

**The Cathedral Church of
Saint Michael and All Angels
welcomes you to the celebration of
The Holy Eucharist
on**



**The Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost**

**September 27, 2026
7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist**

“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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Introit Hymn ~ 381

Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him,
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all ye stars of light:
praise the Lord! For he hath spoken,
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws, which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he hath made.

Praise the Lord! For he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious,

sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!

Words: John Kemphorne (1775-1838), 1796

Welcome

Opening Sentence: **“General”** Page 100
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

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 Page 101

ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE KYRIES

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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 21**

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“The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost”

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Let us pray,

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Lectors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Deidre Cox

9:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Lynette Francis-Thornhill

A reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Exodus, the seventeenth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there

for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *Attendite, popule*

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- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our
forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, * and all the night
through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

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: Philippians 2:1-13

Lectors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Joyanne Blackman-Jarvis

9:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Lisa Mayers

A reading from the Word of God written in Paul's Letter to the
Philippians, the second chapter, beginning at the first verse.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation
from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and
sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having
the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing
from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others
as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own
interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in
you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every
name, so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not
only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work
out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God
who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work
for his good pleasure.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn ~ 739

Our Father, by whose servants
our house was built of old,
whose hand hath crowned her children
with blessings manifold,
for thine unfailing mercies
far strewn along our way,
with all who passed before us,
we praise thy name today.

The changeful years unresting
their silent course have sped,
new comrades ever bringing
in comrades' steps to tread:

and some are long forgotten,
long spent their hopes and fears;
safe rest they in thy keeping,
who changest not with years.

They reap not where they laboured;
we reap what they have sown:
our harvest may be garnered
by ages yet unknown.
The days of old have dowered us
with gifts beyond all praise:
our Father, make us faithful
to serve the coming days.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

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 twenty-first chapter, beginning at the twenty-third verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why

then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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. ~ Ms. Donnah Russell, J.P.

9:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Danita Layne

Intercession: **Form “F”**

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The President: The Bidding –

Let us pray for the Church and for all people according to their needs. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Bangladesh.

Lord in your love,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

Bless and inspire all members of the clergy, especially Philip, our Archbishop; Michael, our Bishop; Wilfred, retired Bishop of Croydon, England; Rufus and John, retired Bishops of Barbados; Jeffrey and Re-shan our Priests; and Richard, our Deacon.

ALL:

That their lives may be examples of their teaching, and that they may rightly and faithfully administer your holy Sacraments.

LEADER:

Guide and protect all Heads of State and all who bear rule, especially those in this land: Jeffrey, our President, Mia, the Prime Minister, all members of Parliament, and all persons serving in Government.

ALL:

That our people may be godly and peacefully governed.

LEADER:

Direct those who administer justice; and strengthen those who guard and protect the land.

ALL:

That our people may dwell in peace.

LEADER:

Reveal the common good to those in positions of public trust and to decision-makers in industry and commerce.

ALL:

That freedom and dignity may prevail among us.

LEADER:

Enlighten with your Spirit all places of education and learning.

ALL:

That the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of your truth.

LEADER:

Comfort and help all persons who are in any trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

ALL:

Help us to help them, O Lord.

LEADER:

Remember our brothers and sisters, especially Carl Austin and Norma Jones, nee Smith, and all others who have died in your faith and fear.

ALL:

Grant them peace and eternal life.

LEADER:

We thank you heavenly Father, for the witness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour; for the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs; and for all the Saints, good examples in their generations.

PRESIDENT:

And finally let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence may be kept.

ALL:

Accept our prayers and intercessions, Father, according to your wisdom, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. 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: “Let there be peace on earth”

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



Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God our Creator
Children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Words: Jill Jackson; Melody: Sy Miller (1945)

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Hymn ~797

Praise to God who reigns above
binding earth and heaven in love;
all the armies of the sky
worship his dread sovereignty.

Seraphim his praises sing,
cherubim on fourfold wing,
thrones, dominions, princes, powers,
marshalled might that never cowers.

Speeds the archangel from his face,
bearing messages of grace;
angel hosts his words fulfil,
ruling nature by his will.

Yet on man thy joy to wait,
all that bright celestial state,
for in Man their Lord they see,
Christ, the incarnate Deity.

On the throne their Lord who died
sits in Manhood glorified;
where his people faint below
angels count it joy to go.

O the depths of joy divine
thrilling through those orders nine,
when the lost are found again,
when the banished come to reign!

