

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

**The Holy Eucharist
on the**

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**July 19, 2026
7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.**



“To be a guiding light of Christ’s grace, justice, freedom and love”

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

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Sunday, July 19, 2026
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: YEAR A
7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist
President and Preacher:
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9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit 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)

Opening Sentence “***Pentecost***”

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When the Spirit comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning. (*John 15:26, 27*)

THE INVOCATION

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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 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 KYRIE

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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: Proper 11

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“The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost”

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19a

Lectors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Harriett Godding

9:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Harriett Blackman

A reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Genesis, the twenty-eighth chapter, beginning at the tenth verse.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

**Glory 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: Romans 8:12-25

Lectors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Merlene Barrow

9:00 a.m. ~ Mr. Leighton Waterman

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

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For

who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn ~ 449

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953), from Enlarged Songs of Praise

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

GOSPELLER: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne, J.P.

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter, beginning at the twenty-fourth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Intercessors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Joyanne Blackman-Jarvis
9:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Donna Inniss

Intercession: **Form “H”**

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The President: The Bidding – Lord, we pray for your Church.
As we thank you for the gift of Pentecost so we pray that,
renewed by the Spirit’s life, we would do Christ’s work in our
world.

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.

Silence

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

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. *Amen.*

(Please stand as able)

THE GREETING OF PEACE

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FORM A

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: Hymn ~ 296 *(During the singing of this hymn, worshippers are encouraged, as inspired, to share tangible expressions such as a handshake, etc.)*



There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet Heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us,
filling us with your love.
And for these blessings,
we lift our hearts in praise,
without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.*

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness, and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
'I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.'

Refrain

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THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Hymn ~ 216

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise.
Father whose love unknown
all things created own,
build in our hearts thy throne,
Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word,
by heaven and earth adored;
our prayer attend:
come, and thy people bless;
come, give thy word success;
stablish thy righteousness,
Saviour and friend.

Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour:
thou, who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three,
the highest praises be,
hence evermore;
thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

Words: anonymous, c1757, 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 you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God: (*go to page 128*)

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfilment of His true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. (*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)

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 from 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

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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”

DEACON:

My brothers 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 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

Communion Hymns ~ 490 & 515

Lord, teach us how to pray aright
with reverence and with fear;
though dust and ashes in thy sight,
we may, we must, draw near.

We perish if we cease from prayer:
O grant us power to pray;
and, when to meet thee we prepare,
Lord, meet us by the way.

God of all grace, we come to thee
a broken, contrite heart;
give what thine eye delights to see,
truth in the inward part.

Faith is the only sacrifice
that can for sin atone,
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes,
on Christ, on Christ alone.

Patience to watch and wait and weep,
though mercy long delay;
courage our fainting souls to keep,
and trust thee though thou slay.
Give these, and then thy will be done;
thus, strengthened with all might,
we, through thy Spirit and thy Son,
shall pray, and pray aright.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Hymn ~ 515 (*Worshippers who desire a blessing for their birthday or wedding anniversary may come to the altar during the singing of this hymn.*)

Come, we that love the Lord
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

*We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King,
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad,
may speak their joys abroad.

Refrain

The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets.

Refrain

Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,

we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high.

Refrain

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

THE POST COMMUNION “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 “*Pentecost*”

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The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Recessional Hymn ~ 403 (vs. 4 & 5 omitted)

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;

O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!

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

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

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

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

THE DISMISSAL

DEACON: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. *Amen.*

Organ Postlude (*Worshippers are invited to sit silently to listen to the voluntary, but those who wish to leave at this point may do so quietly.*)

Thank you most sincerely for worshipping at the Cathedral this morning.



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST YEAR A

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a

Comment: “*Jacob’s vision*”

God comes to Jacob in a dream and, in a vision of a ladder between earth and heaven, renews with Jacob the promise made to his grandfather Abraham. Jacob will become the father of a great nation. Jacob awakes astonished at God’s self-revelation and sets up a sacred pillar, calling the place “Bethel,” a site which will one day become an important northern shrine city.

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

With wonderful wisdom God alone perceives the heights and depths of life.

