# The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels

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## The Holy Eucharist
## on

## The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Year A

**November 8, 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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***of Barbados***

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## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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**9:00 a.m. ~ Sung Eucharist**
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

**Organ Prelude**

**Introit Hymn ~ 451**

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,

never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.*

**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-fourth Sunday after Pentecost"***

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

Let us pray.
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as He is pure; that, when He comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

***(Please sit)***

**First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**
**Lectors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Mr. Victor Small**
**9:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Sandra Fields**

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Joshua, the twenty-fourth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the river and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the river and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the river or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your

transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 78:1-7** ***Attendite, populе*** Page 566

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, * and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

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 4:13-18**
**Lector: 7:00 a.m. ~ Mr. Remech Matthias**
**9:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Valdine Browne**

A reading from the Word of God written in the First Letter of Paul, to the Thessalonians, the fourth chapter, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so,

we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

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

***(Please stand, as able)***

**The Gradual Hymn ~ 432**

Lift up your heads, ye gates of brass;
ye bars of iron, yield;
and let the King of Glory pass;
the cross is in the field.

That banner, brighter than the star
that leads the train of night,
shines on the march, and guides from far
his servants to the fight.

A holy war those servants wage;
in that mysterious strife,
the powers of heaven and hell engage
for more than death or life.

Ye armies of the living God,
sworn warriors of Christ's host,
where hallowed footsteps never trod,
take your appointed post.

Though few and small and weak your bands,
strong in your Captain's strength,
go to the conquest of all lands:
all must be his at length.

The spoils at his victorious feet
you shall rejoice to lay,
and lay yourselves as trophies meet,
in his great judgement day.

Then fear not, faint not, halt not now;
in Jesus' name be strong!
To him shall all the nations bow,
and sing the triumph song-

Uplifted are the gates of brass,
the bars of iron yield;
behold the King of Glory pass;
the cross hath won the field.

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**
**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 first verse.

**ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight

there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

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

***(Please sit)***

**The Sermon ~ The Rev’d Richard O. Alleyne, 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**

On this Remembrance Sunday we pray particularly for the Church's ministry to all those who have been injured in

warfare, both military personnel and civilians, and for the Church's ministry of peace and reconciliation in our troubled world. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo.

**Intercessors: 7:00 a.m. ~ Ms. Shernelle O'Neale**
**9:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Mary Weekes**

**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 ~ 374**

O praise our great and gracious Lord,
and call upon his name;
to strains of joy tune every chord,
his mighty acts proclaim;
tell how he led his chosen race
to Canaan's promised land;
tell how his covenant of grace
unchanged shall ever stand.

He gave the shadowing cloud by day,
the moving fire by night;
to guide his Israel on their way,
he made their darkness light;

and have not we a sure retreat,
a Saviour ever nigh,
the same clear light to guide our feet,
the day-spring from on high?

We, too have manna from above,
the bread that came from heaven;
to us the same kind hand of love
hath living waters given;
a rock we have, from whence the spring
in rich abundance flows;
that rock is Christ, our Priest, our King,
who life and health bestows.

O may we praise this blessèd food,
and trust our heavenly Guide;
so shall we find death's fearful flood
serene as Jordan's tide,
and safely reach that happy shore,
the land of peace and rest,
where angels worship and adore
in God's own presence blest.

*Words: Harriet Auber (1773-1862), 1829*

**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 602 & 589**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture –
in the body and the blood –
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high.

*Words: Liturgy of St James,from, 5th century, Greek;*
*translation: Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)*

**Hymn ~ 589**

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here faith would touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load;
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but thine; nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon:
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

*Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)*

**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 ~ 234**

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thouour guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home!

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.*

**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.)***




**AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

***Silence***

**A Remembrance Sunday Prayer**

**The National Anthem**

**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: YEAR A**

**First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**
**Comment: *"The Renewal of the Covenant"***

In our Hebrew scripture lesson, **Joshua, like Moses before him, acts as a mediator between the people of Israel and God at Shechem.** He calls them to reaffirm their covenant with the Lord. It was at Shechem that God first spoke to Abraham in Canaan, and at Shechem that Jacob abjured his family to "put away the foreign gods among you." Joshua recalls the Lord's faithfulness through history and his consistent benevolence toward Israel. The choice is stark, for the Lord demands entire devotion; all other deities must be shunned and put away. In language reminiscent of treaty documents of the period, the people swear their loyalty to God.

