



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

welcomes you to the celebration of

**A
Harvest Thanksgiving Festival**

on

**The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost:
Year A**

October 25, 2026

9:00 a.m.

“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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Sunday, October 25, 2026
The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost:
A Harvest Thanksgiving Festival

*Theme: “From Soil to Soul: Celebrating sixty years of a
Nation, five years as a Republic, and the Enduring
Goodness of God in Word, Music and Action”*

9:00 a.m.

President: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson
Assistant Priest: The Rev'd Re-shan A. White
Preacher: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne, J.P.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:
Mrs. Valdine Browne and Dr. Wendy Sealy

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Entrance of the Choir, Eucharistic Ministers and Clergy

Introit Hymn ~ “Child of God” (Dixon)

Child of God arise and shine
On this Harvest day how fine,
Guard our nation and our land,
Ev'ry child and ev'ry man.
Those who reap and those who plant
Come together in one chant
Thanking Him for this His earth,
Praising God for all their worth.

Child of God arise and shine,
Let your beams with radiance shine.

Praise Him for the lovely sun
Brightening the world around.
Praise Him also for the rain,
As it helps to ripen grain
Into peppers, okras, beans,
Sprung from very tiny seeds.

Child of God arise and shine
On our waters pure and fine,
Thank Him for the boat and sea
That bring fish for you and me,
For without His help we're lost,
By the waves and tempest tossed,
Praise Him for sun, sea and land,
Feeding us now by His hand.

Child of God arise and shine
On this Harvest day how fine,
Bring your gifts unto the Lord,
For He's our Creator, God.
He alone gives us the power
Working for Him hour by hour,
Praise to God and glory be
Now, and through eternity.

*Words by Mrs. Wilma Dixon.
Tune - ST. GEORGE.*

Welcome

THE PREPARATION

President:

Beloved in Christ, we have gathered from countryside and town, from fields and hills, from parks and gardens, from factory and office, to acknowledge our dependence upon Almighty God and to give thanks for the harvest. On this day,

we do so as a grateful nation — sixty years independent, five years a Parliamentary Republic — giving thanks for the land which God has given us, and for His presence through all the labours of our hands. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

People:

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

President:

You visit the earth and water it abundantly.

People:

You make it very plenteous.

President:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

The Collect:

“For fruitful seasons and for the Nation”

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

President: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, by whose gracious providence the harvests of land and sea are preserved, give and increase to us, we pray, the fruits of our labour, that we who constantly receive good things from your hand may always give you thanks. And as you have watched over this land of fields and hills, for sixty years as an independent nation and

five years as a Republic, continue, O Lord, to bless and guide this Nation, that justice and the love of God may flourish among us; 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: Deuteronomy 11:10-15 ~ “*A land and watered by God*”

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

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Deuteronomy, the eleventh chapter, beginning at the tenth verse.

For the land that you are about to enter to occupy is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sow your seed and irrigate by foot like a vegetable garden. But the land that you are crossing over to occupy is a land of hills and valleys, watered by rain from the sky, a land that the Lord your God looks after. The eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. If you will only heed his every commandment that I am commanding you today—loving the Lord your God, and serving him with all your heart and with all your soul— then he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil; and he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will eat your fill.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:1-13 *Laudate Dominum*

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1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear
him, * in those who await his gracious favour.

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

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: Romans 8:18-25 ~ “Creation waits in hope”

Lector: 9:00 a.m. ~ Dr. Wendy Sealy

A reading from the Word of God written in St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, the eighth chapter, beginning at the eighteenth verse.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 719

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,
for all things living thou madest good;

harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Bless thou the labour we bring to serve thee,
that with our neighbour we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with thee;
harvesting, milling, for daily bread.

Father, providing food for thy children,
thy wisdom guiding teaches us share
one with another, so that rejoicing
with us, our brother may know thy care.

Then will thy blessing reach every people;
freely confessing thy gracious hand.
Where thy will reigneth no one will hunger:
thy love sustaineth; fruitful the land.

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The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-32 ~ “*The Kingdom is like seed scattered, and like a mustard seed.*”

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 Mark, the fourth chapter, beginning at the twenty-sixth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and

day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

The Sermon ~ The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne, J.P.

(Please sit)

THE CHOIR ~ "Carol of Beauty" (Sanger)

(Please sit or kneel)

The Thanksgiving – The Assistant Priest

Assisting Priest:

Let us offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving and make remembrance of the goodness of God.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, we call to remembrance your loving providence and your tender mercies of old, and with grateful hearts lift up to you the voice of our thanksgiving.

For all the gifts you have bestowed upon us and upon all humanity: the life you have given us, and the world in which we live:

People: We praise you, O God.

For work to do and truth to learn; for all that has been good in our lives; for hopes and resolves which lead us to better things:

People: We praise you, O God.

