

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

**The Holy Eucharist
on**

**The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost:
Year A**

October 18, 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
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Introit Hymn ~ 321

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748),
1719 and Edward Denny (1796-1889), alt.*

Welcome

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

THE INVOCATION Page 101

PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**ALL: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.
Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ALL:

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY Page 101

ALL:

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

THE KYRIES

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect:

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“The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost”

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

First Lesson: Exodus 33:12-23

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

9:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Harriett Blackman

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

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.’ Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will

not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit*

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- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth
shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high above all
peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and
awesome; * he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; * you have
executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; * he is the
Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel
among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered
them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he
gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished
them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

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: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

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

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

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 361

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

*WORDS: William Kethe (c1535-1594), 1561,
paraphrase of Psalm 101*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

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 fifteenth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

The Sermon ~ The Rev’d Re-shan A. White

(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

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you let us live in your image, created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada; its Primate Shane Parker, Bishops, other clergy and people.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Intercessors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Joyanne Blackman-Jarvis
9:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Sandra Fields

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 ~ “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 ~ *“All my hope on God is founded”*

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: Joachim Neander (1680)

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER “B”

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PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God: *(Go to page 130)*

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

Because on this most glorious day, a triple light was given. On the first day of creation, you brought light and life into being. On the first day, for our salvation, you raised your Son victorious over death; and on this day you gave your Holy and lifegiving Spirit to your church. *(Go to page 131)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

(Please sit or kneel 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.*

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

The Communion Hymns ~ 533 & 624

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.

Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest:

I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

Hymn ~ 624

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,
who in thy sacrament dost deign to be;
both flesh and spirit at thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread to men doth here afford;
O may our souls for ever feed on thee,
and thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from thy Presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
may what we thirst for soon our portion be:

to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

*Words: Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274);
translation: J R Woodford (1820-1885)*

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 ~ 386

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing;
as with a mother's tender hand,
he leads his own, his chosen band:
to God all praise and glory.

Thus all my gladsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that men may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises;
be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body bear your part:
to God all praise and glory.

*Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690),
from Sei Lob und Ehr' dem höchsten Gut, German;
translation: Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897)*

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 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST YEAR A

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

Comment: *“God Promises Divine Presence and Favour”*

In this lesson, **Moses seeks reassurance and to see God’s glory. God promises the divine presence and favour.** Although no mortal may see God’s face, God’s name will be made known through graciousness and mercy.

Psalm 99

The holy and mighty Lord reigns on high. God has spoken to Israel’s leaders from a pillar of cloud and has forgiven them their misdeeds.

Second Reading: (The Epistle) 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Comment: *“Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica”*

In company with Silvanus and Timothy, Paul greets the new Christians of Thessalonica, giving thanks for their faith and their conversion from idols to the worship of the true and living God. This letter was written not long after Paul’s first missionary visit to this city in the country we know today as Greece. Evidently the converts were all former pagans. The apostle refers to the troubles and persecution that are also reported in the Acts of the Apostles. But the gospel, empowered by the activity of the Holy Spirit, has inspired a faith which has become widely known.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Comment: *“A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God”*

In our gospel lesson, Jesus answers a question about taxation by teaching that people should pay what belongs

to the emperor to the emperor and the things of God to God. The question was meant as a trap. If Jesus advised the paying of taxes to the occupying Roman powers, many Jews would have considered him a collaborator. Had he counseled non-payment, the Herodian servants of the Romans could accuse him of sedition. On one level Jesus' answer is a masterstroke of clever ambiguity, but it also causes his hearers to reflect more deeply on their responsibility to God and the state. Perhaps the saying suggests that government has it legitimate yet limited claims. It must not be given the highest allegiance.



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 18 to 24, 2026***

19 Mr. Owen McD. Collins

Ms. Cheryl A. Ifill

20 Ms. Gia Tianne Ifill

21 Ms. Cyrilene P. Forde

Mrs. Nadine Cox-Proute

23 Ms. Gloria Jackman

Mrs. Orpah N. Medford



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

“Our Christian joy is founded on the sovereignty of the Lord over all creation.”



SICK: Please remember the sick or injured of our parish and wider community, especially Daphne Browne, Margaret Browne, Darwin Clarke, Heather Coward-Downes, Winfield Downes, Sheila Forde, Alice P. Hall, Martin Haynes, Beverley Hinds, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Judy King, Helena Lyte, Marcia Oxley, Sheila Sealy, Claudette Sealy, Eleanor Small, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, Henderson R. Williams, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Sir Wilfred Wood, Basil Worrell, and Ernesta Yarde.



BEREAVEMENT

Please pray for the family of the late:



Mrs. Norma Jones, Dean Jeffrey's first cousin, who died in her adopted home, San Diego, California, USA. Her funeral service will be held in St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, San Diego, on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.



LOOKING AHEAD!

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday



Members are encouraged to present their Harvest Offering 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).



NEW MINISTRY: ALTAR-TO-HOME

We are pleased to announce a new ministry to our Cathedral Family at Home during our Nation's Diamond Jubilee Year. Our Lay Eucharistic Ministers, duly trained and licensed by the Bishop, will carry Holy Communion on designated Sundays from the High Altar to Our Cathedral Family at Home – our beloved members who through age, illness, recovery or

infirmity worship with us from their homes. This does not replace the ministry of our clergy, who continue to consecrate, to visit, to anoint and to pastor. It extends it. The Sacrament you receive on Sunday Eucharist is the same Sacrament they will receive later that day, from the same Altar.

Over the years, this pastoral service has been rendered almost exclusively by the clergy, with the assistance of a Lay Visitor. However, our recently commissioned Eucharistic Ministers, namely,

- Ms. Mary Haynes, K.C.
- Ms. Denise Noel-Debique
- Mr. Henderson Griffith, and
- Dr. Wendy Sealy, have been licensed to administer communion, independently to our dear members in their homes.

If you know a member of our Cathedral Family at home who would value this ministry, or if you are part of that family and would like to be included, please speak to one of our Clergy, Eucharistic Ministers or contact the Cathedral Office.

“Many facets, one Light – one Altar, one Family.”

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENT

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, today, 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 18 to 24, 2026		
Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Twenty- First Sunday after Pentecost:	Psalms 148, 149, 150 Ecclesiasticus 4:1- 10 Matthew 16:13-20	Psalms 114, 115 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 1 Corinthians 10:1- 13
Monday	Psalms 103 Ezekiel 47:1-12 Luke 1:1-4	Psalms 67, 96 Isaiah 52:7-10 Acts 1:1-8
Tuesday	Psalms 26, 28 Ecclesiasticus 6:5- 17 Luke 10:1-16	Psalms 36, 39 Lamentations 1:1- 5(6-9)10-12 Revelation 7:9-17
Wednesday	Psalms 38 Ecclesiasticus 7:4- 14 Luke 10:17-24	Psalms 119:25-48 Lamentations 2:8-15 Revelation 8:1-13
Thursday	Psalms 37:1-18 Ecclesiasticus 10:1- 18 Luke 10:25-37	Psalms 37:19-42 Ezra 1:1-11 Revelation 9:1-12
Friday	Psalms 119:145-168 Jeremiah 11:18-23 Matthew 10:16-22	Psalms 122, 125 Isaiah 65:17-25 Hebrews 12:12-24
Saturday	Psalms 30, 32 Ecclesiasticus 15:9- 20 Luke 11:1-13	Psalms 42, 43 Ezra 4:7, 11-24 Revelation 10:1-11 <i>Collect for Proper 25</i>

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