



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

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Sunday, March 8, 2026
6:00 P.M.



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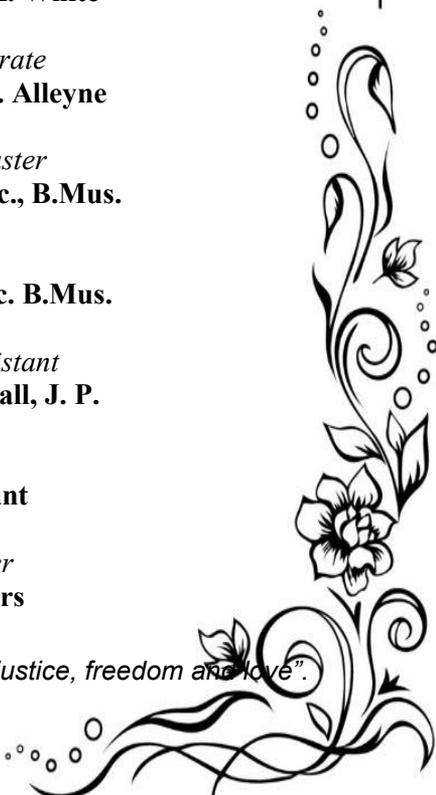
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"To be a guiding light of Christ's grace, justice, freedom and love"



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Organ Prelude

Introit Anthem ~ “*Drop thy still dews*” (*Pantcheff*)

Versicles and Responses (*Tallis*)

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 34 *Benedicam Domino*

1. I WILL always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
3. O praise the Lord with me: and let us magnify his Name together.

4. I sought the Lord, and he heard me: yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
5. They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
6. Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him: yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
7. The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.
8. O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
9. O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints: for they that fear him lack nothing.
10. The lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
11. Come, ye children, and hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12. What man is he that lusteth to live: and would fain see good days?
13. Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
14. Eschew evil, and do good: seek peace, and ensue it.
15. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous: and his ears are open unto their prayers.
16. The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil: to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
17. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
18. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart: and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
19. Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

20. He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.
21. But misfortune shall slay the ungodly: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
22. The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Micah 6:6-8

Lector: Ms. Sandra Fields

Office Hymn ~ 111

O Lord, turn not thy face from me,
who lie in woeful state,
lamenting all my sinful life
before thy mercy-gate:

a gate which opens wide to those
that do lament their sin;
shut not that gate against me, Lord,
but let me enter in.

And call me not to strict account
how I have sojourned here;
for then my guilty conscience knows
how vile I shall appear.

Mercy, good Lord, mercy I ask:
this is my humble prayer;

for mercy, Lord, is all my suit,
O let thy mercy spare.

*Words: John Marchant (died in or before 1586), alt.,
in Supplement to the New Version, 1708*

Magnificat ~ (Chant)

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my Spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
2. For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
3. For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed:
4. For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is Name.
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
6. He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud, in the imagination of
their hearts.
7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
8. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the
rich he hath sent empty away.
9. He remembering his mercy: hath holpen his
servant Israel.
10. As he promised to our forefathers: Abraham and
his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. **Amen.**

The Second Lesson: Matthew 18:1-5

Lector: Mr. Victor Small

Nunc Dimittis ~ (Chant)

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
2. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:
which thou has prepared before the face of all people.
3. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. **Amen**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

V. The Lord be with you
R. And with thy spirit

All kneel

V. Let us pray
R. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in
heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. **Amen**

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save our Nation.
R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people
R. And bless thine inheritance.

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
**R. Because there is none that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect ~ “The Third Sunday in Lent”

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. ***Amen***

The Third Collect, for aid against all Perils.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen

The Anthem ~ *“O Saviour of the world” (Somervell)*

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn 271

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with light and comfort from above;
be thou our guardian, thou our guide,
o'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,
and make us know and choose thy way;
plant holy fear in every heart,
that we from God may ne'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living way,
nor let us from his pastures stray;
lead us to holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heaven, that we may share
fullness of joy for ever there;

lead us to God, our final rest,
to be with him for ever blest.

Words: Simon Browne (1680-1732), with others

The Sermon: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson
Topic: “*Becoming Like Children*”

Offertory Hymn ~ 659

Lamb of God, I look to thee,
thou shalt my example be:
thou art gentle, meek, and mild,
thou wast once a little child.

Fain I would be as thou art;
give me thy obedient heart;
thou art pitiful and kind,
let me have thy loving mind.

Meek and lowly may I be;
thou art all humility:
let me to my betters bow,
subject to thy parents thou.

Let me above all fulfill
God my Heavenly Father's will;
never his good Spirit grieve,
only to his glory live.

Thou didst live to God alone,
thou didst never seek thine own,

thou thyself didst never please,
God was all thy happiness.

Loving Jesu, gentle Lamb,
in thy gracious hands I am;
make me, Saviour, what thou art;
live thyself within my heart.

I shall then show forth thy praise,
serve thee all my happy days;
then the world shall always see
Christ, the Holy Child, in me.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), 1742

Closing Prayer(s) & Blessings

Closing Hymn ~ 270

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Words: Bianco da Siena (13??-1434),
from Discendi, amor santo, Italian;
translation: Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)*

Organ Postlude

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday, March 8, 2026

The Third Sunday in Lent

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

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: “Becoming Like Children”



Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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—*Bereavement*”

**Presenter: The Rev’d Stephanie Gooding
Hon. Assistant Curate, St. Barnabas**



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 after Church Services on Sundays, and from the Administrative Office during office hours.



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 prayers for the ministry of service. Proceeds will go towards The St. Michael Centre for Faith and Action.



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