



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

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Sunday, March 15, 2026
6:00 P.M.



Diocesan Bishop
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The Very Rev'd Dr Jeffrey D. Gibson

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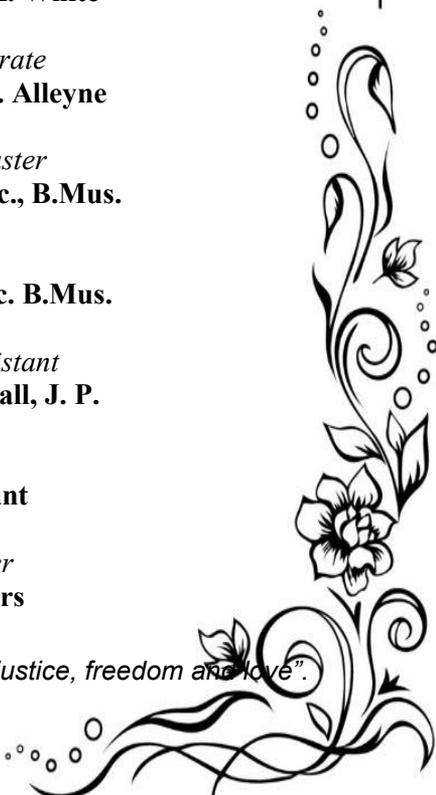
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"To be a guiding light of Christ's grace, justice, freedom and love."



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Organ Prelude

Introit Anthem ~ “*Drop, drop slow tears*” (*Blackwell*)

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 19 *Caeli enarrant*

1. THE heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
2. One day telleth another: and one night certifieth another.
3. There is neither speech nor language: but their voices are heard among them.

4. Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words into the ends of the world.
5. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun: which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
6. It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
7. The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
8. The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.
9. The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever: the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
10. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.
11. Moreover, by them is thy servant taught: and in keeping of them there is great reward.
12. Who can tell how oft he offendeth: O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
13. Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me: so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.
14. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart: be alway acceptable in thy sight,
15. O Lord: my strength, and my redeemer.

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: 1 Samuel 3:1 to 4:1a

Lector: Ms. Mary Haynes, Q. C.

Office Hymn ~ 7

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

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: Luke 2:41-52

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent”

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 ~ *“Surely, he has borne our griefs” (Handel)*

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn 119

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
with many a care opprest;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

*Words: Synesius of Cyrene (c373-c414),
from translation: Allen W. Chatfield (1808-1886)*

The Sermon: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson
Topic: "Creating Space for Children"

Offertory Hymn ~ 664

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand,
none can pluck me from thy hand.

Loving Saviour, thou didst give
thine own life that we might live,
and the hands outstretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress.

I would praise thee every day,
gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above
happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach thy Lamb thy voice to hear,
suffer not my steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go,
walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

Words: Jane Eliza Leeson (1807-1882)

Closing Prayer(s) & Blessings

Closing Hymn ~ 403 vss 1-3 &6

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
for unknown are toil and care.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

*Words: attributed to Thomas à Kempis(c1380-1471);
translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

Organ Postlude

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday, March 15, 2026

The Fourth 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: “Creating Space for Children”



Wednesday, March 18, 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—Ageing”

Presenter: The Rev’d Adzil Stuart

Hon. Assistant Curate, St. George Parish Church



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.



DIOCESAN NEWS

- 1. ORDINATION TO THE DISTINCTIVE DIACONATE:** There will be an Ordination to the Diaconate of Mrs. Greta Yearwood on The Feast of the Annunciation, Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. at the Church of St. John the Baptist.
- 2. SERVICE OF INSTALLATION:** On Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., there will be a Service of Installation at the Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels for: the recently appointed Registrar, Ms. Cyrilene P. Forde, J.P., and Chancellor, Mr. Michael Alleyne, J.P.; and a new Canon to the Cathedral Chapter, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Sonia Hinds, to the stall of St Aidan.
- 3. ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD:** Transitional Deacons - The Rev'd Re-Shan White, The Rev'd Denis Maynard and The Rev'd Stevenson Sobers – will be ordained to the Priesthood on the Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist (Before the Latin Gate), in the Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

4. **CHRISM MASS:** On Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 7:00 P.M., there will be a Service for the blessing of Oils, and the Renewal of Vows in the Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels.

Notes

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