The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist
on

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Year A

November 15, 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".

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Introit Hymn ~ 438

Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armour on,
strong in the strength which God supplies,
through his eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
and in his mighty power:
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might,
with all his strength endued;
and take, to arm you for the fight,
the panoply of God.

From strength to strength go on,
wrestle and fight and pray;
tread all the powers of darkness down,
and win the well-fought day.

That, having all things done,
and all your conflicts past,
ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,
and stand entire at last.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Welcome

Opening Sentence: ***"General"*** Page 100
Therefore I will offer in His dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. *Psalm 27:7*

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 Page 102

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS Page 102

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: Page 181
"Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost"

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

Let us pray.
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

(Please sit)

First Lesson: Judges 4:1-7
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 Judges, the fourth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his

army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123 ***Ad te levavi oculos meos*** Page 642

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

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 5:1-11
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 the First Letter of Paul, to the Thessalonians, the fifth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep

we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 388

Stand up, and bless the Lord,
ye people of his choice;
stand up, and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name,
and laud and magnify?

O for the living flame
from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;

stand up and bless his glorious name,
henceforth forevermore.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
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-fifth chapter, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,

‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.
ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

The Sermon ~ The Rev’d Erma Ambrose, J.P.

(Please stand, as able)

The Nicene Creed Page 104

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

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the National Independence Festival of Creative Arts, for the inspiration of those who first conceived of it, for the many people whose work has gone into sustaining it over the years and for all who have worked so hard to make this year's festival a success. We pray for those who are taking part in whatever way, and for all who attend their events, that this festival may enrich the life of those in this city, nation and far beyond.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Chile.

Intercessors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Shernelle O'Neale
9:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Sandra Fields

Intercession: Form "B" Page 107

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 Page 123

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 Page 123

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 Page 124

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" Page 124

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 ~ 411 MP

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.

Words: Dave Bilbrough
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THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Hymn ~ 403

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
for unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent,
fragile body, shalt thou be,
when endued with so much beauty,
full of health and strong and free,
full of vigour, full of pleasure
that shall last eternally.

Now with gladness, now with courage,
bear the burden on thee laid,
that hereafter these thy labours

may with endless gifts be paid;
and in everlasting glory
thou with brightness be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

Words: attributed to Thomas à Kempis (c1380-1471);
translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER "B" Page 126

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 Page 126

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" Page 131

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 for 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 Page 144

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" Page 145

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" Page 145

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: Page 146

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 Page 147

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 572 & 262

Be still, my soul! for God is near!
The great High Priest is with thee now;
the Lord of life himself is near,
before whose face the angels bow.

To make thy heart his lowly throne
thy Saviour God in love draws nigh;
he gives himself unto his own,
for whom he once came down to die.

He pleads before the mercy-seat;
he pleads with God; he pleads for thee;

he gives thee bread from heaven to eat,
his flesh and blood in mystery.

I come, O Lord! For thou dost call -
to blend my pleading prayer with thine;
to thee I give myself - my all,
and feed on thee and make thee mine.

Words: William Dalrymple MacLagan (1826-1910)

Hymn ~ 262

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
hallows all our human race,
thou, our Head, who, throned in glory,
for thine own dost ever plead,
fill us with thy love and pity;
heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As thou, Lord, hast lived for others,
so may we for others live;
freely have thy gifts been granted,
freely may thy servants give:
thine the gold and thine the silver,
thine the wealth of land and sea,
we but stewards of thy bounty,
held in solemn trust for thee.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love, and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease;

by thy patient years of toiling,
by thy silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
shame our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, Eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
hallows all our human race,
thou who prayedst, thou who willest,
that thy people should be one,
grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth thy will be done

Words: Somerset Corey Lowry (1855-1932)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER "A" Page 147

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"*** Page 151

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 ~ 439

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross!
Lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
his army he shall lead,
till every foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The solemn watchword hear;
if while ye sleep he suffers,
away with shame and fear.
Where'er ye meet with evil,
within you or without,
charge for the God of battles,
and put the foe to rout.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger
and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,

ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armour,
each piece put on with prayer;
when duty calls or danger
be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of Glory
shall reign eternally.

Words: George Duffield, Jr. (1818-1888)

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-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: YEAR A

First Reading: Judges 4:1-7
Comment: *"God raises up Deborah: a gifted leader"*
In this lesson from the Hebrew Bible, **the Israelites prove unfaithful to the Lord, going after foreign gods and doing what is evil in God's sight.** In consequence, they fall under the oppression of the Canaanite King Jabin, and the commander of his army, Sisera. The Lord raises up for the Hebrew people Deborah, a prophetess, to arbitrate for justice among them. Deborah, a gifted leader, is inspired to liberate the Israelites from their Canaanite overlords and summons the warrior Barak. Deborah commands Barak in the name of the Lord to gather warriors against the superior chariots and troops of Sisera, confident that God will grant the Israelites success.

