St. George Parish Church The Glebe, St. George BB 19040



200th Anniversary Celebration Solemn Evensong Sunday, September 22nd, 2024 6.00 p.m.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.**

Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh, **R. And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of Christ, your Son by the message of an angel, so by His passion and cross we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PHOS HILARON - O GRACIOUS LIGHT

O gracious light, pure brightness of the ever living Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

PROCESSIONAL HYMNS:

HYMN: 239

The right hand of God is writing in our land, writing with power and with love our conflicts and our fears, our triumphs and our tears are recorded by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is pointing in our land, pointing the way we must go.

So clouded is the way, so easily we stray, but we're guided by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is striking in our land, striking out at envy, hate and greed.

Our selfishness and lust, our pride and deeds unjust, are destroyed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land, healing broken bodies, minds and souls. So wondrous is its touch, with love that means so much, when we're healed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God, is planting in our land, planting seeds of freedom, hope and love. In these Caribbean lands, let his people all join hands, and be one with the right hand of God.

HYMN: Our Heritage

The 'Reformation's Fire' renewed A faith in God steadfast and true; It broke 'papal captivity' But kept rites from antiquity. We praise thee God from age to age For this our glorious heritage.

On Christ the only foundation Stand Scripture, Reason, Tradition; Pillars of faith which can subdue Life's tempting thoughts of subterfuge. We praise thee God from age to age For this our glorious heritage.

These pillars three, robust and bold, Still foster faith as taught of old; And Via Media _____ Middle Way Still battles issues of our day. We praise thee God from age to age For this our glorious heritage.

We who have found God through this faith Must challenge souls _____ Reciprocate; Exemplify, Inspire, Exhort Lest our best efforts count as naught; While praising God from age to age For this our glorious heritage.

May Father, Son and Holy Ghost Whose praise it sings, whose love it tells; Bless all who have and now proclaim, God's glory in this faith's great name. May God be praised in every age Through this our glorious heritage.

Words By: Fr. John A. Rogers (2006)

Music: MELITA by John B. Dykes (1861)

OPENING HYMN: 736

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 of 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.

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Response: And our mouth shall show forth thy

praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us. **Response** O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and

to the Holy Ghost;

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

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Response The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM: 150 (Hymn: 376)

Refrain:

O praise ye the Lord, O praise ye the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary: O praise ye the Lord! O praise ye the Lord! O praise ye the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary: O praise ye the Lord.

In the firmament of his power, praise him! For his mighty acts, let us praise him! For his excellent greatness, praise him! O praise ye the Lord.

Refrain

With the sound of the trumpet, praise him! With the psaltery and harp, O praise him! With the dance and the timbrel, praise him! O praise ye the Lord.

Refrain

With stringed instruments, let us praise him! And with organs, O let us praise him! With the high and loud cymbals, praise him! O praise ye the Lord.

Coda:

Let every thing that hath breath, Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord!

FIRST LESSON: St. Augustine's Church

READER: A Reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Deuteronomy the eighth chapter beginning at the second verse. (Deuteronomy 8:2-18)

Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the LORD your God disciplines you. Therefore keep the commandments of the LORD your God, by ways and by fearing him. For walking in his the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand wealth.' But gained have me this remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

READER: Here ends the First Lesson.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

OFFICE HYMN: I am the Way

I am the Way - the King of the Victory. I am the Truth - the Lord of the Harmony. I am the Light - Light of the world to be.

Refrain:

Hosanna! I hold your hand my friend, Hosanna! I give you strength my friend, Hosanna! You walk the sea my friend; We're gonna sail to victory, Sailing, sailing, sailing cross the river, sailing. Sailing, sailing, sailing cross the river, sailing. Freedom, freedom, freedom in the life of Jesus. Hosanna! I hold your hand my friend, Hosanna! I give you strength my friend, Hosanna! You walk the sea my friend; We're gonna sail to victory.

I am the Vine - you shall abide in Me.
I am the River - you shall be cleansed in Me.
I am the Rock - you shall have life in Me.

Refrain

I am your Brother - living in flesh with thee. I am your Saviour - dying on Calvary, I am your God - rising in victory.

Refrain

THE MAGNIFICAT (or the Song of the Blessèd Virgin Mary)

(St. Luke 1)

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.