For the order and constancy of nature; for beauty and bounty; for day and night, wind and rain, seedtime and harvest:

People: We praise you, O God.

For this harvest in its boundless store, and for all the fruits of the earth which sustain and gladden life:

People: We praise you, O God.

For industry and perseverance; for those who work on farms and sea; for those who fashion tools and machines; for all who by skill and labour supply our food and sustain our people:

People: We praise you, O God.

For this land of Barbados, for sixty years of Independence and five years as a Parliamentary Republic; for its hills and valleys watered by your rain; for those who laboured for our nationhood and those who now serve its common good:

People: We praise you, O God.

For home and family, for friends and fellowship, for the power to help others and every opportunity to serve our generation:

People: We praise you, O God.

For communion with you, O Father of all; for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, his life, death, resurrection and ascension,

and his redemption of the whole creation; for the Holy Spirit and all his ministries of truth and grace:

People: We praise you, O God.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE HARVEST GIFTS

During each of the following hymns, symbolic gifts are carried from the West Door to the Nave Altar Rail, where they are received by the Dean.

President:

Wherefore, in token of our gratitude, we bring to you, O Lord, the bounty of the harvest and the fruits of our labour.

Hymn ~ **378 vss. 1 & 3**

O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838), alt., based on W. Kethe (1561)

At the Presentation of Topsoil

Presenter:

We bring the topsoil of our fields, symbol of that which you have created and your sun and rain have nurtured.

Dean:

The earth is the Lord's and all that is therein:

People:

The compass of the world and they that dwell therein.

Hymn ~ 708 vss. 1 & 2

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise we yield;
wheat and tares therein are sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
ripening with a wondrous power
till the final harvest-hour;
grant, O Lord of life, that we
holy grain and pure may be.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.

At the Presentation of Corn/Grain

Presenter:

We bring the harvest of the cornfields. You prepare the corn,
for so you provide for the earth.

Dean:

Man shall not live by bread alone:

People:

But by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Hymn ~ 723 vs. 1

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
in hymns of adoration,
to thee bring sacrifice of praise
with shouts of exultation;
bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
the hills with joy are ringing,
the valleys stand so thick with corn
that even they are singing.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

At the Presentation of Ground Provisions

Presenter:

We bring the harvest of roots and ground provisions. O Lord,
you preserve us all; how excellent is your mercy, O God.

Dean:

When you open your hand:

People:

They are filled with good.

Hymn ~ 725 vs. 1

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,

but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.

Refrain:

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

*Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815),
from Wir pflügen und wir streuen, German;
translation: Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)*

At the Presentation of Seeds

Presenter:

We bring seeds for next year's sowing. You bring forth grass
for cattle and green herbs for the service of humankind.

Dean:

That they may sow their land and plant vineyards, to yield them
fruits of increase:

People:

You bless them, so that they multiply exceedingly.

Hymn ~ 712 vs. 1

For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;

for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
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At the Presentation of Fruits

Presenter:

We bring the harvest of fruit. The tree bears its fruit, the fig tree
and vine yield their strength.

Dean:

You give food to all flesh:

People:

For your mercy endures for ever.

Hymn ~ 641 (*refrain, verse 1, refrain*)

Refrain:

***ALL things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.***

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings.

Refrain

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

At the Presentation of Flowers

Presenter:

We bring flowers, the finest blooms from our gardens.
Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not,
neither do they spin.

Dean:

O Lord, how manifold are your works:

People:

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your riches.

Hymn ~ 8 A&M – vss. 1 & 3

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue;
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
And labour on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.

Charles Wesley 1749

At the Presentation of Manufactured Goods

Presenter:

We bring the products of our workshops and factories.

Dean:

Prosper, O Lord, the work of our hands:

People:
O prosper you our handiwork.

THE CHOIR ~ “*Blest are you Lord God of all creation*”

At the Presentation of the Harvest Loaf and Wine (*Last to be brought*)

Presenter:

In this loaf and this wine we bring the harvest of our lands — at once the fruit of human labour and the means by which we labour. To you, Creator, Redeemer and Judge, we offer back what you have first given.

People:

Blessed are you, Lord God for ever and ever. All that is in heaven and in earth is yours.

All things come of you, and of your own do we give you.

The Dean, receiving the loaf and chalice, says to the people:

Dean:

Beloved, do not forget that the judgment of God rests upon us for any misuse of our stewardship, for neglect of our land, for waste and contamination of our food, and for injustice in its distribution which we have power to prevent. With our thanksgiving, therefore, let us ask pardon for our failures, and pray that God will accept this bread and this wine as a sign of our thankfulness and of our desire to dedicate our work and our lives to his service.

The Dean places the loaf and chalice upon the Altar.

