

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



**The Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost**

**September 20, 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 ~ 413

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:

strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

*Words: William Williams (1717-1791), from Arglwydd arwain trwy'r anialwch, Welsh,
alt.; translation: William Williams (1717-1791),
and Peter Williams (1722-1796)*

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

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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 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 20**

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“The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost”

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Let us pray,

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 16:2-15

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 Exodus, the sixteenth chapter, beginning at the second verse.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45 *Confitemini Domino*

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- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

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 1:21-30

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

9:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Margaret Fraser-Morrison

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

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn ~ 536

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free.
Tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love.
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience: still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong;

In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,

in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918), 1879

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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 twentieth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked

only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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. ~ Mr. Leighton Waterman

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 Diocese of Bor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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 Shelley Weir who will be buried this week, Arlington Watson whose first anniversary of death we remember today, 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 who have been 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.

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 ~ 243

When all thy mercies, O my God,
my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost
in wonder, love and praise.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul
thy tender care bestowed,
before my infant heart conceived
from whom those comforts flowed.

When in the slippery paths of youth
with heedless steps I ran,

thine arm unseen conveyed me safe,
and led me up to man.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
my daily thanks employ;
and not the least a cheerful heart
which tastes those gifts with joy.

Through every period of my life
thy goodness I'll pursue
and after death, in distant worlds,
the glorious theme renew.

Through all eternity to thee
a joyful song I'll raise;
for, O, eternity's too short
to utter all thy praise.

Words: Joseph Addison (1672-1719)

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 ~ “Of God the Father” Page 130

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. (*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 ~ 525 and 583

I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong:
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain:

*Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Refrain

When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain

Words: American folk song

Hymn ~ 583 (*Worshippers who desire a blessing for their birthday or wedding anniversary may come to the altar during the singing of this hymn.*)

Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
to the heavenly shore;
make my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
every gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.

Words: Thomas Benson Pollock (1836-1896)

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 ~ 310

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,

what can shake thy sure repose?
with salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage;
grace, which like the Lord the Giver,
never fails from age to age?

Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear,
for a glory and a covering-
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, since of Zion's city,
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
all it's boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), 1779

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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST YEAR A

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15

Comment: *“God feeds the people”*

We hear the story of God’s feeding of the people in the wilderness. The Israelites are full of complaints and now think they would prefer slavery and death in Egypt to their present difficulties. The Lord appears to them and promises sustenance, but also a test, for they will only be given food on a day-to-day basis. It is possible to explain the food in natural terms: the flock of quail provide flesh and the secretion of insects the bread-like substance. But the point of the narrative is that God provides. The Israelites call the bread *manna* (perhaps from words meaning “What is this?”).

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

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

Second Reading: (The Epistle) Philippians 1:21-30

Comment: *“Standing firm in the gospel”*

In this reading, **Paul tells the Philippians that he would prefer to be with Christ beyond death, but he recognises that he still has good work to do in his earthly life.** The passage suggests that Paul had reason to think his death might be near, perhaps by martyrdom. He looks forward to a closer union with Christ, but believes it more likely that he will be able to visit the Philippians again. Either way, he asks that they live in a manner worthy of the gospel and stand firm in unity with one another.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Comment: *“The parable of the vineyard workers”*

Our gospel is the story of the labourers in the vineyard, who are all paid the same wage despite their different hours of work. Like most parables, this story can have many meanings, as have been given to it in the life of the Church. On one level it suggests that nobody can presume on God’s grace, so often extended to those who may seem the least deserving. The parable deliberately flies in the face of normal human expectations. It offers a clue pointing to God’s extraordinary even-handedness in dealing with people quite apart from human ideas about their merit. Jesus may have told it in defence of his own sharing in the lives of the outcast.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Financial Stewardship: Donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael’s Cathedral, CIBC Caribbean, Bridgetown Branch, 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 repairs to 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: Sincere thanks to Mrs. Margaret Watson for the flowers today in the memory of her late husband, Mr. Arlington Watson, J.P.



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

“The goodness and the mercy of the Lord towards us transcend every human circumstances.”



BIRTHDAYS: Congratulations to all those persons who are celebrating birthdays this week ~ 20 to 26 September, 2026.

20 Ms. Ruth Sparrock

22 Ms. Sheila Sealy

23 Ms. Janiya Harper

24 Mr. Milroy I. King

Dr. Wendy Sealy

25 Ms. Donna Inniss

Mr. Joshua A. Turney



May God bless and strengthen you.