SECOND LESSON: St. Jude's Church

READER: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter and beginning at the thirteenth verse.

(Matthew 16:13-19)

At that time when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

READER: Here ends the Second Lesson.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS (or the Song of Simeon)

(St. Luke 2. 29.)

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

I BELIEVE in God 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 Catholic 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. **Response:** And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

All Kneel

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us. **Response:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on 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.

Officiant O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us. **Response:** And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant: O Lord, save the President

Response: And mercifully hear us when we call

upon thee.

Officiant: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness, **Response:** And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant: O Lord, save thy people.

Response: And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Response: Because there is none other that fighteth

for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant: O God, make clean our hearts within us. **Response:** And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Officiant: The Lord be with you. **Response:** And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

COLLECTS:

Proper 20

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

- V. The Lord be with you
- R. And with thy Spirit
- V. Let us Bless the Lord
- R. Thanks be to God.
- V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

ANTHEM: St George Parish Church Choir

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIOCESE OF BARBADOS 200TH ANNIVERSARY THEME SONG (with Steelpan and Liturgical Dance)

"WE'RE STILL STANDING"

HYMN BEFORE SERMON: 249 MP [Popular Version]

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, good news, proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness, our God reigns, our God reigns!

Our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns!

You watchmen, lift your voices joyfully as one, shout for your King, your King.
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion: your God reigns, your God reigns!
Your God reigns, your God reigns, your God reigns, your God reigns!

Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy, we are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved and comforted His people: your God reigns, your God reigns!
Your God reigns, your God reigns, your God reigns, your God reigns!

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God, Jesus is Lord, is Lord.
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm:

your God reigns, your God reigns! Your God reigns, your God reigns, your God reigns, your God reigns!

THE SERMON: Archdeacon The Venerable Terrence Rawlins (Diocese of the North East Caribbean and Aruba)

OFFERTORY HYMN: 346

Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity, gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity:

Refrain:

Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways, sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise

Radiant risen from the water; robed in holiness and light, male and female in God's image male and female, God's delight:

Refrain

Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong within. dare to dream the vision promised sprung from seed of what has been.

Refrain

Bring the hopes of every nation; bring the art of every race, weave a song of peace and justice; let it sound through time and space.

Refrain

Draw together at one table all the human family; shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free.

Refrain

OFFERTORY HYMN: 348

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word: from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distrest, yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?' And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace for evermore; till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won; O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING:

HYMN: 553

You have all our future in your hands, in your hands. We bid you take over all our life, Lord – our dreams, aspirations, all our best, Jesus Christ. Our all we place in your hands.

Refrain:

In your hands, Lord, we place today, tomorrow; in your hands, Lord, we surrender all.

To your hands we commit our joys, our sorrows; in your hands, Lord, we surrender all.

Keep walking beside us every night, every day, and giving us courage for the fray, Lord. We need you to guide us every step of the way; forsake us not, Lord, we pray.

Refrain

You place many duties in our hands, in our hands; and shaping our world is our task, Lord.
On you we depend, Lord, for the power; this we ask, that all make sense in our hands.

Refrain

You call us to service in this land, in this land, whose soul is just aching for your touch, Lord; and we too are reaching for your hand, Jesus, Lord. Redeem us as we take our stand.

Refrain

So, Lord, we are trusting everything to your hands, and then we keep praying for our land, Lord, to labour with others for the best, Jesus, Lord.

Our all we place in your hands.

Refrain

HYMN: 554

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 every stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

RECESSIONAL 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.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting. To thee all the Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry.

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty: of thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true: and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come: to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage.

Govern them: and lift them up for ever.

Day by day: we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

VESPER: HYMN 526

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at my end, and at my departing.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

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

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord **ALL:** In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

6:00 a.m. Said Mass & Sermon 7:15 a.m. Said Mass & Sermon 9.15 a.m. Sung Mass & Sermon Holy Baptism (3rd Sunday) Sunday School (*except 4th Sunday*)

6:00 p.m. Evensong (4th Sunday)

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. Said Mass

FRIDAY

6:30 a.m. Said Mass

We Thank you for sharing in our Evensong