Hymn ~ *“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

(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 ~ 717

Praise, O praise our God and King;
hymns of adoration sing:

Refrain:

*for his mercies still endure
ever faithful, ever sure.*

Praise him that he made the sun
day by day his course to run:

Refrain

And the silver moon by night,
shining with her gentle light:

Refrain

Praise him that he gave the rain
to mature the swelling grain:

Refrain

And hath bid the fruitful field
crops of precious increase yield:

Refrain

Praise him for our harvest-store,
he hath filled the garner-floor:

Refrain

And for richer food than this,
pledge of everlasting bliss:

Refrain

Glory to our bounteous King;
glory let creation sing:

Final Refrain

*glory to the Father, Son,
and Blest Spirit, Three in One.*

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

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)*

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Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Word active in creation, who dwelling among us Himself rejoiced in the beauty of the earth; giving thanks to you for the fruits of harvest and the fishes of the sea; and through His own work hallowing all human service. *(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 “B”

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PRESIDENT:

Holy and gracious Father,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness, comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whom you sent to share our human nature,

to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts,
and we ask you to make them holy by the power of your
Spirit,
that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who offered Himself in obedience to your will,
the Perfect Sacrifice for all humankind.

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."

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.
Do this, whenever you drink it,
For the remembrance of me."

ALL

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim
the death of Christ until He comes again.**

PRESIDENT:

Father, calling to mind the death your Son
endured for our salvation;

His glorious Resurrection and Ascension;
His continual intercession for us in heaven;
and looking for His coming again in glory,
we offer you, in thanksgiving,
this holy and life-giving sacrifice.

Look with favour on your Church's offering,
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts
may be filled with your Holy Spirit
and become one body in Christ,
and serve you in unity, constancy and peace.

May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable us,
in communion with blessed Mary
and the whole company of heaven,
to share in the inheritance of your Saints.

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

Anthem ~ “*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*”

The Communion Hymn 721

Thank you, Father, for the harvest,
for the seedtime and the rain;
thank you for the gathered bounty
of sun-ripened fruit and grain.

Refrain:

*God of grace and God of nature,
heaven and earth your praises sing;
hear our songs of high thanksgiving,
now accept the gifts we bring.*

You who fill all life with beauty,
open wide your loving hand,

filling all the seas with fishes,
blessing all this fruitful land.

Refrain

Since our crops by you protected,
have brought forth a richer yield,
we, your grateful children offer
first fruits of the harvest field.

Refrain

Thank you for the luscious fruitage –
pines, bananas, plums and pears,
coconuts and pomegranates –
distilled sweetness of the years.

Refrain

Bless these tokens we now offer
in your holy church today;
may they help us to remember
your great love and care always.

Refrain

But we too are seeds of harvest
sown by God in fields of time;
borne at last by angel reapers,
may we reach the home sublime.

Refrain

Words: William B Brathwaite.

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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.*

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The Recessional Hymn ~ “*We thank you, Heav’nly Father*”

We thank You, Heav'nly Father,
For food which Nature yields;
And now to You we offer
The first-fruits of our fields.

*We thank You, Lord, for sunshine;
We thank You, Lord, for rain;
And all that makes the good earth
Bring forth the fruit and grain.
Praise the God of harvest,
The Lord of earth and heav'n!*

*O praise and thank our loving God
For bounties freely giv'n!*

We tilled the land and planted,
But you gave the increase;
For You have said that seed-time
And harvest shall not cease.

We pray You bless the reapers
Who start at rise of sun
To cut their loads of ripe canes
And rest when day is done.

Most gracious God, we thank you
For gifts Your love imparts:
We sing to You at harvest
The love song of our hearts.

Words by the late Canon William B. Brathwaite

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.)*



HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

First Reading: Deuteronomy 11:10-15

Comment: "A Land Watered by God"

Moses contrasts **the Promised Land** with Egypt, shifting the focus from human labor to divine dependence. Unlike Egypt's manually irrigated fields, Canaan consists of hills and valleys entirely dependent on rain from heaven. It is a land **God watches over attentively** from the beginning of the year to the very end. Crucially, these seasonal rains are **conditional upon Israel's covenant faithfulness**. If the people faithfully love and serve God with all their heart and soul, He promises to provide both the early autumn and late spring rains. This divine provision guarantees abundant harvests of grain, wine, and oil, alongside ample pasture for livestock. Ultimately, prosperity in Canaan requires **spiritual alignment and trust in God** rather than technical mastery.

