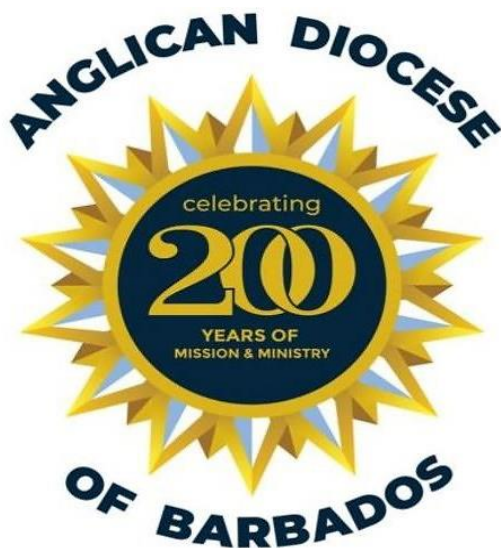


DIOCESE OF BARBADOS



**Holy Eucharist and Sermon
in celebration of**



The Bicentenary of the Diocese

Sunday, 21st July, 2024

10:00 a.m.

**The Wildey Gymnasium
The Garfield Sobers Sports Complex
Wildey, St. Michael, Barbados**

PARTICIPANTS

CHIEF CELEBRANT

The Right Reverend Michael B. St. J. Maxwell
Bishop of Barbados

CON-CELEBRANTS

The Right Reverend Ernest A. Flemming
Bishop of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba

The Right Reverend Charles A. Davidson
Bishop of Guyana and Suriname

The Right Reverend Claude Berkley
Bishop of Trinidad and Tobago

The Right Reverend C. Leopold Friday
Bishop of the Windward Islands

THE PREACHER

The Most Reverend Drexel W. Gomez
Eleventh Bishop of Barbados,

*Twelfth Bishop of The Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands,
and Retired Archbishop of the Church in the Province of the West Indies*

THE PREACHER'S CHAPLAIN

The Reverend Bernard B. Been
Rector of The Holy Trinity Church

THE PRIEST M.C.

The Reverend Levon A. Alkins
Assistant Curate of St Leonard Church

THE BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN

The Reverend Joseph King
Rector of St. Mary Church

THE LECTORS

Old Testament: **Mr. Shaquan Thomas**
*Vice President of the Executive of
the Barbados Diocesan Altars Servers Association*

New Testament: **The Most Honourable Kerrie-Ann Ifill**
President of the Barbados Council for The Disabled

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Mr. Matthew Banfield

Organist of St. Lucy Parish Church

Mr. Dequan Rowe

Organist of St. Matthias Church

THE SIGNERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

Mrs. Bonnie Leonce

Mr. Anthony Husbands

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Hearts Aflame Band

Ms. Judy Bailey

The Diocesan Altar Servers

The Diocesan Liturgical Dancers

The Diocesan Mass Choir

The Diocesan Ushers

The Diocesan Youth Chorale

Please silence all cellular phones and electronic devices for the duration of the service.

The congregation stands at the arrival of the President.

THE PROCESSIONS

THE PROCESSION OF THE CLERGY

The Crucifer and Two Torch Bearers

Ecumenical Clergy

Two Torch Bearers

Attending Server

The Ordinand(s)

Visiting Anglican Clergy

The Clergy of the Diocese of Barbados

Honorary Canons

Canons Emeriti

Deans Emeriti

THE BISHOP'S PROCESSION

The Crucifer and Two Torch Bearers

Attending Server

The Rural Deans

The Diocesan Registrar: **Mr. Michael S. Alleyne**

The Chancellor: **Ms. Sadie P. O. Dixon**

The Dean and Chapter of St. Michael's Cathedral

The Chapter Crucifer

The Reverend Canon Peter H. O. W. Haynes

Stall of St. Basil

The Reverend Canon Noel A. Burke

Stall of St. Augustine

The Reverend Canon Dr. Von E. Watson

Stall of Canon Missioner

The Reverend Canon George A. Harewood

Stall of St. Aidan

The Venerable Eric E. Lynch

Stall of St. Ignatius

The Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

Dean of St. Michael's Cathedral

Visiting Bishops

Attending Server

The Right Reverend M. Rosemarie Mallett

Bishop of Croydon

The Right Reverend Christopher T. J. Chessun

Bishop of Southwark

Retired Bishops

Attending Server

The Right Reverend Sir Wilfred D. Wood

Eighth Bishop of Croydon, England

The Right Reverend Dr. Rufus T. Brome

Twelfth Bishop of Barbados

The Most Reverend Dr. John W. D. Holder

Thirteenth Bishop of Barbados and

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Bishops from The Province of The West Indies

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The Bishop

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE OF SELECTIONS (*Commences at 9:00 a.m.*)

The Hearts Aflame Band
The Diocesan Youth Choral
The Diocesan Choir
Theme Song by Ms. Judy Bailey

ORGAN PRELUDE

The arrival of the Chief Justice, the Prime Minister and the President.

