

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

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



The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost: Year A
*“The Commissioning of New Eucharistic Ministers and the
Renewal of All Ministries”*

October 11, 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
of Barbados**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Introit Hymn ~ 406

Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

WORDS: Isaac Williams (1802-1865)

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.

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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 Collects:

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1. “*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*”

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

2. “*For All Christians in Their vocation*” Page 201

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

(Please sit)

First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14

Lectors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Mr. Victor Small

9:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Valdine Browne

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

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains,

and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

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Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for
your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;
20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the
breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

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 4:1-9

Lector: 7:00 a.m. ~ Mr. Remech Matthias

9:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Mary Weekes

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

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of

the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 508

A charge to keep I have,
a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save,
and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,
my calling to fulfill,

O may it all my powers engage
to do my Master's will.

Arm me with jealous care,
as in thy sight to live;
and, O, thy servant, Lord, prepare
a good account to give.

Help me to watch and pray,
and on thyself rely;
and let me ne'er my trust betray,
but press to realms on high.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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-second chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered,

and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

(Please sit)

The Address: 7:00 a.m. ~ Mr. Victor Gittens

9:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Valdine Browne

(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.**

THE COMMISSIONING

(Lay persons are commissioned for their ministry by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism; however, when a special function is to be exercised, it is fitting that there be a public admission of persons to such ministries.)

Hymn ~ 666 (Ancient & Modern)

O Father, we would thank Thee
For all Thy love has given,
Our present joy of sonship,
Our future joy in heaven;
The life which sin had blighted
So wondrously restored
By our mysterious union
With Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rich gifts of life and gladness, –
A new and heav'nly birth,
Baptismal waters flowing
To cleanse the sons of earth;
The strength in which to follow
The steps that Jesus trod;
And love beyond all knowledge
Which calls us sons of God.

O mercy all abundant
Bestow'd on us to-day!

O hope of future glory
Which fadeth not away!
By God's great love begotten
To living hope and sure,
May we at Christ's appearing
Be pure as He is pure.

For all Thy gifts, O Father,
Our hymns of praise arise, –
The love which calls us children,
The hope which purifies;
The grace by which we offer
A service glad and free;
The earnest of perfection,
Of fuller life with Thee.

Words: Ada R. Greenaway

(Please sit)

Commissioning for Lay Eucharistic Ministers

The Examination

The congregation is seated, and the celebrant stands in full view of the people. The sponsor(s) and candidate(s) stand facing the celebrant.

The Dean

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission *these persons* in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which *they are called*.

The Dean addresses the sponsors.

The Dean: Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honour of God, and the well-being of his Church?

Sponsor: I believe they are.

The Dean says to the candidates

You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidate: I will.

The Commissioning

Sponsor: I present to you *these persons* who have been chosen and licensed to administer the Blessed Sacrament in this congregation.

Antiphon

The cup of blessing which we bless is a sharing in the blood of Christ. The bread we break is a sharing of the Body of Christ.

V. As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:

R. You proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Grant, Almighty God, that those who administer the cup of blessing may live in love and holiness according to your commandment, and at the last come to the joy of your heavenly feast with all your saints in light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you [N.] to administer the sacrament of Holy Communion in this Cathedral Parish and give you this as a token of your ministry.

THE RENEWAL OF MINISTRIES

Other Ministers

The Dean: Do you reaffirm your promise to serve God faithfully in the ministry to which you have been commissioned?

ANSWER: I do.

(Please sit or kneel)

The Bidding Prayer – The President

Lord our guide, bless those who lead your Church, that through their teaching and their care your flock may flourish in all its ways.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Intercessors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Shernelle O’Neale

9:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Donna Inniss

AN INTERCESSION FOR USE ON LAITY SUNDAY

LEADER:

Let us thank God today for the mission of Christ as experienced here in this Cathedral Church and seek God’s guidance and help in fulfilling the ministry which is ahead of us.

We pray:

For the Officers and members of the Parochial Church Council in their responsibility as leaders in making known the gospel of Christ in this City and across the Nation.

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy.*

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer.

For those who serve in the Sunday School and all others who share in the Christian formation of the congregation; and grant that through their nurture, we may be well equipped and instructed in the truths of our faith.

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy.*

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer.

For those who bear witness to Christ in the Ministry of Evangelism by word as well as by deed, that the love of God would be active in this City and across this Nation.

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy.*

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer.

For our Organist and Master of Choristers, John and Organist, Eric; all who from time to time provide relief; and all who lead in Ministry of Music, that by their music the hearts of God's people would be raised to magnify God's Holy name.

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy.*

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer.

