

A full-length portrait of an older Black man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a dark grey suit, a light blue shirt, and a blue and white striped tie. He is standing outdoors with his hands in his pockets, against a background of lush green trees and a clear sky.

Faithful • Compassionate • Humble

CELEBRATING  
THE LIFE  
OF  
MICHAEL  
DANCASSA  
MURDOCK

AKA

*“Raleigh” “Murdy” “Teach”*

SUNRISE  
September 16, 1945

SUNSET  
August 8, 2025

Thursday, September 11, 2025  
10:00 AM

**St. John's Anglican Church**  
Darliston, Westmoreland, Jamaica

*Officiating Minister*  
**Rev. Canon Hartley D. Perrin, Rector**

Interment  
**The Murdock's Family Plot**  
Hopewell Road, Darliston





**St. John's Anglican Church**

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OFFICIATING MINISTER

**Rev. Canon Hartley D. Perrin, Rector**

*Soloist – Mr. Bunny Rose • Saxophonist – Ms. Andrene Brown • Organist – Mr. Alex Gray*

10:00 A.M.

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

***“I am the Resurrection and the Life.”***

– from John 11:25

**Musical Prelude**..... Organist

**Tributes**

Strawberry Primary and Junior High Past Students  
St. Jon's Anglican Church – Mr. Collin Hitchman JP  
Mr. Mikell Murdock [grandson]

**SENTENCES**  
**RECEPTION OF THE BODY**

**PRIEST:**

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our brother Michael for Burial. Our brother was washed in Holy Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore, with confidence, pray to God our Heavenly Father, the Giver of Life, that He will raise him to perfection in the company of the saints.

**PRIEST:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you. / **PRIEST:** Let us pray.

**PRIEST:**

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our Brother Michael. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.

**Hymn – “A Wonderful Saviour is Jesus My Lord”**

A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord,  
A wonderful Saviour to me,  
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,  
Where rivers of pleasure I see.

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock  
That shadows a dry, thirsty land;  
He hideth my life in the depths of His love,  
And covers me there with His hand.

A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord,  
He taketh my burden away,  
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved,  
He giveth me strength as my day.

With numberless blessings each moment He crowns,  
And filled with a fullness divine,  
I sing in my rapture, O glory to God  
For such a Redeemer as mine!

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***“A Wonderful Saviour is Jesus My Lord” [cont.]***

When clothed in His brightness, transported I rise  
To meet him in clouds of the sky,  
His perfect salvation, His wonderful love,  
I'll shout with the millions on high.

**Eulogy**

Mrs. Michelle Murdock Minors [daughter]  
Mrs. Joy Johnson [sister], Mrs. Laura Harris [sister]

**Collect**

**First Lesson – *Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33***  
**Grandchildren**

Dr. Daneille Murdock, Miss Moneque Murdock  
Miss Danielle Murdock, Miss Mikayla Murdock  
Miss D'neica Murdock, & Mr. D'meir Murdock

**Psalm 23 – “The Lord My Shepherd”**  
***[Tune of the Happy Wanderer]***

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie,  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make,  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff my comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore,  
My dwelling place shall be.

*Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies  
will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!*

– Isaiah 26:19 NLT



Second Lesson – Revelation 7:9-17  
Rev. Carlene Reynolds [cousin]

Hymn – “And Can It Be?!”

An int’rest in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain—  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

’Tis myst’ry all: th’ Immortal dies:  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
’Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

Refrain:

He left His Father’s throne above—  
So free, so infinite His grace—  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam’s helpless race:  
’Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me!

Refrain:

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature’s night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Refrain:

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th’ eternal throne, and  
claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Refrain:

Holy Gospel – John 14:1-6

Rev. Delroy Murdock [brother]

Homily  
Rev. Canon Hartley D. Perrin, Rector

The Apostle’s Creed

PRIEST:

Let us with confidence and hope confess the  
faith into which we were baptized, as we say:

ALL:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, died, and was buried; He

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The Apostle’s Creed [cont.]

descended to hell. The third day He rose  
again from the dead. He ascended to  
heaven and is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty. From there He  
will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
catholic\* church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

[\*universal church]

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
[Mrs. Irene McDonald]

Leader: We pray for those who mourn.

Leader: We commemorate the departed.

ALL:

Hear our prayer.

Leader: Be close to those who mourn;  
increase their faith in your undying love.  
Lord, in your mercy.

ALL:

Hear our prayer.

Leader:

May we be strengthened in our faith, live the  
rest of our lives in fellowship with your  
Son, and be ready when you call us to the  
fullness of life. Lord, in your mercy.

ALL:

Hear our prayer.

Leader:

Show your mercy to the dying, strengthen  
them with hope, and fill them with the  
peace and joy of your presence.

ALL: Hear our prayer.

Leader:

We commend all people to your unfailing  
love, that in them your will may be  
fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful  
witness of your saints in every age, praying  
that we share with them in your eternal  
kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

President:

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to You  
our brother Michael, who was reborn  
by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism.

Grant that his death may recall to us Your  
victory over death, and be an occasion for us  
to renew our trust in Your Father’s love.

Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where  
You have led the way; and where You live  
and reign with the Father and the  
Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.



Hymn – “Great is Thy Faithfulness!”