HYMNS FOR THE PROCESSION (C.P.W.I. 168, 378)

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 168

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
sing to him who found the ransom,
 ancient of eternal days,
God of God, the Word Incarnate,
whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
 formed the seas, or built the sky,
love eternal, free and boundless,
 moved the Lord of Life to die,
fore-ordained the Prince of princes
 for the throne of Calvary.

There, for us and our redemption,
 see him all his life-blood pour!
There he wins our full salvation,
 dies that we may die no more;
then, arising, lives for ever,
 reigning where he was before.

High on yon celestial mountains
stands his gem-built throne, all bright,
midst unending alleluias
bursting from the sons of light;
Sion's people tell his praises,
victor after hard-won fight.

Bring your harps, and bring your odours,
sweep the string and pour the lay;
let the earth proclaim his wonders,
King of that celestial day;
he the Lamb once slain is worthy,
who was dead, and lives for aye.

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

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 378

O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongues can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy ransomed creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

GREETINGS

The Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Gibson

Dean of the Cathedral Church of St Michael and All Angels

THE OPENING SENTENCE

BISHOP:

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness. One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power... All your works praise you, O LORD, and your faithful servants bless you. *Psalm 145: 3,4,10*

THE INVOCATION

BISHOP:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PEOPLE:

**And blessed by His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE PRAYER OF INTENT

PEOPLE:

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.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

PEOPLE:

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

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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 COLLECTS

PROPER 11

BISHOP:

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

FOR THE DIOCESE

BISHOP:

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese [for the past 200 years] to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishops and other 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.

PEOPLE: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: JEREMIAH 23:1-6

*Mr Shaquan Thomas, Vice President,
Executive of the Barbados Diocesan Altars Servers Association*

READER:

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, the twenty-third chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

THE APPOINTED PSALM: 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
 show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
 your saving health among all nations.

- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations
upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Glory 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: EPHESIANS 2:11-22

The Most Honourable Kerry-Ann Ifill

President of the Barbados Council for the Disabled

READER:

A reading from the Word of God written in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, the second chapter, beginning at the eleventh verse.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one

new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: C.P.W.I. 530

Master, speak! Thy servant heareth,
waiting for thy gracious word,
longing for thy voice that cheereth;
Master, let it now be heard,
I am listening, Lord, for thee;
what hast thou to say to me?

Speak to me by name, O Master!
Let me know it is to me;
speak, that I may follow faster,
with a step more firm and free,
where the shepherd leads the flock
in the shadow of the rock.

Master, speak! Though least and lowest,
let me not unheard depart;
Master, speak! For O thou knowest
all the yearning of my heart;
knowest all its truest need;
speak, and make me blest indeed.

Master, speak! And make me ready,
when thy voice is truly heard,
with obedience glad and steady
still to follow every word.
I am listening, Lord, for thee;
Master, speak, O, speak to me!

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 6:30-34, 53-56

The Reverend Lisa Jessamy Maynard

Assistant Curate of St. Andrew Parish Church

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

GOSPELLER: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter, beginning at the thirtieth verse.

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

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

THE SERMON

The Most Reverend Drexel W. Gomez

*Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Barbados and the Twelfth Bishop of
the Diocese of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands
Retired Archbishop of the Church in the Province of the West Indies*

MUSICAL SELECTION

THE DIOCESAN YOUTH CHORALE

“Look at the World” by John Rutter

THE NICENE CREED

**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.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Ms. Cherianne Clarke

Sunday School Superintendent of St Leonard Church

Mr Erskine Thompson

Synod Representative of All Souls Church

Ms. RaShan White

Seminarian for The Diocese of Barbados

LEADER:

Today, as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Diocese of Barbados, we offer these prayers to our Loving God, saying: “Hear our prayer and build up Your church.”

