



May 3, 2026
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Services
7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.

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

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Saint Michael and All Angels**
The Diocese of Barbados

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

7:00 A.M. ~ HOLY EUCHARIST

9:00 A.M. ~ SUNG EUCHARIST

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

Lay Eucharist Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit Hymn ~ 175

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us;
Jesus lives! By this we know
Thou, O grave, canst not enthral us.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! For us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
naught from us our love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! To him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!

*Words: Christian Füchtgott Gellert (1715-1769),
from Jesus lebt, mit ihm auch ich, German;
translation: Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), with others*

Opening Sentence **“Easter”** Page 98
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed. Come, let us adore Him.
Alleluia!

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PRESIDENT:
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

**And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires know, 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.

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect: *“The Fifth Sunday of Easter”*

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Paul Blackman

9:00 A.M. ~ Hon. Gregory Nicholls, M.P.

A reading from the Word of God written in the Acts of the Apostles, the seventh chapter, beginning at the fifty-fifth verse.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi* Page 503

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be for ever.

Amen

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Gittens

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Stephen Wite

A reading from the Word of God, written in First Peter, the second chapter, beginning at the second verse.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy

priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to
shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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 14:1-14

Gospeller: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White

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

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

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

(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)

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Pro. Anne St. John, GCM

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

Intercession: **Form “H”**

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LEADER:

Let us pray for the Church and for 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.

LEADER:

Guide the people of this land, and of 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.

LEADER:

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.

LEADER:

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and 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.

LEADER:

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.

LEADER:

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

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

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

Let us therefore confess our sins.

FORM A

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ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed,

and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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PRESIDENT:

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

ALL: Amen.

(Please stand)

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE "A"

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PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised into one Body and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL:

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP: *(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.

Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller in 1955

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Hymn ~ 728 (vs 6 omitted)

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the Head and corner-stone,

chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted lovingkindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

DOXOLOGY

To be sung at the end of any Part

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: anonymous, before 9th century, Latin;
translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.*

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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But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed

death, and by His rising to life again He has won for us eternal life. *(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 “A”

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PRESIDENT:

All Holy and glorious Father,
our Creator God,
we give you thanks
because in your loving wisdom
you brought all things into being,
and are truly worthy of praise
from every creature you have made.

Again and again
we have turned away from you;
yet in every age your steadfast love

has called us to return,
to live in union with you:
for it is your eternal purpose
to put new life into all things
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ
who took our human nature upon Him
you have redeemed the world
from the bondage of sin:
and by the power of your Holy Spirit
you have gathered a people to yourself,
to make known in every place
His perfect offering which He made
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, 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."

And 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.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

PRESIDENT:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT:

And so, Heavenly Father,
rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation;
His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice
made once for all upon the Cross;
His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;
His Glorious Ascension into heaven;
and looking for His Coming in glory;
we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving;
and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood
of your Son, our great High Priest,
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.
Unite us with all Bishops,
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,
and with the whole people of God,
living and departed,
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,
that we may be found ready to join the company
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,
and all your saints,
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:
Forever giving you thanks and praise
through Him for whom all good things do come.

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 “A”

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PRESIDENT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all
share in one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

The Invitation “A”

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DEACON: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne

My brother and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL:

**Grant gracious Lord that we may so eat the flesh of your
dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that 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 ~ 455 & 503

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
 be thou my guide;
 bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
 nor let me ever stray
 from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold sullen stream
 shall o'er me roll,
 blest Saviour, then in love,
 fear and distrust remove;
 O bear me safe above,
 a ransomed soul.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

Hymn ~ 503 (*Worshippers who desire a blessing for their birthday or wedding anniversary may come to the altar during the singing of this hymn.*)

Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the gathering waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,

still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cleanse from every sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within;
thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER “A”

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ALL:

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live His risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING ~ “*Easter*”

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The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the

blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ALL: *Amen.*

(Please sit)

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional Hymn ~ 375

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord, re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), based on Psalm 150



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Comments ~ *“The martyrdom of Stephen”*

A deacon of the church, Stephen, preaches salvation history before the high priest and the council, culminating in a vision of Jesus standing at God’s right hand. Those gathered are so provoked by this testimony that, enraged, they drag him from the city and stone him to death. Those stoning Stephen lay their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul, who will later become the apostle Paul. Stephen prays God to forgive those putting him to death, as did Jesus from the cross.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

A psalm of trust by one who looks to the Lord for mercy and protection.

