

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

**welcomes you to the celebration of
The Holy Eucharist
on**



The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost: Year A

October 4, 2026

7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist

6:00 p.m. ~ Evensong

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

**The Cathedral Church of
Saint Michael and All Angels
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Introit Hymn ~ 730

God is here! As we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place;
here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
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Welcome

Opening Sentence: **“General”**

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

THE INVOCATION

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PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.

Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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ALL:

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

THE KYRIES

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect:

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“The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost”

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving

us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Lectors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Mr. Paul Blackman

9:00 a.m. ~ Mr. Henderson Griffith

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

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

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- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his

chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me
from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous
sins; let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a
great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now: and shall be forever.

Amen.

(Please sit)

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-13

Lector: 7:00 a.m. ~ Mr. Victor Gittens

9:00 a.m. ~ Mr. Calderon Walrond

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Philippians, the third chapter, beginning at the fourth verse.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 732

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.

For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee when they come,
and, going, take thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
thy former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim
the sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer,
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46
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 thirty-third verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

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

(Please stand, as able)

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,

one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

(Please sit or kneel)

The Bidding Prayer – The President

*Lord God, we pray for your world, that your holy angels would
watch over all those who are vulnerable or in particular need*

this day, that through their ministry all people would come to know security and peace. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church of Brazil; and for the care of animals and all creation on this St. Francis Day.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Intercessors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Prof. Anne St. John, GCM
9:00 a.m. ~ Mr. John Moore, M. F.

Intercession: **Form “B”**

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LEADER:

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

ALL: That we all may be one.

LEADER:

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

LEADER:

We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;

ALL: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

LEADER:

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

ALL: That there may be justice and peace on earth.

LEADER:

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

ALL: That our works may find favour in your sight.

LEADER:

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEADER:

Give to the departed eternal rest;

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

LEADER:

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

LEADER: Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

(Silence may be kept)

ALL: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords to your will; and the good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACT OF PENITENCE

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DEACON:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(1 John 1:8,9)

A period of silence shall be kept.

DEACON:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

FORM A

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ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name.

ALL: *Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

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PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: *Amen.*

(Please stand)

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE “A”

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PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised into one Body and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL:

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP

Hymn 296

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.

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THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Hymn ~ 798

Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright,
filled with celestial resplendence and light,
these that, where night never followeth day,
raise the Trisagion ever and ay:

These are thy counsellors, these dost thou own,
Lord God of Sabaoth, nearest thy throne;
these are thy ministers, these dost thou send,
help of the helpless ones, us to defend.

These keep the guard amid Salem's dear bowers;
thrones, principalities, virtues and powers;
where, with the living ones, mystical four,
cherubim, seraphim bow and adore.

‘Who like the Lord?’ thunders Michael the Chief;
Raphael, ‘the Cure of God’, comforteth grief;
and, as at Nazareth, prophet of peace,
Gabriel, ‘the light of God’, bringeth release.

Then, when the earth was first poised in mid-space,
then, when the planets first sped on their race,
then, when were ended the six days' employ,
then all the Sons of God shouted for joy.

Still let them succour us; still let them fight,
Lord of angelic hosts, battling for right;

till, where their anthems they ceaselessly pour,
we with the angels may bow and adore.

*Words: Joseph the Hymnographer? (died 883) from Greek;
translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

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”

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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 as able)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “A”

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PRESIDENT:

All Holy and glorious Father,
our Creator God,
we give you thanks
because in your loving wisdom
you brought all things into being,
and are truly worthy of praise
from every creature you have made.

Again and again
we have turned away from you;
yet in every age your steadfast love
has called us to return,
to live in union with you:
for it is your eternal purpose
to put new life into all things
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ
who took our human nature upon Him
you have redeemed the world
from the bondage of sin:
and by the power of your Holy Spirit
you have gathered a people to yourself,
to make known in every place
His perfect offering which He made
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed
He took bread,
and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples
and said: "Take this, and eat it:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after supper
He took the cup of wine:

and when He had given thanks,
He gave it to them and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

PRESIDENT:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT:

And so, Heavenly Father,
rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation;
His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice
made once for all upon the Cross;
His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;
His Glorious Ascension into heaven;
and looking for His Coming in glory;
we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving;
and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood of
your Son, our great High Priest,
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.
Unite us with all Bishops,
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,
and with the whole people of God,
living and departed,
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,
that we may be found ready to join the company
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,
and all your saints,
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:
Forever giving you thanks and praise
through Him 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 “A”

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PRESIDENT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share
in one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

*(All baptised members of the Church, as inspired, may come to
the altar and receive Holy Communion)*

The Invitation “Form “A”

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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:

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**Grant gracious Lord that we may so eat the flesh of your
dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may
evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.



The Administration of Communion/Spiritual Communion

The Communion Hymns ~ 736 & 741

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,

hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-)

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Hymn ~ 741

We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels.

It is the house of prayer,
wherein thy servants meet;
and thou, O Lord, art there
thy chosen flock to greet.

We love the sacred font;
for there the holy Dove
to pour is ever wont
his blessing from above.

We love thine altar, Lord;
O what on earth so dear?
For there, in faith adored,
we find thy presence near.