LEADER:

We give you thanks Heavenly Father for this good earth in which You have placed us, for our climate and environment, for these Caribbean lands in which we live and for this island of Barbados in which we carry out our ministry as members of Your church.
Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

We pray for all leaders of our land, for Sandra, our President; Mia, our Prime Minister; and Leslie, our Chief Justice. We pray for all Members of Parliament, for Judges and Magistrates, for the protective services and all who facilitate the tranquility and harmony of our nation, that the church may carry out its mission in peace and love. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

We pray for the Church Universal whose one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray for the Anglican Communion and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; we pray for our Church in the Province of the West Indies, and for Howard, our Archbishop. We pray for our Diocese of Barbados, for Michael, our Bishop; and for John and Rufus, our retired bishops; and Wilfred, retired bishop of Croydon. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

We pray for our eight dioceses within this Province especially those which once formed part of the Diocese of Barbados; for the Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago and Claude, their Bishop; for the Diocese of the Windward Islands and Leopold, their Bishop; for the Diocese of Guyana and Suriname and Charles their Bishop and Alfred their Suffragan; for the Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba and Ernest their Bishop. May we, Your Church, ever be found faithful as we engage in Your Mission for Your World. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

We thank You for Your many blessings to us over these past 200 years in this Diocese of Barbados. Help us to build on the good foundation that we have, expanding and deepening our ministry and mission in meaningful and impactful ways in this part of Your vineyard. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

We pray for courage, healing and reconciliation as we come to terms with our Diocese's historical role in slavery and racial injustice. We thank You for the progress we have made and pray that we can acknowledge and learn from the mistakes of the past and be true advocates for racial justice and equality. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

We give thanks for the ministry of all clergy who have served in this Diocese over the past 200 years. We remember before You the contribution of the founding clergy including Coleridge, our first Bishop, and give thanks for the evolution to native Caribbean clergy with racial and gender diversity. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

We pray that all clergy may be inspired and guided by Your Holy Spirit to lead Your flock faithfully in our changing and challenging world. Give them loving hearts, steadfast faith, a clear vision and open minds – ready to embrace fresh expressions of worship and opportunities for ministry. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

We thank You for the lay leaders of our Diocese, past and present Diocesan officers, Synod, Parochial Church Councils, Trustees and all others involved in the administration and leadership of our Diocese. We pray that those now in office may have godly wisdom to direct the affairs of the Diocese in a progressive, peaceful and inclusive manner. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

We thank You for all the resources available to our Diocese over the years. May we be faithful stewards of the assets we have inherited and of the time, talents and treasures You have blessed us with

today. May we use all our resources rightly for the furtherance of our mission and ministry. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

We give You thanks for our Diocese's legacy in the upliftment and advancement of people through education, which continues to bear fruit in our nation. Even as the church's role in this space has evolved over time (with the handing over of our traditional Anglican schools), may we find and take our place in educating and edifying Your people in this nation in relevant ways. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

We remember before You the ministries and organisations within our Diocese, including our Sunday Schools, Youth, Altar Servers, Mothers' Unions, Woman's Auxiliaries, Men's Fellowships, Church Armies, Ushers and Health Ministries, Music and Creative Arts Ministries and all other newer and emerging groups. We thank You for their contribution over the years and pray that they may effectively deliver their mandate and serve their target groups. Refresh their souls and their efforts, that they may be committed and responsive. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

Lord, You called us to preach the gospel and feed Your sheep. We therefore give thanks for the outreach ministry of our Diocese and the opportunities to serve. Help us to truly tend Your flock and meet their spiritual and practical needs. May we never be satisfied to restrict our love and work within the walls of our respective churches but to journey out and join You in touching the lives of others. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

As we celebrate this 200th anniversary, we pray that our Diocese will embrace its role as a force for good in our society, and bring a loving, constructive moral perspective to bear on issues of public policy and concern. May we boldly promote a more equitable, inclusive and just society, furthering Your kingdom on earth. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

At this time of celebration, we bring before You the young people of our Diocese and of our nation. We thank You for their talents, creativity, ideas and constructive challenges. May our churches be welcoming, nurturing and safe spaces for young people to grow and develop in their faith, and to discern and live out their God-given potential and purpose. Help us to value our youth and give them their space not just as leaders and contributors of tomorrow, but of today. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

In this season of Pentecost, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will fill our church and our hearts, so we may be truly Spirit-led as we go forth into the next phase of ministry and mission. Have Your way Lord. Let this anniversary not simply be a time of celebration of what our Diocese has been and achieved, but a time to reflect on and recommit to what we can and should be, in accordance with Your will. Energize and empower us to be that unified, missional and resilient Church You have called us to be, embracing, serving, transforming and uplifting our people and nation for You. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

Finally, we remember all Your faithful servants in this Diocese who are no longer with us. We pray that their witness and ministry will inspire us to do our part in advancing mission and ministry. May we honour their memory and may their souls rest in peace. Loving God,

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer and build up Your church.

