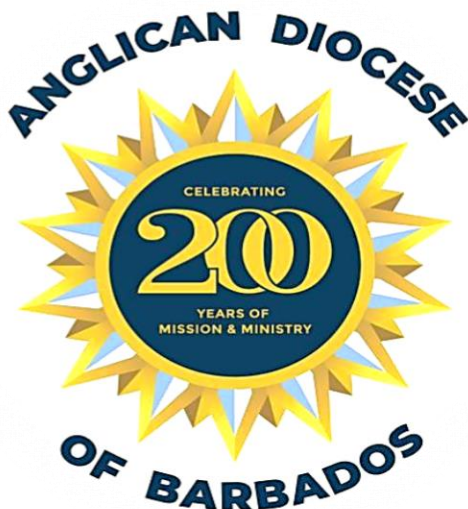


# *Diocese of Barbados*



**A Service of Evensong to Mark the Launch of  
The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of  
The Diocese of Barbados**



**The Cathedral Church of  
St. Michael and All Angels  
Bridgetown**

**Provincial Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2024  
At 6:00 pm**

**President  
The Rt Rev Michael Maxwell  
Bishop of Barbados**

# THE PROCESSION

The Crucifer and Two Torch Bearers

The Cathedral Choir

The Ordinands

The Clergy of the Diocese of Barbados

The Clergy of the Cathedral:

The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn (*Assistant Priest - Cathedral*)

The Rev'd Canon George Knight (*Precentor - Cathedral*)

Honorary Canons

Canons Emeriti

Deans Emeriti

The Crucifer and Two Torch Bearers

The Rural Deans:

The Rev'd Canon Dr Sonia Hinds (*St Michael Deanery*)

The Rev'd Canon Beverley Sealy-Knight (*St Peter Deanery*)

The Rev'd Canon Trevor O'Neale (*Christ Church Deanery*)

Senator The Rev'd Canon Dr John Rogers (*St John Deanery*)

The Rev'd Canon Dr Kirkley Sands

(*Acting Principal of Codrington College*)

Mr Michael Alleyne (*The Diocesan Registrar*)

Ms Sadie Dixon (*The Diocesan Chancellor*)

The Dean and Chapter of The Cathedral:

The Chapter Crucifer

The Rev'd Canon Peter Haynes (*Stall of St. Ambrose*)

The Rev'd Canon Noel Burke (*Stall of St Cyprian*)

The Rev'd Canon Dr Von Watson (*Stall of Canon Missioner*)

The Rev'd Canon George A. Harewood (*Stall of St. Aidan*)

The Ven. Eric E. Lynch (*Stall of St. Ignatius, The Senior Canon*)

The Cathedral Verger

The Very Rev'd Dr Jeffrey Gibson

(*Dean of The Cathedral Church of St Michael & All Angels*)

Retired Bishops

Attending Server

The Rev'd Joseph King (*Bishop's Chaplain*)

The Rt Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell

(*Bishop of Barbados*)

## ORGAN PRELUDE

### OPENING PRAYER AND VOLUNTARY PROCESSION

*Please stand*

#### HYMN: 361 (CPWI)

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

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

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

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

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God Whom Heav'n and earth adore,  
from men and from the Angel host  
be praise and glory evermore.

#### **WELCOME: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey Gibson**

*Dean of The Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels*

#### **THE PRECES:**

OFFICIANT: O Lord, open thou our lips.

**ALL: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise**

OFFICIANT: O God, make speed to save us.

**ALL: O Lord, make haste to help us.**

OFFICIANT: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

**ALL: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

OFFICIANT: Praise ye the Lord.

**ALL: The Lord's name be praised.**

### **APPOINTED PSALM: PSALM 145**

- 1 I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King:  
and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
2. Every day will I give thanks unto thee:  
and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
3. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised:  
there is no end of his greatness.
4. One generation shall praise thy works unto another:  
and declare thy power.
5. As for me, I will be talking of thy worship:  
thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
6. So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts:  
and I will also tell of thy greatness.
7. The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed:  
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
8. The Lord is gracious and merciful:  
long-suffering and of great goodness.
9. The Lord is loving unto every man:  
and his mercy is over all his works.
10. All thy works praise thee, O Lord:  
and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
11. They shew the glory of thy kingdom:  
and talk of thy power;
12. That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom:  
might be known unto men.
13. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:  
and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
14. The Lord upholdeth all such as fall:  
and lifteth up all those that are down.

15. The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:  
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
16. Thou openest thine hand:  
and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
17. The Lord is righteous in all his ways:  
and holy in all his works.
18. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him:  
yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
19. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him:  
he also will hear their cry, and will help them.
20. The Lord preserveth all them that love him:  
but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
21. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:  
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever  
and ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world  
without end. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING: ECCLESIASTES 3:1-17**

*Mrs Margaret Allman-Goodard*

**READER: A Reading from the Word of God, written in the  
Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter three: beginning at  
the first verse.**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense

of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by. Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, wickedness was there, and in the place of righteousness, wickedness was there as well. I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for he has appointed a time for every matter, and for every work.

