

Happy
Mothering
Sunday



St. Michael's Cathedral

Services
for
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Mothering Sunday
Sunday, March 15, 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**

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn ~ 373**

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;

ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent*

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.*

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

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

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

A reading from the Word of God written in the First Book of the Prophet Samuel, the sixteenth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite

Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please remain seated)

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

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- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his
Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of
those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for
ever.

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: **Ephesians 5:8-14**

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Merlene Barrow

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Christopher Burnett

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

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 511**

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

Words: John Keble (1792-1866), with others

The Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

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 ninth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the

works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe

in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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. ~ Mrs. Joyanne Blackman-Jarvis

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Margaret Fraser-Morrison

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 Gloria, Antonio, Zida, Lynda, and Winston 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 and The Rev'd Sharon Power, 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 ~ 314

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of thy face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill thy church with light divine,
and thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
man to God devoted live;

all below, and all above,
one in joy, and light, and love.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), based on Psalm 67

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:

PROPER PREFACE “Lent”

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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” 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 ~ 504 & 462

JUST as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears, within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871)

Hymn ~ 462 (*The blessing of birthday celebrants*)

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Refrain:

*God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.*

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;

when dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.

Refrain

All you may need he will provide,
God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.

Refrain

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you.

Refrain

Words: Civilla Durfee Martin (1869-1948)

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 ~ 476**

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ Year A

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Comments: *“David is chosen and anointed”*

In this Hebrew scripture story **the Lord sends Samuel to anoint David to be the new king over Israel.** God has rejected Saul as king but he remains in power and Samuel

must go secretly on his mission. As so often happens in the Bible, one who seems least likely in the eyes of others is chosen by God to carry out the divine will.

Psalm 23

The Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

The Second Reading (The Epistle): Ephesians 5:8-14

Comments: *“Awake from sleep, live as children of light”*

In this New Testament lesson, **disciples are called to be a people of the light, forsaking all the works of darkness.** Their present life is to be in sharp contrast with their actions before they became Christians. All that is done is to be exposed to the light. The passage closes with what was probably part of an ancient hymn used at baptisms.

The Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

Comments: *“Baptismal image: the man born blind”*

Our gospel is **the story of Jesus’ healing of a man born blind. Jesus brings light into a dark world.** Many people of the time regarded the man’s blindness to be a result of sin, but Jesus helps him to see, at first physically, and then spiritually as well. The man withstands the criticism of the religious officials and worships Jesus as the Son of Man and his Lord.



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

“Through our Lenten penances, we move from the darkness of our old ways to the light of Jesus’ way.”



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week March 15 to 21, 2026

15 Ms. Gloria Regis

18 Mr. Antonio Forde

20 Mrs. Zida Hunte

21 Ms. Lynda Fields

Mr. Winston A. Holder



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. 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.
- 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, 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.



CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday, March 15, 2026

The Fourth 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 “Creating Space for Children”

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



Wednesday, March 18, 2026

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

**“The Wilderness Experience: Challenge and Triumph
along the Christian Journey – Ageing.”**

Presenter: The Rev'd Adzil Stuart

Hon. Assistant Curate St. George Parish Church



Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
March 15 to 21, 2026

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Fourth Sunday Lent	Psalms 66, 67 Genesis 48:8-22 John 6:27-40	Psalms 19, 46 Jeremiah 14:1-9, 17-22 Romans 8:11-25
Monday	Psalm 89:1-18 Genesis 49:1-28 Mark 7:24-37	Psalm 89:19-52 Jeremiah 16:10-21 1 Corinthians 10:14—11:1
Tuesday	Psalms 97, 99, [100] Genesis 49:29 —50:14 Mark 8:1-10	Psalms 94, [95] Jeremiah 17:19-27 1 Corinthians 11:17- 34
Wednesday	Psalms 101, 109:1-4(5- 19)20-30 Genesis 50:15-26 Mark 8:11-26	Psalm 119:121-144 Jeremiah 18:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:1- 11
Thursday	Psalm 132 Isaiah 63:7-16 Matthew 1:18-25	Psalm 34 2 Chronicles 6:12-17 Ephesians 3:14-21
Friday	Psalms 95 (Invitatory) & 102 Exodus 2:1-22 Mark 9:2-13	Psalm 107:1-32 Jeremiah 23:1-8 1 Corinthians 12:27 —13:3
Saturday	Psalms 107:33-43, 108:1-6(7-13) Exodus 2:23—3:15 Mark 9:14-29	Psalm 33 Jeremiah 23:9-15 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 <i>Collect for 5 Lent</i>

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