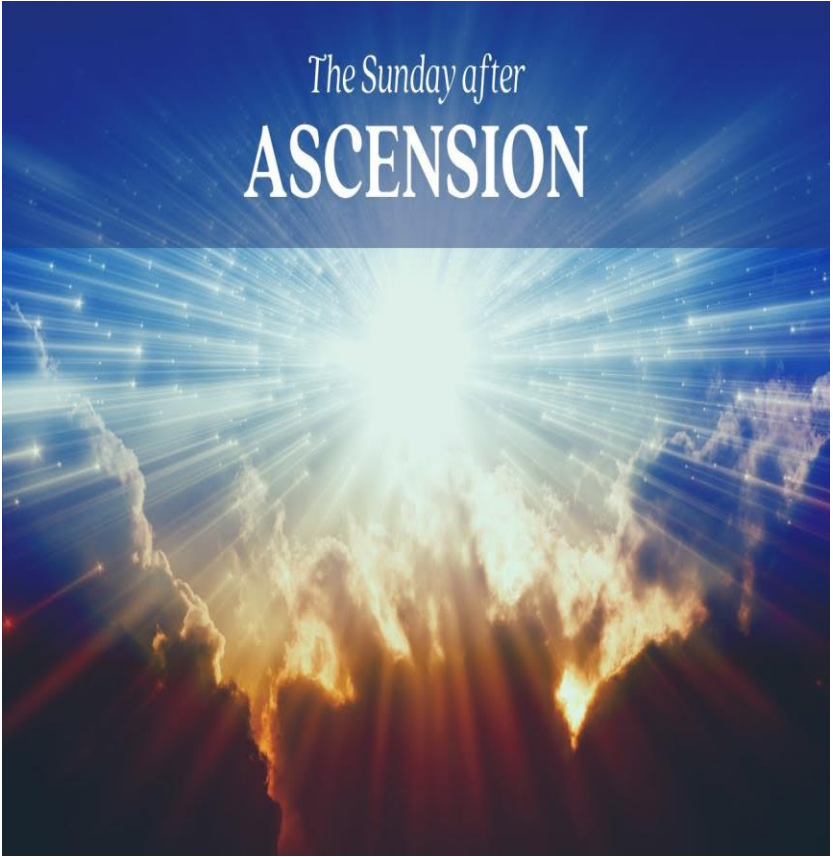


The Sunday after
ASCENSION



May 17, 2026
The Seventh Sunday of Easter – The
Sunday after Ascension Day
Services
7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: The
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7:00 A.M. ~ HOLY EUCHARIST

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

9:00 A.M. ~ SUNG EUCHARIST

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Lay Eucharist Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit Hymn ~ 183

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless
love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

*ords: Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932), from *À toi la gloire, O Ressuscité, French;*
translation: Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)*

Opening Sentence “*Ascension*” Page 98
Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the
heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of
need. (*Hebrews 4:14, 16*)

THE INVOCATION Page 101

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.

THE KYRIES

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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:

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“Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day”

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Saviour Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Harriett Godding

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

A reading from the Word of God written in Acts of the Apostles, the first chapter, beginning at the sixth verse.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will

be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 *Exsurgat Deus*

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- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it
away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish
at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth
prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your
inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made
provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his
people! Blessed be God!

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

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

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

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

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

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 196

The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light.

the joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given:
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1854/5)

The Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

Gospeller: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne

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

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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. ~ Mrs. Joyanne Blackman-Jarvis

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

Intercession: **Form “H”**

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The President: The Bidding – Lord, we pray for your Church.
As we celebrate Ascensiontide, we give thanks that, returning
to the glory of heaven, your Son opened for us a way to your
presence.

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:

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 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 ~ 246**

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the strength of Israel's might,
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
before him prostrate fall,
and shout in universal song
the crownèd Lord of all.

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792)

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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Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After His glorious resurrection He openly appeared to His disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where He is, there we might also be, and reign with Him in glory. *(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:

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 ~ 607 & 192

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
lifest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now,
Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's Stem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain.
Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified.

Words: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925)

Hymn ~ 192 (*Worshippers who desire a blessing for their birthday or wedding anniversary may come to the altar during the singing of this hymn.*)

Jesu, our hope, our heart's desire,
thy work of grace we sing;
Redeemer of the world art thou,
its Maker and its King.

How vast the mercy and the love,
which laid our sins on thee,
and led thee to a cruel death,
to set thy people free!

But now the bonds of death are burst;
the ransom has been paid;
and thou art on thy Father's throne,
in glorious robes arrayed.

O may thy mighty love prevail
our sinful souls to spare!
O may we stand around thy throne,
and see thy glory there!

Jesu, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
in thee be all our glory now
and through eternity.

All praise to thee who art gone up
triumphantly to heaven;
all praise to God the Father's name
and Holy Ghost be given.

*Words: anonymous, from Jesu, nostra redemptio, amor et desiderium, 7th or 8th century, Latin;
translation: John Chandler (1806-1876), and Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern.
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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 “Ascensiontide”

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Christ our King, make you faithful and strong to do His will, that you may reign with Him in glory; 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 ~ 190

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin’s Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won

which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail,
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1893), alt.