READER:           The Word of the Lord

ALL:               **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Hymn and the Magnificat.*

### **OFFICE HYMN: 314 (CPWI)**

God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of thy face.  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
fill thy Church with light divine,  
and thy saving health extend  
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their Saviour King;  
at thy feet their tribute pay,  
and thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to man his blessing give,  
man to God devoted live;  
all below, and all above,  
one in joy, and light, and love.

## CANTICLE: THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord:

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:

the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth:

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me:

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him:

throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed,  
forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world  
without end. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-12

*Mr Alex Waterman*

**READER: A Reading from the Word of God, written in the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter four, beginning at the first verse.**

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the

unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

**READER:** The Word of the Lord

**ALL:** **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Apostles' Creed.*

## **CANTICLE: THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world  
without end. Amen.

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**OFFICIANT:** I believe in God

**ALL:** **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

**Born of the Virgin Mary:**



**Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead:  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty:  
From thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost:  
The holy Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints:  
The Forgiveness of sins:  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFICIANT: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And with thy spirit.**

*Please kneel, as you are able, or be seated.*

OFFICIANT: Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**ALL: Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

OFFICIANT: Our Father,

**ALL: which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy  
kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive  
us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. Amen.**

## **THE SUFFRAGES**

OFFICIANT: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**ALL: And grant us thy salvation.**

OFFICIANT: O Lord, save our Nation.

**ALL: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

OFFICIANT: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

**ALL: And make thy chosen people joyful.**

OFFICIANT: O Lord, save thy people.

**ALL: And bless thine inheritance.**

OFFICIANT: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**ALL: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

OFFICIANT: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**ALL: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## THE COLLECTS

### Collect For The Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### For The Diocese

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith and witness. Bless our Bishop Michael, other members of clergy and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

### For Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

### **For Aid Against Perils**

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray; and in your mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **For Divine Assistance**

May the Divine Assistance remain with us always and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen*

*Please be seated*

### **ANTHEM BY THE CHOIR OF ST MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL**

*Please stand as we sing the hymn:*

### **HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON 736 (CPWI HYMNAL)**

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where we disown and doubt Him  
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without Him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us-  
self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

**SERMON:**           **THE RT REV'D MICHAEL MAXWELL**  
*Bishop of Barbados*

*Please stand as we sing the hymn:*

**HYMN 554 (CPWI)**

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path through the  
blood of the slaughtered;  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who has by thy might, led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,  
where we met thee;  
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world,  
we forget thee,  
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we for ever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

*Please be seated*

**ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS:**

**The Rev'd Canon Dr Von Watson**

*Canon Missioner & Chair of 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning  
Committee*

*Please stand as we sing the hymn*

**HYMN FOR COLLECTION: HYMN 351**

THY Hand, O God, has guided  
Thy flock, from age to age;  
The wondrous tale is written,  
Full clear, on every page;  
Our fathers owned Thy goodness,  
And we their deeds record;  
And both of this bear witness,  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
To greatest, as to least;  
They bade men rise, and hasten  
To share the great King's feast;  
And this was all their teaching,  
In every deed and word,  
To all alike proclaiming  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

When shadows thick were falling,  
And all seemed sunk in night,  
Thou, Lord, didst send Thy servants,  
Thy chosen sons of light.  
On them and on Thy people  
Thy plenteous Grace was poured,  
And this was still their message,  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
Through many a scene of strife,  
The faithful few fought bravely,  
To guard the Nation's life.  
Their Gospel of redemption,  
Sin pardoned, man restored,  
Was all in this enfolded  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
And cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
Some better thing is stored;  
We will maintain, unflinching,  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy Mercy will not fail us,  
Nor leave Thy work undone;  
With Thy right Hand to help us,  
The Victory shall be won;  
And then, by men and angels,  
Thy Name shall be adored,  
And this shall be their anthem,  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

## **CLOSING PRAYER AND EPISCOPAL BLESSING**

*Please kneel, as you are able, or be seated.*

BISHOP: Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

BISHOP: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**ALL: The maker of heaven and earth.**

BISHOP: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

**ALL: From this time forth and for evermore.**

BISHOP: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father + the Son + and the Holy Ghost + be with you and remain with you for ever more. **Amen**

*Please stand as we sing the hymn*

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN 384 (CPWI)**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
now to his temple draw near;  
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
how thy desires ever have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the amen  
sound from his people again,  
gladly for aye we adore him.

## **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

**OFFICIANT:** Go forth in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**ALL:** **Thanks be to God. Amen**

