 12:44-50	Psalm 103 Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Hebrews 2:10-18
Monday	Psalms 41, 52 Genesis 37:1-11 Mark 1:1-13	Psalm 44 Deuteronomy 8:1-10 1 Corinthians 1:1-19
Tuesday	Psalm 80 1 Samuel 16:1-13 1 John 2:18-25	Psalm 33 1 Samuel 12:1-5 Acts 20:17-35
Wednesday	Psalm 119:49-72 Genesis 37:25-36 Mark 1:29-45	Psalms 49, [53] Deuteronomy 9:13- 21 1 Corinthians 2:1-13
Thursday	Psalm 50 Genesis 39:1-23 Mark 2:1-12	Psalms 59, 60 <i>or</i> 19, 46 Deuteronomy 9:23—10:5 1 Corinthians 2:14—3:15
Friday	Psalm 95 (invitatory) & 40, 54 Genesis 40:1-23 Mark 2:13-22	Psalm 51 Deuteronomy 10:12- 22 1 Corinthians 3:16- 23
Saturday	Psalm 55 Genesis 40:1-23 Mark 2:13-22	Psalms 138, 139:1- 17(18-23) Deuteronomy 11:18-28 1 Corinthians 4:1-7 <i>Collect for 2 Lent</i>

## CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

**Today, Sunday, February 22, 2026**

**The First Sunday in Lent**

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

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

**6:00 P.M. ~ Evensong: “The Value of Children in God’s Eyes”**



**Sundays in Lent:**

**6:00 P.M. ~ Evensong- A Five-Part Preaching Series**

***“Embracing the Kingdom’s Future: Welcoming Children in Our Midst.”***

**Preacher: The Very Rev’d Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

**Topic: “The Value of Children in God’s Eyes”**



**February 25, 2026**

**Wednesdays in Lent**

**10:00 A.M. ~ Worship, Reflection and Sacrament.**

Deacons in the Cathedral: A Six-Part Series on “The Wilderness Experience: Challenge and Triumph along the Christian Journey”: ***“Unemployment”***

**Presenter: The Rev’d Reudon A. Eversley**

**Hon. Assistant Curate St. Joseph Parish Church and St. Aidan**



**SELF-DENIAL CARDS:** The faithful are encouraged to participate in this pilgrimage of faith every day in Lent:

read about the Wilderness Experience in the Bible; give alms; and offer pray for the ministry of service. Proceeds will go towards The St. Michael Centre for Faith and Action.



**NOTES:**

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