Psalms 147:1-13

The Dual Majesty of God: Sovereign Creator and Gentle Restorer. The all-powerful Ruler of the universe uses His supreme might not to distance Himself from humanity, but to intimately care for the broken and sustain His creation.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-25

Comments: “*Creation waits in hope*”

Paul contrasts the pain of the present world with the great, unseen glory that God will reveal to believers in the future. There is the groaning of creation as the physical world was subjected to frustration, decay, and brokenness, not by its own choice, but by God's design in hope. Creation eagerly waits for God's children to be fully revealed, groaning together like a woman in labour pains. Christians—who have received the first fruits of the Holy Spirit—also groan inwardly. They wait eagerly for their full adoption as God's children and the redemption of their physical bodies. Salvation is rooted in hope. True hope means waiting patiently for things that are not yet seen or physically possessed.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-32

Comments: ***“The Invisible Growth and Ultimate Triumph of God's Kingdom.”***

Jesus uses agricultural parables to illustrate the mysterious growth and expansive nature of the Kingdom of God. In the **Parable of the Growing Seed**, a man scatters seed and goes about his life. Whether he sleeps or wakes, the seed sprouts and grows entirely on its own—"the earth produces of itself"—through stages of stalk, head, and full grain. The farmer does not understand the mechanics, but when the grain is ripe, he immediately begins the harvest. In the **Parable of the Mustard Seed**, Jesus compares the kingdom to the smallest seed sown on earth. Despite its tiny beginning, it grows into the greatest of all shrubs, putting forth large branches so that the birds of the air can find shelter in its shade.

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 25 to 31, 2026***

25 Ms. Jeanette J. M. Hinds

26 Ms. Glencora Daniel

27 Mr. Edward S. D. Morrison

28 Ms. Annalee P. Blackman

Mr. Stephen J. Blackman

Ms. Phyllis Springer

29 Ms. Esther O. Taylor

30 Mr. Malcolm H. Jones

31 Ms. Hilda G. Herbert



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

“To experience God’s harvest of blessing, we must understand the soil of our hearts, faithfully plant our seeds, endure the waiting season, and use the harvest to bless others.”



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.



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

- 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.”



FLOWERS: Flowers today are donated in loving memory of the late Marjorie Jones, who would have celebrated her 100th birthday on Tuesday, 20th October, and for the glory of God. From her children, Roslyn and Malcolm, and her grandchildren.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL FORUM

The SMCFA Festival Forum 2026. This event will be held next week Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. The topic: "Barbados at 60 + 5: How can religious faith contribute to human flourishing in a changing Barbados and a globalized world?" The panel will comprise representatives of the Abrahamic Faiths: Mr. Suleiman Bulbulia (Muslim), The Rev'd Dr. Adrian Smith (Christian), and Mr. Micah Rubin/Mr. Neal Rechtman (Jewish). The Moderator will be The Rev'd Erma Ambrose. It will be accessible on YouTube and a Zoom link will also be provided.



DIOCESAN NEWS

SPECIAL SERVICE: The Diocese of Barbados will host a service to mark the 60th anniversary of the Independence of Barbados and its 5th anniversary as a Parliamentary Republic on Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. All are welcome.



ANNUAL BUDGET SYNOD

The Annual Budget Session of Synod is to be held on Monday, November 9, 2026, at The Ivan Harewood Centre, Christ Church Parish Church, Church Hill, Christ Church at 6.00 p.m.





The Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels
invites you to

Grace, Tea & Tranquility"



The Tea Party

The Barbados Yacht Club
Saturday, November 21, 2026,
3:00pm - 5:30 p.m.

Contribution: \$100.00

***Tickets available from the
Cathedral Office***

Spry Street- Tel: 427-0790



Dress: Elegant
(fascinators and hats welcome)

All proceeds in aid of Cathedral repairs

Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings October 25 to 31, 2026		
Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Twenty- Second Sunday after Pentecost:	Psalms 63:1-8(9-11), 98 Ecclesiasticus 18:19-33 Matthew 18:15-20	Psalm 103 Haggai 1:1—2:9 1 Corinthians 10:15-24
Monday	Psalms 41, 52 Ecclesiasticus 19:4-17 Luke 11:14-26	Psalm 44 Zechariah 1:7-17 Revelation 11:1-14
Tuesday	Psalm 45 Ecclesiasticus 24:1-12 Luke 11:27-36	Psalms 47, 48 Ezra 5:1-17 Revelation 11:14-19
Wednesday	Psalm 66 Isaiah 28:9-16 Ephesians 4:1-16	Psalms 116, 117 Isaiah 4:2-6 John 14:15-31
Thursday	Psalm 50 Ecclesiasticus 31:12-18, 25—32:2 Luke 11:53—12:12	Psalms [59, 60] or 103 Nehemiah 1:1-11 Revelation 13:1-10
Friday	Psalms 40, 54 Ecclesiasticus 34:1-8, 21-27 Luke 12:13-31	Psalm 51 Nehemiah 2:1-20 Revelation 13:1-10
Saturday	Psalm 55 Ecclesiasticus 35:1-22a Revelation 13:11-18 Luke 12:32-48	<i>Eve of All Saints</i> Psalm 34 Wisdom 3:1-9 Revelation 19:1, 4-10 <i>Collect for All Saints</i>

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