FLOWER GUILD APPEAL: Donations of flowers for our Patronal Festival Celebrations, in memory of loved ones, birthdays, and anniversaries would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Administrative Assistant to offer your donation.



SICK: Please remember the sick or injured of our parish and wider community, especially Daphne Browne, Margaret Browne, Darwin Clarke, Heather Coward-Downes, 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.



Today, Sunday, September 20, 2026
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost-Year A
7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, September 23, 2026
10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist



Next 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 Taylor, B.A. (Theology Hons), PG DEL, PG Ed.



LOOKING AHEAD!

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).

Sunday, September 27th, 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 29th, 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 30th, 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 2nd, 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.)

Sunday, October 4th, 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.



The Saints of the Cathedral Chapter

At a meeting of The Dean and Chapter of St. Michael's Cathedral, a decision was made to undertake a series of presentations on the Saints of the Chapter. The aim is to contribute to the spirituality of the Diocese as the Chapter affirms its role as advisor to the Bishop on matters of spirituality.

Session # 1, September 16, 2026 St. Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258 AD.

The first was done by the Rev'd Canon Noel A. Burke, Rector of St. David and of the Stall of St. Cyprian; and the respondent was the Rev'd Ian V. Claridge, Rector of St. Cyprian. It was held on Wednesday, September 16th, 2026.

The Dean's Takeaways

Cyprian of Carthage's approach to reintegrating lapsed members offers valuable insights for the Church's ministry

today. During the Decian Persecution (250-251-AD), many Christians renounced their faith, and Cyprian advocated for a balanced approach to readmitting them. He believed in a period of penance and probation, rather than immediate restoration or permanent exclusion.

Mercy and Discipline: Cyprian's approach balanced God's mercy with the need for discipline and accountability within the Church

Restoration over Exclusion: He prioritized restoring lapsed members, recognizing that forgiveness and second chances are essential to the Christian faith.

Importance of Church Leadership: Cyprian emphasized the role of the bishops and church leaders in guiding the reconciliation process. The Bishop is the symbol of unity.

Importance of Fellowship: He argued that gathering as the community of believers is crucial to the identity of Christians. In fact, Cyprian coined the structural concept that "He can no longer have God for his Father, who has not the Church for his mother".

Baptism: He reckoned, like the Apostle Paul, that baptism was the removal of the sin of Adam which came into humans at birth.

Holy Communion: Nourishes the soul of the believer. Hence, believers should faithfully participate in the Lord's Supper.

Enhancing the Church's Ministry Today:

Emphasizing Forgiveness and Second Chances: Churches can focus on creating a welcome environment for those who have

fallen away, encouraging them to return and rediscover their faith.

Structured Reconciliation Processes: Implementing formal processes for reconciliation, like Cyprian's approach, can help individuals navigate their journey back to full communion.

Leadership and Guiding: Church leaders can provide guidance and support for those seeking to return, helping them to heal and grow in their faith.

Altogether, by embracing Cyprian's vision, the Church can foster a culture of mercy, forgiveness, and restoration, reflecting the heart of the Gospel message.



Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings September 20 to 26, 2026		
Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:	Psalms 93, 96 Esther 3:1—4:3 or Judith 5:22—6:4, 10- 21 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	Psalms 34 2 Kings 4:8-37 James 1:19-27
Monday	Psalms 119:41-64 Isaiah 8:11-20 Romans 10:1-15	Psalms 19, 112 Job 28:12-28 Matthew 13:44-52
Tuesday	Psalms 78:1-39 Esther 5:1-14 or Judith 8:9-17; 9:1, 7- 10 Luke 3:15-22	Psalms 78:40-72 2 Kings 5:19-27 Acts 18:12-28
Wednesday	Psalms 119:97-120 Esther 6:15-14 or Judith 10:1-23 Luke 4:1-13	Psalms 81, 82 2 Kings 6:1-23 Acts 19:1-10
Thursday	Psalms [83] or 116, 117 Esther 7:1-10 or Judith 12:1-20	Psalms 85, 86 2 Kings 9:1-16 Acts 19:11-20
Friday	Psalms 88 Esther 8:1-8, 15-17 or Judith 13:1-20 Luke 4:31-37	Psalms 91, 92 2 Kings 9:17-37 Acts 19:21-41
Saturday	Psalms 87, 90 Hosea 1:1—2:1 Luke 4:38-44	Psalms 136 2 Kings 11:1-20a Acts 20:1-16 <i>Collect for Proper 21</i>

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