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning  
with Thee; Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by  
morning new mercies I see: All I have  
needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and  
harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their  
courses above, Join with all nature in  
manifold witness, To Thy great  
faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to  
guide, Strength for today and bright hope  
for tomorrow—Blessings all mine,  
with ten thousand beside!

Refrain:

THE COMMENDATION

PRIEST:

Give rest, O Christ,  
to your servant with your saints.

ALL:

Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither  
sighing, but life everlasting.

PRIEST: You alone are immortal, the Creator  
and Maker of humankind, and we are mortal,  
formed of the earth, and to earth shall  
we return. For so did You ordain when  
You created me, saying, *‘You are dust, and to dust  
you shall return.’* All of us go down to  
the dust, yet even at the grave we make  
our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

ALL:

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with  
your saints, where sorrow and pain are no  
more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

PRIEST:

Let us commend our brother Michael to  
the mercies of God, are Maker and Redeemer.  
Deliver your servant, Michael, O Sovereign  
Lord Christ, from all evil set him free from  
every bond, that he may rest with all your  
saints in the eternal habitations, where with  
the Father and the Holy Spirit You live in  
reign, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we  
commend Thy servant Michael, now departed  
from the body. Acknowledge, we, humbly

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THE COMMENDATION [cont.]

beseech thee, O Lord, a sheep of Your own  
fold, a lamb of Your own flock, a sinner of  
Your own redeeming. Receive him into  
the arms of Your mercy, into the blessed rest  
of everlasting peace, and into the glorious  
company of the saints in light. Amen.

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your  
coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring  
you into the holy city Jerusalem. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“It is Well with My Soul!”

When peace, like a river,  
attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to  
say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well [it is well],  
with my soul [with my soul],  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded  
my helpless estate, And hath shed  
His own blood for my soul.

Refrain:

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious  
thought!— My sin, not in part but the  
whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I  
bear it no more, Praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain:

For me, be it Christ,  
be it Christ hence to live:  
If Jordan above me shall roll,  
No pang shall be mine,  
for in death as in life,  
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

Refrain:

But, Lord, ’tis for Thee, for Thy coming  
we wait, The sky, not the grave, is our goal;  
Oh, trump of the angel!  
Oh, voice of the Lord!  
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul!

Refrain:

And Lord, haste the day when  
the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound,  
and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:







## THE COMMITTAL SERVICE

### Hymn

#### *"I Come to the Garden Alone"*

I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear  
falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.

#### Chorus:

**And He walks with me,  
and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry  
there, None other has ever known.**

He speaks,  
and the sound of His voice,  
Is so sweet  
the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody  
that He gave to me,  
Within my heart is ringing.

#### Chorus:

I'd stay in the garden with Him,  
Though the night  
around me be falling,  
But He bids me go;  
through the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling.

#### Chorus:

### Hymn

#### *"What a Friends We Have in Jesus"*

What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer  
Oh what peace we often forfeit  
Oh what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations  
Is there trouble anywhere  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share  
Jesus knows our every weakness.  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden  
Cumbered with a load of care  
Precious Savior, still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
In His arms He'll take  
and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

### Hymn

#### *"Shall We Gather at the River?"*

Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

#### Chorus:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river,  
That flows by the throne of God.**

Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we ev'ry burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
And provide a robe and crown.

#### Chorus:

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver,  
With the melody of peace.

#### Chorus:

### Hymn – *"Precious Memories"*

Precious memories, unseen angels,  
Sent from somewhere to my soul,  
How they linger, ever near me,  
And the sacred scenes unfold.

#### Chorus:

**Precious memories, how they linger,  
How they ever flood my soul,  
In the stillness of the midnight,  
Precious, sacred scenes unfold.**

Precious father, loving mother,  
Fly across the lonely years,  
And old home scenes of my childhood,  
In fond memory appear.

#### Chorus:

In the stillness of the midnight,  
Echoes from the past I hear,  
Old-time singing, gladness bringing,  
From that lovely land somewhere.

#### Chorus:

As I travel on life's pathway,  
Know not what the years may hold,  
As I ponder, hope grows fonder,  
Precious memories flood my soul.

#### Chorus:

*"Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of His saints."*

– Psalm 116:15





*"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."*

— Revelation 21:4

## Pall Bearers

### CHURCH TO HEARSE

Mr. Lawrence Johnson [Brother-in-law]  
Mr. Neville Garwood [Friend]  
Mr. Norbert Roach [Friend]  
Mr. Kevin Jones [Friend]  
Mr. Howard Gammon [Friend]  
Mr. Wayne Murdock [Nephew]

## Pall Bearers

### HEARSE TO GRAVESIDE

Mr. Michael Murdock Jr. [Son]  
Mr. Orville Murdock [Son]  
Mr. Donovan Murdock [Son]  
Mr. Howard Minors, Jr. [Son-in-law]  
Mr. Aurence Williams [Nephew]  
Mr. Jasper McPherson [Nephew]

## Interment

**The Murdock's Family Plot**  
Hopewell Road, Darliston

## Repast

Following the Committal a Repast will be held.  
Venue will be announced.

## In Appreciation

The Murdock family wishes to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, well wishes and their support during their time of bereavement for Michael Dancassa Murdock.

*"A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again."*

— Maya Angelou

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