

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

**The Holy Eucharist
on the**

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:
Emancipation Celebrations**

**July 26, 2026
7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.**



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

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All Angels
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Sunday, July 26, 2026
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: YEAR A
7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist
President: The Rev'd Re-shan A. White
9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit Hymn ~ 554

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet

come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over away that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the
blood of the slaughtered;
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who has by thy might, led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
where we met thee;
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world,
we forget thee,
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we for ever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Words: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

Opening Sentence “*Emancipation*”

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)

President says,

I remember and acknowledge the energies of this land’s original inhabitants the Ciboney, the Kalinagos and the Tainos, all those elevated energies who were born in this place, those who made it across the deep waters, those who may still be found in the waters. We also give thanks for those on the continent who are connected with us. I acknowledge you and all that you come with, and I greet all of you in peace.

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.*

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Let us pray,

1. Proper 12:

God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

2. Emancipation:

O Liberating God, creator of all that is, who made us in your image, enable us your people to call upon you, so that we may never forget our past and our heritage. Help us to strive for continuous improvements as a people and help us to be good examples in the world; through Jesus the Christ, who lives in communion with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen*

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 29:15-28

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

9:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Sandra Fields

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

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD, *
and who follow in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about your table.
- 4 The man who fears the LORD *
shall thus indeed be blessed.
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all
the days of your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel.

**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 8:26-39

**Lectors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Linda Springer
9:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Mary Weekes**

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

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn ~ 239

The right hand of God is writing in our land,
writing with power and with love
our conflicts and our fears, our triumphs and our tears
are recorded by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is pointing in our land,
pointing the way we must go.
So clouded is the way, so easily we stray,
but we're guided by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is striking in our land,
striking out at envy, hate and greed.
our selfishness and lust, our pride and deeds unjust
are destroyed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land,
healing broken bodies, minds and souls.
So wondrous is its touch, with love that means so much,
when we're healed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God, is planting in our land,
planting seeds of freedom, hope and love.
In these Caribbean lands, let his people all join hands,
and be one with the right hand of God.

Words: Patrick Prescod.

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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 thirty-first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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.***

A LITANY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Litanists: 7:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Donnah Russell, J.P.
9:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Juno Burrows, J.P.

(Adapted from the Episcopal Office of Governmental Relations)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Brothers and sisters: God commands us through Jesus Christ
to love one another. In baptism, we promise to seek and serve

Christ in all persons, loving our neighbours as ourselves and to strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being. Let us now honour those vows and pray for our nation, for wise and just leaders, and for the needs of others throughout our country and the world, in this Emancipation Day Celebration.

We pray for the work of the CARICOM Reparations Commission, a regional body established to set the moral, ethical and legal case for the payment of Reparations by the Governments of all the former colonial powers and the relevant institutions of those countries, to the nations and people of the Caribbean Community for the Crimes against Humanity of Native Genocide, the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and a racialized system of chattel Slavery.

We pray for continued blessings on all peacemakers, on leaders who value peace, and on everyone who promotes nonviolent solutions to conflict. We pray for a speedy end to all violence and warfare around the world, especially between Russia and Ukraine, and in the Middle East.

God of peace and gentleness,

All: Help us to remember wrong things rightly.

We pray for the strength of heart and mind to look beyond ourselves and address the needs of our siblings throughout the world; for the poor and the vulnerable; for the rebuilding of our communities; and for an end to the cycles of violence that threaten our future.

God of generosity and compassion,

All: Help us to remember wrong things rightly.

We pray for all nations, that they may live in unity, peace, and concord; and that all people may know justice and enjoy the perfect freedom that only God can give.

God of liberty and freedom,

All: Help us to remember wrong things rightly.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may embrace the most vulnerable members of our society; we pray also for an end to the growing disparity between the rich and poor; and for the grace and courage to strive for economic justice.

God of all gifts and blessings,

All: Help us to remember wrong things rightly.

We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country and the world; that we will respect all people as precious children of God; and that racism, sexism, and all other forms of discrimination will be forever banished from our hearts, our society, and our laws.

God of fellowship and equality,

All: Help us to remember wrong things rightly.