For all organizations within the parish: the Church Army, the Men's Fellowship, the Mothers' Union and the Woman's Auxiliary, that God would equip and inspire members to work together for the building up of the Body of Christ, and bear faithful witness to the Gospel.

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy.*

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer.

For those who serve in the Ministry of Worship: the Bell Ringer, the Choir, the Clock Winder, the Eucharistic Ministers, Flower Guild, Lectors and Intercessors, Servers, Ushers, Verger, and Assistant Verger, that this may be a hospitable place where all people would feel welcome and experience Christ's presence in Word and Sacrament and in response to a movement of the Spirit seek to worship God in spirit and in truth.

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy.*

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer.

For those who share in the Ministry of Pastoral Care, visitation and comfort; for the Guild of Health and St. Raphael, and those to whom they minister: the sick, the bereaved, the aged, and the lonely.

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy.*

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer.

For the Social Ministry of the Cathedral undertaken through The St. Michael Centre for Faith and Action, and the Deacon's Cupboard: and for all those who provide social service through their contributions to the needy, that they may have tender hearts and tough minds to embrace all, knowing that by so doing they are serving Christ.

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy.*

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer.

For children, teenagers, youth and young adults, in this Cathedral Church, that they would be surrounded by caring and understanding men and women who love them, that they would grow into the full stature of Christ, loving their neighbours and knowing their Creator.

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy.*

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer.

For the Anglican Church of Burundi, its clergy and people; in the Diocese of Barbados, our Bishop, Michael, Wilfred retired Bishop of Croydon, England; Rufus and John, retired Diocesan Bishops; for Jeffrey, The Dean, Re-shan, the Assistant Priest in this Cathedral, and Richard, Hon. Assistant Curate, and for the Clergy of this Diocese; that together, Clergy and People would represent Christ and His Church in faith, hope and love.

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy.*

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer.

The President offers the following Collects, first saying,

Let us pray.

O Lord, without whom our labour is lost: We beseech you to prosper all works in your Church undertaken according to your holy will. Grant to your workers a pure intention, a patient faith, sufficient success on earth, and the blessedness of serving you in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, as you have called us to serve you here in the mission of the gospel, and in the ministry of your love to all people, so bless us with the wisdom and power of your Spirit, that we may know your will and be strong to obey it, for the honour of our Lord and Saviour 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

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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 ~ “Let there be love shared among us”

*Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love in our eyes
May now your love sweep this nation
Cause us O Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding*

*Of neighbourly love that is real
Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Hymn ~ 739 (*Ancient & Modern*)

Oh, it is hard to work for God,
To rise and take His part
Upon this battlefield of earth,
And not sometimes lose heart!

He hides Himself so wondrously,
As though there were no God;
He is least seen when all the pow'rs
Of ill are most abroad.

Ah, God is other than we think,
His ways are far above,
Far beyond reason's height, and reached
Only by childlike love.

Workman of God! O lose not heart,
But learn what God is like,
And in the darkest battlefield
Thou shalt know where to strike.

Then learn to scorn the praise of men,
And learn to lose with God;
For Jesus won the world through shame,
And beckons thee His road.

For right is right, as God is God,
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter were to sin.

Words: F. W. Faber

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 ~ “*Christian Initiation*” Page 130

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. (*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 ~ 528 & 524

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou hast sought, so let me seek
thine erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that while I stand
firm on the Rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things thou dost impart,

and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O give thine own sweet rest to me,
that I may speak with soothing power
a word in season, as from thee,
to weary ones in needful hour.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as thou wilt, and when, and where;
until thy blessed face I see,
thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

Hymn ~ 524

I lift my heart to thee,
Saviour Divine;
for thou art all to me,
and I am thine.

Is there on earth a closer bond than this -
that my Belovèd's mine, and I am his?

Thine am I by all ties;
but chiefly thine,
that through thy sacrifice
thou, Lord, art mine.

By thine own cords of love, so sweetly wound
around me, I to thee am closely bound.

To thee, thou bleeding Lamb,
I all things owe -
all that I have, and am,
and all I know.
All that I have is now no longer mine,
and I am not mine own: Lord, I am thine.

How can I, Lord, withhold
life's brightest hour
from thee; or gathered gold,
or any power?
Why should I keep one precious thing from thee;
when thou hast given thine own dear self for me?

I pray thee, Saviour, keep
me in thy love,
until death's holy sleep
shall me remove
to that fair realm where, sin and sorrow o'er,
thou and thine own are one for evermore.