We love the word of life,
the word that tells of peace,

of comfort in the strife,
and joys that never cease.

We love to sing below
for mercies freely given;
but O, we long to know
the triumph-song of heaven.

Lord Jesus, give us grace
on earth to love thee more,
in heaven to see thy face,
and with thy saints adore.

*Words: William Bullock (1798-1874),
and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER “A”

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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 Jesus 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.*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional 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 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.)*



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST YEAR A

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Comment: “The Ten Commandments”

In our first reading, **Moses gives the people the ten commandments that God spoke to him on Mount Sinai.** These precepts are at the heart of Israel’s law or Torah, and form the basis of the covenant with God established through Moses. The first four commandments prescribe Israel’s

relationship with God. Those which follow require fundamental responsibilities in human relationships.

Psalm 19

A hymn which glorifies the Creator God, with special praise for God's law and a prayer for avoidance of sin.

Second Reading: (The Epistle) Philippians 3:4b-14

Comment: *“Nothing surpasses the value of knowing Christ.”*

Paul reminds the new Christians at Philippi that, **if any have reason to brag because of heritage, lineage, or zeal, it is he. Yet all human achievements are to be counted as rubbish next to the joy and privilege of knowing God in Christ.** Paul does not consider himself complete, but presses forward to learn yet more of the grace of Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the sharing in his sufferings. His goal remains ahead: God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Comment: *“The parable of the vineyard owner's son”*

Our gospel is **the story of the wicked and disloyal tenants who are cast out of the vineyard.** The parable is presented to us as an allegory in which the vineyard is Israel and the wicked tenants are its people. The servants sent to them are the prophets, and the son whom they kill is Jesus. To the hearing of the early church the destruction of the vineyard would parallel the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 CE, while the heritage of the vineyard is now given to others. There is added an ancient prophecy concerning the stone which was rejected, but which has now become the main cornerstone for the Lord's new work.



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: Thanks to all who have made donations towards flowers for the festival.



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays
this week ~ October 4 to 10, 2026***

5 Ms. Maeve I. Gittens

Mrs. Yvette Murray

7 Ms. Doris V. Haynes

8 Ms. Claudia E. Smith

Ms. Aswika Turney

9 Dean Emeritus, The Very Rev'd

William Dixon, CBE

Mrs. Helena M. Lyte



May God bless and strengthen you.



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

“Fidelity to our faith will mean disappointment, and many temptations; but God’s fidelity will never fail.”



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 Climax

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

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., MJ, MPM.

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



BEREAVEMENT

Please pray for the families of the late:



- Mrs. Norma Jones, Dean Jeffrey's first cousin, who died in her adopted home, San Diego, California, USA;
- Ms. Vera Grant, sister of Mrs. Zida Hunte, who died in her adopted home, England.



LOOKING AHEAD!

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Laity Sunday

The Commissioning of New Eucharistic Ministers and the
Renewal of All Ministries



Sunday, October 25, 2026
Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday



DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE: On Saturday, October 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., there will be a gathering for young people of the Diocese between 14 and 25 years old, at The Church of Christ the King. Each parish is asked to identify two persons to attend. Any interested persons are asked to contact The Rev'd Re-shan A. White.



SPECIAL SERVICE OF RECOGNITION FOR RETIRED LAY DIOCESAN OFFICERS: There will be a special Service of Recognition for our retired Lay Diocesan Officers, who have served us faithfully while working at the Diocesan Secretariat and /or serving on Diocesan Synod. This service will take place on the evening of Lay Ministry Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at St George Parish Church.



CHURCH ARMY ANNIVERSARY SERVICE: The Barbados Church Army will be observing its 95th Anniversary with an Open-Air Mission Service at the King George V Memorial Park, Ruby, St Philip, on Sunday, October 18, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. They will be supported in this effort by the Diocesan Evangelism Commission as they seek to inspire

parishes to reconnect with their communities, evangelize and welcome persons into the life of the Church.



Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings October 4 to 10, 2026		
Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:	Psalm 118 Hosea 13:4-14 Matthew 14:1-12	Psalm 145 2 Kings 20:1-21 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Monday	Psalm 106:1-18 Hosea 14:1-9 Luke 6:39-49	Psalm 106:19-48 2 Kings 21:1-18 Acts 22:30—23:11
Tuesday	Psalms [120], 121, 122, 123 Micah 1:1-9 Luke 7:1-17	Psalms 124, 125, 126, [127] 2 Kings 22:1-13 Acts 23:12-24
Wednesday	Psalm 119:145-176 Micah 2:1-13 Luke 7:1-17	Psalms 128, 129, 130 2 Kings 2:14—23:3 Acts 23:12-24
Thursday	Psalms 131, 132, [133] Micah 3:1-8 Luke 7:36-50	Psalms 134, 135 2 Kings 23:4-25 Acts 24:1-23
Friday	Psalms 140, 142 Micah 3:9—4:5 Luke 8:1-15	Psalms 141, 143:1- 11(12) 2 Kings 23:36—24:17 Acts 24:24—25:12
Saturday	Psalms 137:1-6(7- 9), 144 Micah 5:1-4, 10-15 Luke 8:16-25	Psalm 104 Jeremiah 35:1-19 Acts 25:13-27 <i>Collect for Proper 23</i>

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