We pray for a reverence of creation; that we will have the tools and the will to conserve it; that we will use its bountiful resources in the service of others; and that we will become better stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

God of nature and the universe,

All: Help us to remember wrong things rightly.

We pray for all immigrants, refugees, and visitors from around the world, that there may be a more generous understanding of the needs of others throughout the world, for an openness to

the value that people different from ourselves can bring to our life, and for a recognition that it is only by working together that we can serve the good and the prosperity of all.

God of outcasts and wanderers,

All: Help us to remember wrong things rightly.

We pray for the sick, the aged and the infirm; for those with physical or mental disabilities; that all may have access to proper health care; and that God's loving embrace may be felt by all who suffer.

God of comfort and healing,

All: Help us to remember wrong things rightly.

We pray for all prisoners and captives; that a spirit of forgiveness may replace vengeance and retribution; and that we, with all the destitute, lonely, and oppressed, may be restored to the fullness of God's grace.

God of absolution and mercy,

All: Help us to remember wrong things rightly.

We pray for all children and families, and particularly for the orphaned, neglected, abused, and those who live in fear of violence or disease; that they may be relieved and protected.

God of children and families,

All: Help us to remember wrong things rightly.

We pray for the reconciliation of all people, and for the Church throughout the world, that it may be an instrument of your healing love. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church in Tanzania.

God of outreach and restoration,

All: Help us to remember wrong things rightly.

We pray for all who have died as a result of violence, war, disease or famine, especially those who died because of human blindness, neglect, or hardness of heart.

God of eternal life and resurrecting love,

All: Help us to remember wrong things rightly.

Let us pray for of the governments and people of Venezuela and Guyana in the aftermath of the earthquakes of June 24, 2026 and the Ferry disaster on July 18, 2026 respectively; for our own needs and the needs others.

Silence

CONCLUDING COLLECT

PRESIDENT:

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; 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 ~ 251

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,

his praise all people sing:
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
his changeless name of love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

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 If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (*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 ~ 313 & 651

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
now fulfil thy church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;
from the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces
in the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
that we fail not man nor thee,
that we fail not man nor thee.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.

Hymn ~ 651 (*Worshippers who desire a blessing for their birthday or wedding anniversary may come to the altar during the singing of this hymn.*)

It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heaven,
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true;
he chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned and died
for love of those who loved him not.

I cannot tell how he could love
a child so weak and full of sin;
his love must be most wonderful,
if he could die my love to win.

I sometimes think about the cross,
and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails and crown of thorns
and Jesus crucified for me.

But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
of that great love which, like a fire,
is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know
his love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see
my love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord!
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and more,
until I see thee as thou art.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

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.*

DEACON: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Recessional Hymn ~ 439

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross!
Lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
his army he shall lead,
till every foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The solemn watchword hear;
if while ye sleep he suffers,
away with shame and fear.
Where'er ye meet with evil,
within you or without,
charge for the God of battles,
and put the foe to rout.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger
and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armour,
each piece put on with prayer;
when duty calls or danger
be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of Glory
shall reign eternally.

Words: George Duffield, Jr. (1818-1888)

The National Anthem of Barbados

In plenty and in time of need
When this fair land was young
Our brave forefathers sowed the seed
From which our pride has sprung
A pride that makes no wanton boast
Of what it has withstood
That binds our hearts from coast to coast
The pride of nationhood.

Chorus

We loyal sons and daughters all
Do hereby make it known
These fields and hills beyond recall

Are now our very own
We write our names on history's page
With expectations great
Strict guardians of our heritage
Firm craftsmen of our fate.

The Lord has been the people's guide
For past three hundred years.
With Him still on the people's side
We have no doubts or fears.
Upward and onward we shall go,
Inspired, exulting, free,
And greater will our nation grow
In strength and unity.

Words by Mr. Irving Burgie.

Music by Mr. C. Van Roland Edwards

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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST YEAR A

First Reading: Genesis 29:15-28

Comment: “A Trickster is tricked at his own game”

In our sequential read from Genesis, **Jacob meets his match in his future father-in-law, the deceptive Laban.** We encounter the cultural power of custom, here applied to women when it is deemed inappropriate to marry off the younger

daughter Rachel before the elder daughter Leah. God makes no overt appearance in these events, though God's promise is at work even in the unlikely interactions of an exploitative father-in-law, two competitive sisters, and the compromised patriarch Jacob.