Now in faith, in hope, in love,
we will join the choirs above,
praising, with the heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Richard Meux Benson (1824-1915)

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 130*)

PROPER PREFACE ~ “The Lord’s Day” Page 130

Because on this most glorious day, a triple light was given. On the first day of creation, you brought light and life into being. On the first day, for our salvation, you raised your Son victorious over death; and on this day you gave your Holy and lifegiving Spirit to your church. (*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 ~ “Who is like God?” & 795

"Who is like God? Who is like God?"

Archangel Michael sings;

Angelic Choirs take up the strain,

All heaven with music rings.

"There's none like God, there's none like God,"

In concert Angels sing;

"O'er all this boundless universe

God, only God, is King."

He made the heavenly hosts to show
The glory of His love;
And men to worship, serve, obey
As Angels do above.

St. Michael and his Angels fought
Against the Dragon fell;
And by the power of God alone
Drove Satan into hell.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Creator, Saviour, Friend,
Be praise, and glory, Rule and Power,
To ages without end.

Words by the late Canon W. Brathwaite

Hymn ~ 795 (*Worshippers who desire a blessing for their birthday or wedding anniversary may come to the altar during the singing of this hymn.*)

Life and strength of all thy servants,
brightness of the Father's light;
men with angels, earth with heaven,
in thy praise their songs unite.

Thousand thousand warrior princes
in thine angel army stand;
flames the victor cross before them,
grasped in Michael's dauntless hand.

Hurling back from heaven the rebels
with the lifting of his sword,
in the might of God he tramples
on the dragon's head abhorred.

Lord of Angels, Christ, we pray thee,
bid them aid us in our strife,
chase afar the hosts of evil,
till we reach the land of life.

God the Father, God immortal,
God the Son, for us who died,
God the Comforter, the Spirit,
evermore be glorified!

*Words: Rabanus Maurus (776-856), from Tibi Christe, splendor Patris, Latin;
translation: Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern*

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 375

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

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

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

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

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

THE 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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST YEAR A

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Comment: *“Water Flows out of the Rock”*

In our Hebrew Bible story, **the people are at the point of rebellion because they are without water in the wilderness.** Moses decries their readiness to challenge the Lord through their lack of trust, and he asks God what is to be done. The Lord instructs Moses to strike a rock with his staff so that water will pour from it. This place he named Massah (meaning Challenge) and Meribah (meaning Dispute).

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

The psalm recalls Israel’s trials and the Lord’s sustaining grace in the wilderness after the escape from Egypt.

Second Reading: (The Epistle) Philippians 2:1-13

Comment: *“Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross”*

In this reading, **Paul bids the new disciples to be of one mind in love, knowing how Christ Jesus accepted the condition of a servant and was obedient to the point of death. We now confess him as Lord and are called to be an obedient working out of our faith.** Central to this passage is a poem which may have been adapted from the hopes for a saviour of a people who did not yet know Jesus. He has fulfilled humanity’s dream of one who will share fully in the mortal condition. Now the Lord is known personally—Jesus. His followers must work out their salvation while discovering that God is active in them for his loving purpose.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew

Comment: “A parable of doing God’s will”

In a response to a question about authority, Jesus tells a parable of two sons who obeyed their father differently, and he indicates that it is the same with those who are apparently obedient and disobedient in this age. Both John the Baptist and Jesus offered their message of repentance and the hope of the kingdom to all. It was the seeming outcasts who most genuinely responded. Then and now it is not a popular idea to suggest that such persons have priority over those who are established in their religion. Action is the test of obedience.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Financial Stewardship: Donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael’s Cathedral, CIBC Caribbean, Bridgetown Branch, Swift/BIC Code: FCIBBBBBB Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606. **“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)



CATHEDRAL MISSION, MINISTRY and MAINTENANCE

In pursuit of the enhancement of the Cathedral’s ministry today and tomorrow, the Parochial Church Council recently launched Phase 1 of our 3-Year Appeal: US\$50,000/BDS\$100,000. This phase will:

1. Repair our roof, replace windows, and repair the Chapter Room – US\$20,000.00/BDS\$40,000.00.
2. Refurbish bathrooms to dignified, approved standards –

US\$10,000.00/\$20,000.00.

3. Launch St. Michael's Digital Ministry to reach Barbadians at home and abroad - \$40,000.00.

Let us make this a reality with a three-tier Donor Path: Corporate Neighbours, Individuals of Goodwill and Congregation. Sincere thanks to all who have already made contributions. In addition, thanks to all who have made commitments to the Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure; and to the Fund-raising plans for the rest of the year.



FLOWERS: The Officers and members of the Flower Guild wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all those persons who made contributions towards the purchase of the flowers for the festival.



