



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

Services  
for

The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 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 Fifth 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**

**Preacher: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White**

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

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **THE PREPARATION**

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn ~ 152**

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,  
where the blood of Christ was shed,  
perfect Man on thee did suffer,  
perfect God on thee has bled!

Here the King of all the ages,  
throned in light ere worlds could be,  
robed in mortal flesh is dying,  
crucified by sin for me.

O mysterious condescending!  
O abandonment sublime!  
Very God himself is bearing  
all the sufferings of time!

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,  
where the blood of Christ was shed,

perfect Man on thee did suffer,  
perfect God on thee has bled!

*Words: William John Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)*

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 Collect: *The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

**ALL:                    And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ 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: **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

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

**9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Lynette Francis-Thornhill**

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Ezekiel, the thirty-seventh chapter, beginning at the first verse.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon

you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please remain seated)*

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my  
supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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 8:6-11**

**Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Harriett Godding**  
**9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Darnley King, J.P.**

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

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand, as able)*

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 263**

THOU art the way: by thee alone  
from sin and death we flee;  
and he who would the Father seek  
must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the truth: thy word alone  
true wisdom can impart;  
thou only canst inform the mind  
and purify the heart.

Thou art the life: the rending tomb  
proclaims thy conquering arm;  
and those who put their trust in thee  
nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the way, the truth, the life:  
grant us that way to know,  
that truth to keep, that life to win,  
whose joys eternal flow.

*Words: George Washington Doane (1799-1859)*

**The Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45**  
**Gospeller: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne**

**GOSPELLER:** The Lord be with you.

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

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, the eleventh chapter, beginning at the first verse.

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that

Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and

believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he

had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

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

*(Please sit)*

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

*(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 Harriett, Leah, Asha, Audrey, Doreen, Monica, and Amari 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 Ms. Sandra Alleyne 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:

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 B**

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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.

**ALL: *Amen.***

**THE ABSOLUTION**

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PRESIDENT:

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

***(Please stand)***

**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 ~ *“All my hope on God is founded”*

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.

Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.

Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.

Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

*Words: Joachim Neander (1680)*

## 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:

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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)*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “B”**

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**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"**

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**PRESIDENT:**

This is the true bread which come from heaven.

**ALL:**

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

## **THE COMMUNION**

**The Invitation “C”**

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**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 ~ 119 & 266

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)*

Hymn ~ 266 (*The blessing of birthday celebrants*)

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

*Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)*

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER “C”**      Page 148

**ALL:**

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work for you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you,**

**and to the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. 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 ~ 496**

And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour’s blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

’Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:  
who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
’Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father’s throne above -  
so free, so infinite his grace -  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam’s helpless race.  
’Tis mercy all, immense and free;

for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray -  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free.  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine.  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ Year A

### **First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**Comments:** *“The dry bones of Israel brought to life”*

In our first reading **the prophet has a vision of the bones of a dead and hopeless people being restored to new life in their homeland.** The Lord calls upon Ezekiel as son of man to prophecy that the people who have experienced exile and many hardships will live again. The Spirit of the Lord restores their spirit and breath, and they rise from death. Although this passage can be understood to anticipate the hope of individuals resurrection, Israel did not yet have this belief.

### **Psalm 130**

The psalmist calls to the merciful Lord and waits upon God for forgiveness and redemption.

### **The Second Reading (The Epistle): Romans 8:6-11**

**Comments:** *“Life in the Spirit”*

In this lesson **Paul draws a contrast between minds dominated by fleshly and worldly things and those in whom Christ lives and are set on the Spirit.** The person at enmity with God is incapable of fulfilling the intention of the law, but one in whom Christ dwells is animated by the Spirit of God, and that Spirit, through which God raised Jesus from the dead, also gives to believers true life in our mortal bodies.

### **The Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45**

**Comments:** *“Baptismal image: the raising of Lazarus”*

The gospel is the story of Jesus’ raising of Lazarus from the dead. This is the last and greatest of Jesus’ signs, and it

points beyond itself to the hope of a new life after death for all. Only slowly do Jesus' friends begin to understand what he is saying to them and the deeper meaning of their own words. Soon the one who has raised Lazarus will himself be put to death, and then become the way of resurrection to eternal life.



## **CATHEDRAL NEWS**

**Financial Stewardship:** Donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606.

- Streaming Equipment Foundational Setup - \$35,000.00
- 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 have already made their Initial Offering. The amount collected so far, is \$3,844.75. 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 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.