The Dismissal: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

Comments ~ *“Jesus’ companions at prayer after his departure”*

In this reading we hear of Jesus’ promise of empowerment for mission by the Holy Spirit, after which he is envisioned being lifted up into heaven. The author of Acts pictures the missionary work of the church spreading outward from Jerusalem. In obedience to Jesus’ command, the disciples return to the city and, with others of Jesus’ followers and relatives, prayerfully await the coming of the Spirit. Although Jesus will one day appear again, his community now has a ministry to bring the good news to the world.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

A psalm of praise to the mighty God who has brought the people out of Egypt and saved Israel from her enemies. God reigns on high.

Second Lesson: (The Epistle) 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Comments ~ *“God will sustain and restore those who suffer”*

In this lesson we learn that **when Christians find it necessary to suffer for their faith, they are to know that they are sharing in Christ’s sufferings.** They can even find cause for rejoicing, recognizing that this may well be a sign that God’s Spirit is with them. The advice was given during an outbreak of persecution of Christians in Asia Minor. The disciples are urged to make sure that they only suffer in a right cause and are then unashamed to confess Christ’s name.

The Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

Comments ~ “*Christ’s prayer for his disciples*”

In our Gospel **Jesus asks the Father that his glory may be made fully known in his Son, and he prays for his disciples, through whom this glory now shines.** These words are part of what is called Jesus’ high-priestly prayer offered before his death. God’s glory has been shown forth in Jesus’ ministry and will be radiant in his crucifixion and resurrection. Now and afterwards Jesus’ followers will realise that all which Jesus has given to them has come from the Father.

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)



THEME FOR THE WEEK

“Any departure of Jesus from our lives saddens us. But he does it to reinforce his presence right here, within us.”



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays
this week ~ May 17 to 23, 2026***

18 Mrs. Carmen Boakye-Cofie

Mr. Christopher Burnett

Mrs. Hyacinth A. Rodgers

19 Ms. Julianne A. Ifill

20 Ms. Beverley M. Small

21 Mr. Lawrence E. Pollard

22 Ms. Donnah M. Russell



May God bless and strengthen you.



Flowers: Donations of flowers are welcome to decorate the church for Whitsunday. Please contact the Administrative Assistant to offer your donation.



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, 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.
- Mrs. Tessa Chadderton-Shaw, educator, and former Manager of National Council on Substance Abuse who died on Sunday, May 3, 2026.
- Ms. Gloria Regis of Lower Burney, Mapp Hill, St. Michael who died on Monday, May 4, 2026 at her residence.
- Mrs. Maybell Elaine Haynes-Mayhew, 110 years old, originally of Belair, St. George, Barbados, who died in her home, NY, USA. She was a member of St. George’s Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, NY, USA.



Today, The Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2026

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



5:00 P.M. ~ Opening of Annual Diocesan Synod.



Wednesday, May 20, 2026

10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Sunday, May 24, 2026

Next Sunday, The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



LOOKING AHEAD: MAY 2026



The Feast of Pentecost: “**Flames of Fire: Stepping Out Empowered and United in the Spirit.**” **Worshippers are encouraged to wear red shoes.**

- **Sunday, May, 24, 2026 ~ 9:00 A.M. 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 27, 2026

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

Presenter – (To Be Announced).

Sunday May 31, 2026 First Sunday after Pentecost:

Trinity Sunday:

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist – Start of Fisheries Month, Annual Barbados Fisherfolk Festival.



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
May 17 to 23, 2026**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Seventh Sunday of Easter	Psalms 66, 67 Exodus 3:1-12 Luke 10:17-24	Psalms 19, 46 Ezekiel 3:16-27 Hebrews 12:18-29
Monday	Psalm 89:1-18 Joshua 1:1-9 Matthew 8:5-17	Psalm 89:19-52 Ezekiel 4:1-17 Ephesians 3:1-13
Tuesday	Psalms 97, 99, [100] 1 Samuel 16:1-13a Matthew 8:18-27	Psalms 94, [95] Ezekiel 7:10-15, 23b-27 Ephesians 3:14-21
Wednesday	Psalms 101, 109:1-4(5- 19)20-30 Isaiah 4:2-6 Matthew 8:28-34	Psalm 119:121-144 Ezekiel 11:14-25 Ephesians 4:1-16
Thursday	Psalm 105:1-22 Zechariah 4:1-14 Matthew 9:1-8	Psalm 105:23-45 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32 Ephesians 4:17-32
Friday	Psalm 102 Jeremiah 31:27-34 Matthew 9:9-17	Psalm 107:1-32 Ezekiel 34:17-31 Ephesians 5:1-20
Saturday	Psalms 107:33-43, 108:1- 6(7-13) Ezekiel 36:22-27 Ephesians 6:10-24 Matthew 9:18-26	<i>Eve of Pentecost</i> Psalm 33 Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20 I Peter 2:4-10 <i>Collect for Pentecost (1)</i>

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