Words: Charles Edward Mudie (1818-1890)

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 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 ~ 541

Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King?
Who will be his helpers other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side? Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side? Who for him will go?
By thy call of mercy, by thy grace divine,
we are on the Lord's side; Saviour, we are thine.

Not for weight of glory, not for crown or palm,
enter we the army, raise the warrior-psalm;
but for love that claimeth lives for whom he died:
he whom Jesus nameth must be on his side.
By thy love constraining, by thy grace divine,
we are on the Lord's side; Saviour, we are thine.

Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe,
but the King's own army none can overthrow.
Round his standard ranging, victory is secure,
for his truth unchanging makes the triumph sure.
Joyfully enlisting, by thy grace divine,
we are on the Lord's side; Saviour, we are thine.

Chosen to be soldiers in an alien land,
chosen, called, and faithful, for our captain's band;

in the service royal let us not grow cold;
let us be right loyal, noble, true and bold.
Master, thou wilt keep us, by thy grace divine,
always on the Lord's side, Saviour, always thine.

Words: Frances ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST YEAR A

First Reading: Exodus 32-1-14

Comment: “A Solemn Covenant with God”

In our story from the Hebrew Bible, **the people worship an idol, but Moses’ prayer saves them from the Lord’s punishment.** In one way or another this pattern is repeated throughout Israel’s history. The people have just made a solemn covenant with God, but quickly they lose faith and want to put their trust in some more tangible and useful religion. In this case the object of their worship is a bull-calf, a divinity among the Canaanites and a symbol of strength and virility. Moses intercedes against God’s wrath and reminds the Lord of past help and commitment to the people.

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

An affirmation of God's righteousness and favour toward those who love the Lord, and a confession of sins present and sins past.

Second Reading: (The Epistle) Philippians 4:1-9

Comment: *"Rejoice in the Lord always."*

In his letter to the church at Philippi, Paul invites the new disciples to exult in joy in the Lord, who is near at hand, and he thanks them for their most recent gift. They need have no anxiety, because God's peace, which is beyond human understanding, will keep their hearts and thoughts in Jesus. They should fill their minds with all that is noble and loving, putting these things into practice as Paul has taught them to.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Comment: *"The Parable of the unwelcome guest at the wedding feast."*

Our gospel reading presents **a parable about those who declined invitations to a marriage feast and others who were then invited, followed by the story of a guest who came without wedding clothes.** As the evangelist presents the parable of the feast, it is an allegory about the rejection of the Jews and the acceptance of the Gentiles into the kingdom. At another level, the story suggests that God's kingdom will become known whether people are prepared for it or not. It is a divine gift. Included will be all kinds of people, many of them not considered worthy by worldly standards. The second parable, originally a separate story, makes the point that one must be ready for the kingdom at all times; the invitation comes unexpectedly.



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.



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays
this week ~ October 11 to 17, 2026***

11 Mr. Justin M. V. Edwards

13 Ms. Cheryl A. Kelly

17 Mr. Ernest A. Kennedy



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

“Whatever the trials of this life, God’s fidelity provides a joyful destiny for us.”





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 generosity; so far, the amount collected is \$6,627.00.



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 25, 2026
Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE: Tomorrow, Saturday, October 10, 2026 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 faithfully while

working at the Diocesan Secretariat and or serving on Diocesan Synod. This service will take place this evening, 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 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 11 to 17, 2026		
Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost:	Psalms 146, 147 Micah 6:1-8 Matthew 15:21-28	Psalms 111, 112, 113 Jeremiah 36:1-10 1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Monday	Psalms 1, 2, 3 Micah 7:1-7 Luke 8:26-39	Psalms 4, 7 Jeremiah 36:11-26 Acts 26:1-23
Tuesday	Psalms 5, 6 Jonah 1:1-17a Luke 8:40-56	Psalms 10, 11 Jeremiah 36:27—37:2 Acts 26:24—27:8
Wednesday	Psalms 119:1-24 Jonah 1:17—2:10 Luke 9:18-27	Psalms 18:21-50 Jeremiah 37:3-21 Acts 27:9-26
Thursday	Psalms 18:1-20 Jonah 3:1—4:11 Luke 9:18-27	Psalms 22 Jeremiah 38:14-28 Acts 27:27-44
Friday	Psalms 16, 17 Ecclesiasticus 1:1-10, 18-27 Luke 9:28-36	Psalms 22 Jeremiah 38:14-28 Acts 28:17-31
Saturday	Psalms 20, 221:1-7(8-14) Ecclesiasticus 3:7-31 Luke 9:37-50	Psalms 110:1-5(6-7), 116, 117 2 Kings 25:8-12, 22-26 Acts 28:17-31 <i>Collect for Proper 24</i>

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