***THEME FOR THE WEEK***

***“Our restoration to life is the reason God became man and died for us.”***



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week March 22 to 27, 2026***

*22 Mrs. Harriett V. W. Blackman*

*23 Mrs. Leah O. Gibson*

*24 Ms. Asha Weekes*

*26 Mrs. Audrey D. Cox*

*Mrs. Doreen Y. Weekes*

27 Ms. Monica Henry  
Mr. Amari A. Rollock



*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, Eleanor Small, 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 family of the late:



Ms. Sandra Alleyne, of New York, U.S.A. and formerly of St. Jude's Village, St. George.

We thank God for her life, work and witness; and pray for the Alleyne family as they mourn.

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



## 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. 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.
- 3. 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 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.
- 4. 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, Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.



## CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

**Today, Sunday, March 22, 2026**

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

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

**Preacher: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White**

**6:00 P.M. ~ Evensong: “Embracing the Kingdom’s  
Future: Welcoming Children in Our Midst.”**

**Topic “*Investing in the Next Generation*”**

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



**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

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

**“The Wilderness Experience: Challenge and Triumph  
along the Christian Journey – Broken Relationships”**

**Presenter: The Rev'd Edith Small**



**Next Sunday, March 29, 2026**

**Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

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

**9:00 A.M. ~ The Liturgy of the Palm  
and Sung Eucharist**



**LOOKING AHEAD !**

**HOLY WEEK**



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**March 29 to April 4, 2026**

**March 29, 2026 ~ Palm Sunday**

**7:00 A.M.** ~ Holy Eucharist -  
with the Distribution of Palms

**9:00 A.M.** ~ The Palm Sunday Liturgy-  
and Sung Eucharist



**Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

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

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

**Presenter: The Rev’d Re-Shan A. White**

**7:00 P.M. ~ CHRISM MASS**

**President and Preacher:**

**The Rt. Rev’d Michael B. St. J. Maxwell, Bishop of  
Barbados**



**Thursday, April 2, 2026**

**6:00 P.M.** ~ The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday



**Friday, April 3, 2026**

**9:00 A.M. ~ The Good Friday Liturgy**

**11:00 A.M. ~ Choral Matins**

**6:00 P.M. ~ Solemn Musick for Good Friday**



**EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**EASTER DAY**

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

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

**6:00 P.M. ~ Festal Evensong**

**Procession and the Hallelujah Chorus**



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings**  
**March 22 to 27, 2026**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Fifth Sunday in Lent	Psalm 118 Exodus 3:16—4:12 John 8:46-59	Psalm 145 Jeremiah 23:16-32 Romans 12:1-21
Monday	Psalm 31 Exodus 4:10-20(21- 26)27-31 Mark 9:30-41	Psalm 35 Jeremiah 24:1-10 1 Corinthians 14:1-19
Tuesday	Psalms [120], 121, 122, 123 Exodus 5:1—6:1 1 Corinthians 14:20- 33a, 39-40 Mark 9:42-50	<i>Eve of the Annunciation</i> Psalms 8, 138 Genesis 3:1-15 Romans 5:12-21 or Galatians 4:1-7 <i>Collect of the Annunciation</i>
Wednesday	Psalms 85, 87 Isaiah 52:7-12 Hebrews 2:5-10	Psalms 110:1-5(6-7), 132 Wisdom 9:1-12 John 1:9-14
Thursday	Psalms 131, 132, [133] Exodus 7:25—8:19 Mark 10:17-31	Psalms 140, 142 Jeremiah 26:1-16 2 Corinthians 3:7-18
Friday	Psalms 95 (Invitatory) & 22 Exodus 9:13-35 Mark 10:32-45	Psalms 141, 143:1- 11(12) Jeremiah 29:1, 4-12 2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Saturday	Psalms 137:1-6(7-9), 144 Exodus 10:21—11:8 Mark 10:46-52	Psalms 42, 43 Jeremiah 31:27-34 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 <i>Collect for Palm Sunday</i>

# NOTES

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Assistant Treasurer: Ms. Harriet Clarke

### Synod Representatives

Mr. Darnley King, J.P.

Mr. Samuel Maxwell, J.P.

### Alternative Synod Representative

Ms. Donna Inness

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## LEADERS OF ORGANISATIONS AND MINISTRIES

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