EMAIL ADDRESS NOTICE: Further to the announcement of Caribsurf that it will discontinue its email domain on September 30, 2026, members whose email address ends with @caribsurf.com are asked to update their Cathedral records with their new address, as soon as possible. The cooperation of everyone concerned would be greatly appreciated. Please note that the Cathedral's new email address is:

stmichaelcathedral1665@outlook.com



THEME FOR THE WEEK

“Action is the best test of obedience. Our individual responsibility means nothing unless we carry it out in practice.”



BIRTHDAYS: Congratulations to all those persons who are celebrating birthdays this week ~ 27 September to 3 October, 2026.

27 Mrs. Valdine E. Browne

Ms. Sandra M. Greene

28 Ms. Nikimbe Proute

Mr. John F. Sealy

29 Ms. Daphne O. Browne

30 Mr. Julian A. Burton

Ms. Clarrisa Carrington

Mrs. Yvette Crawford-Trave

Ms. Sonia Gibson

Ms. Andrea N. White



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.



PATRONAL FESTIVAL OFFERING



Members are encouraged to present their St. Michael and All Angels special envelope as a Jubilee gift of sixty dollars (\$60.00) to the Cathedral.

In keeping with the double celebration of the Nation, the 60th anniversary of Independence and the 5th anniversary as a Republic, according to one's circumstances, one may consider making a gift of three hundred dollars (\$60 x 5). Thank you for your kind consideration and generosity.



Patronal Festival!

Sunday, September 27, 2026 to

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Theme: *"Reflecting the Light: From Angels to Diamond Jubilee."*

It is designed to serve as a bridge to Barbados' monumental upcoming milestones (60th Diamond Jubilee of Independence and 5th Republic Anniversary, November 30th).

Today, Sunday, September 27, 2026

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost-Year A

7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist

6:00 p.m. ~ Evensong - *"Angelic Reflections: Guardians of the Flame"*.

Preacher: The Rev'd Martin F. N. Taylor, B.A. Theology (Hons), PG DEL, PG Ed.



Tuesday, September 29, 2026

7:00 p.m. ~ Sung Eucharist - "*Beauty from the Deep: The Strength to Endure*" (The Mothers' Union).

**Preacher: The Rev'd Jilian S. Crawford, J.P., Dip. Th.,
B.A. Theology (Hons).**



Wednesday, September 30, 2026

10.00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist - "*A Nation Unbound: Walking in the Daybreak*"

**Preacher: The Rev'd Dr. Samuel Elcock, J.P. of the
Church of the Nazarene.**



Friday, October 2, 2026

7:00 p.m. ~ Youth Expressions - "*Many Facets, One Light: The Pride of Identity*".

**Preacher: The Rev'd Charles M. Morris, Dip. Th., B.A.
Theology (Hons), M.A. (Hist.)**



Next Sunday, October 4, 2026

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost-Year A

7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist

6:00 p.m. ~ Evensong - "*The Artisan's Touch: Shaping our Destiny*." (The Choir, Men's Fellowship, Servers and Ushers).

**Preacher: The Rev'd Reudon A. T. Eversley, J.P., Dip.
Th., B.A., M.A.**



Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings September 27 to October 3, 2026		
Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost:	Psalms 66, 67 Hosea 2:2-14 Matthew 13:44-52	Psalms 19, 46 2 Kings 17:1-18 James 3:1-13
Monday	Psalms 89:1-18 Hosea 2:14-23 Luke 5:1-11	Psalms 89:19-52 2 Kings 17:24-41 Acts 20:17-38
Tuesday	Psalms 8, 148 Job 38:1-7 Hebrews 1:1-14	Psalms 34, 150 or 104 Daniel 12:1-3 or 2 Kings 6:8-17 Mark 13:21-37 or Revelation 5:1-14
Wednesday	Psalms 101, 109:1- 4(5-19) 20-30 Hosea 4:11-19 Luke 5:27-39	Psalms 119:121-144 2 Kings 18:9-25 Acts 21:15-26
Thursday	Psalms 105:1-22 Hosea 5:8—6:6 Luke 6:1-11	Psalms 105:23-45 2 Kings 18:28-37 Acts 21:27-36
Friday	Psalms 102 Hosea 10:1-15 Luke 6:12-26	Psalms 107:1-32 2 Kings 19:1-20 Acts 21:37—22:16
Saturday	Psalms 107:33-43, 108:1-6(7-13) Hosea 11:1-9 Luke 6:27-38	Psalms 33 2 Kings 19:21-36 Acts 22:17-29 <i>Collect for Proper 22</i>

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