Second Reading: (The Epistle) Romans 8:12-25

Comment: “*The revealing of the children of God*”

In this lesson, **Paul teaches that if we follow our lower nature, we are enslaved and destined to death, but when we are moved by God’s Spirit, we become God’s children and heirs with Christ.** The Spirit prompts us to call upon God as Father with the same Aramaic word (Abba) that Jesus used. Indeed, as heirs with Christ, the whole creation is now linked with human destiny. As creation shares in the penalty of slavery to mortality and corruption, it will through our freedom as children of God participate in our full redemption. This is our saving hope, greater than any sufferings of this present age,

and though they are still hidden, we now enjoy the first fruits of the Spirit.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Comment: “*The parable of the weeds*”

The gospel is **the parable of the wheat and the weeds, for which Jesus then provides an explanation.** The story points to a mystery: why there is both good and evil in life. The parable may at one time have been used to suggest that it is not so easy for humans to know what is good and what is bad, from the divine perspective. In a strangely mixed world one must carry on with patience. The allegorical explanation emphasises the judgement which will take place in the end at the hands of the Son of Man.

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 troubles are neither interruptions, delays or distractions in our lives. They are part of the fabric of life and salvation.”



FLOWERS: Flowers today are donated by Paul and Harriett Blackman on the occasion of their forty-first wedding anniversary and the visit of their son Stephen Blackman to Barbados.

BIRTHDAYS: Congratulations to all those persons who are celebrating birthdays this week ~ July 19 to 25, 2026.

19 Mr. Clifford F. Taylor

20 Mr. Franklyn S. Archer

21 Ms. Amber Proute

25 Mr. Thorill O. Martin



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, Winfield Downes, Sheila Forde, 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 families of the late:

- Ms. Velda Y. Lowe, of #29 Primrose Avenue, Cane Garden, St. Thomas. She was the sister of Ms. Harriet Lowe, former Assistant Verger of this Cathedral. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral, followed by the Interment in the Westbury Cemetery.
- Condolences to The Very Rev'd William Dixon and family on the occasion of the death of his sister Mrs. Marjorie Doreen Forde, who died in England on Monday June 29, 2026.



May the bereaved families know the blessedness of those who mourn.



Today, Sunday, July 19, 2026
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost-Year A
7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, July 22, 2026
10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist
The Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
Dean Jeffrey's 42nd Anniversary of Ordination to the
Priesthood



Saturday, July 25, 2026
12:15 p.m. ~ Holy Eucharist
Dean Jeffrey's 43rd and Rev'd Re-shan's 1st Anniversary
of Ordination to the Diaconate



Sunday, July 26, 2026
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Emancipation
Celebration

7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist



Looking Ahead!

Wednesday, July 29, 2026
10:00 a.m. ~ Worship, Reflection and Sacrament
Topic: "What Manner of Man is the Prophet, with special
reference to Jeremiah 28:5-9; Foreteller or Forthteller?
Presenter: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson



Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings July 19 to 25, 2026		
Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:	Psalms 63:1-8(9-11), 98 Joshua 6:15-27 Mark 2:1-12	Psalms 103 1 Samuel 23:7-18 Acts 22:30—23:11
Monday	Psalms 41, 52 Joshua 7:1-13 Matthew 26:36-46	Psalms 44 1 Samuel 24:1-22 Romans 13:8-14
Tuesday	Psalms 45 Joshua 8:1-22 Matthew 26:47-56	Psalms 47, 48 1 Samuel 25:1-22 Romans 14:1-12
Wednesday <i>Feast of St. Mary Magdalene</i>	Psalms 116 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Mark 15:47—16:7	Psalms 30, 149 Exodus 15:19-21 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
Thursday	Psalms 50 Joshua 9:3-21 Matthew 26:69-75	Psalms [59,60] or 66, 67 1 Samuel 28:3-20 Romans 15:14-24
Friday	Psalms 40, 54 Joshua 9:22—10:15 Matthew 27:1-10	Psalms 51 1 Samuel 31:1-12 Romans 15:14-24
Saturday <i>Feast of St. James the Apostle</i>	Psalms 34 Jeremiah 16:14-21 Mark 1:14-20	Psalms 33 Jeremiah 26:1-15 Matthew 10:16-32 <i>Collect for Proper 12</i>

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