Psalm 105:1-11, 45B

A hymn of praise celebrating God's forming of a people through the generations.

Second Reading: (The Epistle) Romans 8:26-39

Comment: *"Nothing can separate us from God's love"*

In this lection **Paul expresses his great confidence that God is for us, making love known to humankind through the sacrifice of the Son and the help of the Spirit.** The Spirit pleads with God for us, interceding when words fail. We learn that God works for good with those called according to God's purpose. Nothing, therefore, can separate us from the love of One who did not withhold from us the divine Son. Neither mortal distress nor supernatural power can separate us from such love.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Comment: *"Parables of the reign of heaven"*

Our gospel is **five of Jesus's short parables: the mustard seed, the leaven, the hidden treasure, the priceless pearl, and the net.** They suggest how the action of God's reign is realised. What seems insignificant is suddenly of great importance. It is like a marvelous gift which one seizes upon joyfully and for which all else is willingly sacrificed. The kingdom takes all kinds, and the sorting out must await the end. Wise servants will recognise treasure both old and new.

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

“God’s unceasing love for us is the principle of the Kingdom’s growth in us.”



FLOWERS: Flowers today are donated by Mrs. Yvette Cox-Murray in memory of her late husband Blair Murray.

BIRTHDAYS: Congratulations to all those persons who are celebrating birthdays this week ~ July 26 to August 1, 2026.

26 Ms. Coralie Sandiford

28 Ms. Monica Davis

29 Mr. Gregory Riley

1 Mrs. Eleanor E. Small
1 Mr. Leighton F. Waterman



May God bless and strengthen you.



CONGRATULATIONS: Happy Wedding Anniversary to Martin and Omeitha Haynes as they celebrate their fifty-seventh year of marriage today Sunday, July 26, 2026.



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:



- Mrs. Marjorie Doreen Forde, who died in England on Monday, June 29, 2026. She was the sister of The Very Rev'd William Dixon.
- The Right Excellent Sir Garfield St Aubrun Sobers, National Hero, AO, OCC, who died on Friday, July 17, 2026 at the age of 89 years. His State Funeral will take place at Kensington Oval on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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



Today, Sunday, July 26, 2026

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Emancipation
Celebration**

7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist

Worshippers are asked to wear African Attire



Wednesday, July 29, 2026

10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist

**The Feast of Mary and Martha of Bethany
President and Preacher: The Rev'd Re-shan A. White**



SERMON NOTES

Text:.....

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Topic:.....

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Preacher:.....

Points to ponder:

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What was God saying specifically to me during the sermon?

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Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings July 26 to August 1, 2026		
Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:	Psalms 24, 29 Joshua 24:1-15 Mark 2:23-28	Psalms 8, 84 2 Samuel 1:17-27 Acts 28:23-31
Monday	Psalms 56, 57, [58] Joshua 24:16-33 Matthew 27:24-31	Psalms 64, 65 2 Samuel 2:1-11 Romans 16:1-16
Tuesday	Psalms 61, 62 Judges 2:1-5, 11-23 Matthew 27:32-44	Psalms 68:1-20(21-23)24-36 2 Samuel 3:6-21 Romans 16:17-27
Wednesday	Psalms 72 Judges 3:12-30 Matthew 27:45-54	Psalms 119:73-96 2 Samuel 3:22-39 Acts 1:1-14
Thursday	Psalms [70], 71 Judges 4:4-23 Matthew 27:55-66	Psalms 74 2 Samuel 4:1-12 Acts 1:15-26
Friday	Psalms 69:1-23(24-30)31-38 Judges 5:1-18 Matthew 28:1-10	Psalms 73 2 Samuel 5:1-12 Acts 2:1-21
Saturday	Psalms 75, 76 Judges 5:19-31 Matthew 28:11-20	Psalms 23, 27 2 Samuel 5:22—6:11 Acts 2:22-26 <i>Collect for Proper 13</i>

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