Psalm 123
Those who are lowly and scorned place their trust in the merciful Lord.

Second Reading: (The Epistle) 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Comments: *"Be alert for the day of the Lord"*
In this reading, **Paul counsels the new disciples to be alert as in the daylight, for the day of the Lord will come swiftly and unexpectedly, although at a time unknown to mortals.** Many early Christians believed that the course of the world history would soon come to an end. Paul urges the Thessalonians not to live like people of the night, but soberly and expectantly. Whether they first die or remain alive they may look forward, not to God's wrath, but to a salvation that has been gained through Jesus. Paul's central point remains valid for us: we do not know when the consummation of

history will take place, but are to live always prepared for judgement.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Comment: ***"The story of the slaves entrusted with talents"***
Our gospel is **the parable of the servants who made different uses of the money entrusted to them.** The evangelist intends the story to be instructive to Christian disciples. The master Jesus is now away. When he returns, he will expect his followers to have made diligent use of the faith he has left in their charge. If it has not grown, then it has been made without value and will be taken away. One also recognises how immense are the sums left with the servants. The parable warns against the false security of only guarding the traditions and not investing them in life and in others.



CATHEDRAL NEWS

Financial Stewardship: Donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC Caribbean, Bridgetown Branch, Swift/BIC Code: FCIBBBBB 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 ~ November 15 to 21, 2026

15 Ms. Dorothy E. Morris
Mr. Graham Russell
Mrs. Valerie Reid
16 Mrs. Sharron S. C. A. Lucas-Blackman
17 Mrs. Cecile L. Aimey-Clarke
Ms. Gloria E. Greene
Ms. Abigail Molyneaux
Mr. Jared Nurse

18 Ms. Pamela A. Clarke
Mr. Richard A. Lewis
21 Mrs. Joan St.E. Yvette Norville-Arthur



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

"All Christian life takes its meaning from our awareness of the coming of the Lord and our accountability to him."



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.



CONGRATULATIONS

The Cathedral is pleased to record heartiest congratulations to Glyne StC. A. Bourne who is celebrating 37 years in the Barbados Fire Service today, Sunday. He joined on November 15, 1989 and he is the brother of Mrs. Julia Bourne-Pompey.



Today, Sunday, November 15, 2026
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost-Year A
7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, November 18, 2026
10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist



Next Sunday, November 22, 2026
The Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Feast of Christ the King -Year A
7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist





LOOKING AHEAD!

Sunday, November 29, The First Sunday of Advent
7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist
6:00 p.m. ~ An Advent Procession with Carols

ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

The Third Sunday of Advent: Year A
December 13, 2026
7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist
5:00 p.m. ~ A Blue Christmas Service



Thursday, December 17, 2026
at 8:00 p.m.
A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols: Tickets will soon be available from members and at the Cathedral's Office at $30.00 each. Everyone's support is needed to make this a financially successful event.



Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, 2026
11:45 p.m. ~ The Blessing of the Crib, Lighting of the Christ Candle and Sung Eucharist.



The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day
Friday, December 25, 2026
7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist



The First Sunday After Christmas Day,
December 27, 2026
7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist
6:00 p.m. ~ Evensong



Thursday, December 31, 2026
11:00 P.M. Watchnight Service



Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings November 15 to 21 2026		
Day	**Morning Readings**	**Evening Readings**
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:	Psalms 66, 67 Habakkuk 1:1-4(5-11)12—2:1 Matthew 23:13-24	Psalms 19, 46 1 Maccabees 2:29-43, 49-50 Philippians 3:13—4:1
Monday	Psalm 89:1-18 Habakkuk 2:1-4, 9-20 Luke 16:19-31	Psalm 89:19-52 1 Maccabees 3:1-24 James 2:14-26
Tuesday	Psalms 97, 99, [100] Habakkuk 3:1-10(11-15)16-18 Luke 17:1-10	Psalms 94, [95] 1 Maccabees 3:25-41 James 3:1-12
Wednesday	Psalms 101,109:1-4(5-19)20-30 Malachi 1:1, 6-14 Luke 17:11-19	Psalm 119:121-144 1 Maccabees 3:42-60 James 3:13—4:12
Thursday	Psalm 105:1-22 Malachi 2:1-16 Luke 17:20-37	Psalm 105:23-45 1 Maccabees 4:1-25 James 4:13—5:6
Friday	Psalm 102 Malachi 3:1-12 Luke 18:1-8	Psalm 107:1-32 1 Maccabees 4:36-59 James 5:7-12
Saturday	Psalm 107:33-43, 108:1-6(7-13) Malachi 3:13—4:6 Luke 18:9-14	Psalm 33 Isaiah 65:17-25 James 5:13-20 *Collect for Proper 29*

Notes

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