**Psalm 78:1-7**
The psalm recalls Israel's trials and the Lord's sustaining grace in the wilderness after the escape from Egypt.

**Second Reading: (The Epistle) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
**Comments: *"The promise of the resurrection"***
In this reading, **Paul offers a vision of how the dead in Christ will rise and then, together with those who are alive, be caught up to meet the Lord in the sky.** Apparently, some members of the Thessalonian church had died, and there was this concern: would they miss the Lord's coming? First, Paul reminds them that the Christian hope is rooted in the God who raised Jesus. He then describes the day of the Lord's appearing and the raising up of the dead and the living, using highly poetic imagery conditioned by the worldview of his time. The essential meaning is clear: we shall be with the Lord.

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**
**Comment: "The Bridesmaids and their Lamps"**
Our gospel is **the parable of the wise and foolish maidens—those prepared and unprepared for the bridegroom's**

**coming.** In several ways the details of the story may strike us as odd and even a little unfair, but such a concern misses the main point, which has much in common with other of Jesus' parables. One must at all times be ready with repentance and decision for the kingdom's coming. In a later period, this story was read with allegorical overtones. Jesus is the bridegroom whose return is delayed. Some in the church are falling asleep while others remain expectant.

## 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 8 to 14, 2026***

*9 Mr. Leo A. Taylor*
*10 Mr. David DaC. Green*
*Mr. Aiden Molyneaux*
*11 Mr. Derek H. R. Boyce*
*Mr. Basil V. Clarke*
*Ms. Harriet J. Clarke*
*12 Mr. Shonte R. A. Browne*
*13 Ms. Jennifer I. Benn*
*Ms. Harriet Lowe*
*14 Mr. Basil V. Clarke*
*Mr. Antonio Sealy*




***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**

***"Keeping the lamp of honesty lit will make us ready for Christ's coming."***



**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 Mr. Renaldo Blackman on achieving his Legal Education Certificate from the Hugh Wooding Law School. He was called to the Bar in Barbados on October 16, 2026.
Mr. Blackman was a former chorister in the choir.

## 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.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

## 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.



| Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings<br>November 8 to 14 2026 | | |
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| **Day** | **Morning Readings** | **Evening Readings** |
| The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: | Psalms 93, 96<br>Ecclesiasticus 51:13-22<br>Matthew 20:1-16 | Psalm 34<br>Ezra 10:1-17<br>1 Corinthians 14:1-12 |
| Monday | Psalm 80<br>Joel 1:1-13<br>Luke 14:12-24 | Psalms 77, [79]<br>Nehemiah 9:1-15(16-25)<br>Revelation 18:15-24 |
| Tuesday | Psalm 78:1-39<br>Joel 1:15—2:2(3-11)<br>Luke 14:25-35 | Psalm 78:40-72<br>Nehemiah 9:26-38<br>Revelation 19:1-10 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 119:97-120<br>Joel 2:12-19<br>Luke 15:1-10 | Psalms 81, 82<br>Nehemiah 7:73b—8:3, 5-18<br>Revelation 19:11-21 |
| Thursday | Psalms [83] or 23, 27<br>Joel 2:21-27<br>Luke 15:1-2, 11-32 | Psalms 85, 86<br>1 Maccabees 1:1-28<br>James 1:1-15 |
| Friday | Psalm 88<br>Joel 2:28—3:8<br>Luke 16:1-9 | Psalms 91, 92<br>1 Maccabees 1:41-63<br>James 1:16-27 |
| Saturday | Psalms 87, 90<br>Joel 3:9-17<br>Luke 16:10-17(18) | Psalm 136<br>1 Maccabees 2:1-28<br>James 2:1-13<br>*Collect for Proper 28* |

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