Second Lesson: (The Epistle) 1 Peter 2:2-10

Comments ~ *“God’s people chosen to proclaim God’s mighty acts”*

This reading presents **a series of images from the Old Testament, describing Christians as a chosen people called by God to God’s service.** It is possible that the passage was once used during an Easter season baptismal liturgy. Newborn disciples are to purify themselves and, as living stones, to join themselves to Jesus, the rejected one, who now is the cornerstone of the spiritual temple. They are the new Israel, called out of darkness into light.

The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

Comments ~ *“Christ the way, truth, and life”*

In our gospel passage, **Jesus speaks with his disciples shortly before his passion and tells them that he is the way, the truth, and the life.** He is the way because he himself is going the way of the sacrifice of death, so to prepare a place for his disciples. In this way, followers will discover the truth, that Jesus so intimately reflects the character of God that those who have seen him have seen the Father. All who come to the Father through Jesus will find true 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
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“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)



THEME FOR THE WEEK

“Our dignity as God’s people is that Jesus adopted our image and likeness.”



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays
this week ~ May 3 to 9, 2026***

*4 Mr. Norton A. Brewster
5 Ms. Corleta L. A. Ellis
7 Mr. Kelvin E. Ward*



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, 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:



- Mr. Sylvester “Blues” Sargeant, former Car Park worker at the St. Michael’s Cathedral, who died at his residence on Wednesday evening, April 29, 2026.



DIOCESAN NEWS

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's and All Angels, Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. **Your prayers and presence are requested.**



Today, The Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2026

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, May 6, 2026

10:00 A.M. ~ A Public Service of Healing

7:00 P.M. ~ The Consecration and Ordination of Priests



Sunday, May 10, 2026

Next Sunday, The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



LOOKING AHEAD: MAY 2026

- **Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.** ~ SMCFA sponsored, Annual's Dean's Lecture, In the Courtney Blackman Grande Salle, Lecturer, Dr. Henderson Carter, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Education, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus.
- **Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 12:15 P.M.** ~ ASCENSION DAY: Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) Novena – God With Us, Archbishop Sarah Mallally, Archbishop of Canterbury.
- **Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.** ~ Opening of Annual Diocesan Synod.
- **Sunday, May 24, 2026 ~ 7:00 A. M. and 9:00 A.M.,** ~ The Feast of Pentecost: **“Flames of Fire: Stepping Out Empowered and United in the Spirit.”** **Worshippers are encouraged to wear red shoes.**
- **Health Promotion Event at the Cathedral Church** ~ Staff and Students of Winona State University in collaboration with Dr. Wendy Sealy, Programme Coordinator, Master of Science in Nursing/ Post Graduate Diploma in Paediatric Nursing, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies.
- **Wednesday, May 29, 2026 ~ 10:00 A.M.** Worship, Reflection, Sacrament. Presenter – Mrs. Celpha Sands, Centering Prayer.



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
May 3 to 9, 2026**

| Day | Morning Readings | Evening Readings |
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| The Fifth Sunday of Easter | Psalms 24, 29 Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36 Luke 4:16-30 | Psalms 8, 84 Wisdom 7:22—8:1 Hebrews 12:1-14 |
| Monday | Psalms 56, 57, [58] Leviticus 16:1-19 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 | Psalms 64, 65 Wisdom 9:1,7-18 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 |
| Tuesday | Psalms 61, 62 Leviticus 16:20-34 Matthew 6:7-15 | Psalm 68:1-20(21- 23)24-36 Wisdom 10:1-4(5- 12)12-21 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 72 Leviticus 19:1-18 Matthew 6:19-24 | Psalm 119:73-96 Wisdom 13:1-9 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 |
| Thursday | Psalms [70], 71 Leviticus 19:26-37 Matthew 6:25-34 | Psalm 74 Wisdom 14:27—15:3 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 |
| Friday | Psalm 106:1-18 Leviticus 23:1-22 Matthew 7:1-12 | Psalm 106:19-48 Wisdom 16:15—17:1 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17 |
| Saturday | Psalms 75, 76 Leviticus 23:23-44 Matthew 7:13-21 | Psalms 23, 27 Wisdom 19:1-8, 18-22 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18 <i>Collect for 6 Easter</i> |

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