LEADER:

Heavenly Father, we offer all these prayers in faith, hope and thanksgiving, trusting in Your love and faithfulness. Accept them in the name of Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: Amen.

THE ACT OF PENITENCE AND ABSOLUTION

BISHOP:

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.

BISHOP:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

PEOPLE:

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

BISHOP:

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.

PEOPLE: Amen.

ACT OF RECOMMITMENT TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

BISHOP:

My Brothers and Sisters, the ministry we share is none other than the sacrificial ministry of Christ, who gave himself up to death on the cross for the salvation of the world. By his glorious resurrection and ascension, he has opened for us the way of everlasting life. By the Coming of the Holy Spirit he shares with us the riches of his grace. We are called to proclaim his death and resurrection, to share the Sacraments of the New Covenant which he sealed with his blood on the cross, and to care for his people in the power of the Spirit.

I invite you here in the presence of Christ and his Church, to renew your commitment to your various ministries; and we begin with the clergy.

The Clergy stand and say together,

THE CLERGY

We rededicate and recommit ourselves to our vows and to the mission of Christ, within which all baptised persons are called to share, in witness to Jesus Christ.

We pledge to be messengers, stewards, and watchmen of the Lord and to participate in the teaching of the word.

We rededicate ourselves to the pastoral ministry whereby we search for all persons who are estranged and who need the ministry of reconciliation.

We will always seek to bring to our ministry the feeling of joy, hope and excitement as we serve families, the Church, and the congregation communities in our nation.

We know that we cannot do these things by ourselves; we will therefore endeavour to deepen our spirituality, so that Christ will live in us permanently.

The Clergy sits and the Lay People stand and say together,

THE LAITY

We rededicate and recommit ourselves to our baptismal vows and we pledge that we will not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ, our crucified Lord and resurrected. We will continue to fight against all evil forces and be faithful and devoted stewards to the end of our lives.

We pledge to deepen our spirituality as we endeavour to continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers.

We recommit ourselves to be agents of transformation in the society as we seek to serve our families and Christ by loving our neighbours as ourselves.

The Bishop, standing, makes the following affirmation.

THE BISHOP

And now, as your Bishop, I too, before God and you, rededicate myself and reaffirm the promises that I made at my Ordination and Consecration.

Pray for me that despite my own unworthiness I may faithfully fulfil the office of Chief Pastor which Jesus Christ has entrusted to me.

Pray that I may become more like our High Priest and Good Shepherd, the Teacher and Servant of all, and so be a genuine sign of Christ's loving presence among us.

PEOPLE: Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.



THE GREETING OF PEACE

BISHOP: The Kingdom of God is justice, peace and joy,
inspired by the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: **They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to
God and approved by others.**

BISHOP: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

PEACE SONGS

HYMN: MISSION PRAISE 411

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 brotherly love that is real;
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

HYMN: MISSION PRAISE 151

For I'm building a people of power
and I'm making a people of praise,
that will move through this land by My Spirit,
and will glorify My precious name.
Build Your Church, Lord,
make us strong, Lord,
join our hearts, Lord, through Your Son;
make us one, Lord, in Your body,
in the Kingdom of Your Son.

**GREETINGS FROM BISHOPS OF
THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION**

The Right Reverend M. Rosemarie Mallett
Bishop of Croydon

The Right Reverend Christopher T. J. Chessun
Bishop of Southwark

**GREETINGS FROM BISHOPS IN THE
CHURCH IN THE PROVINCE OF THE WEST INDIES**

The Right Reverend Ernest A. Flemming
Bishop of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba

The Right Reverend Charles A. Davidson
Bishop of Guyana and Suriname

The Right Reverend C. Leopold Friday
Bishop of The Windward Islands

The Right Reverend Claude Berkley
Bishop of Trinidad and Tobago

200TH ANNIVERSARY THEME SONG
“WE’RE STILL STANDING”
(Written and composed by Ms. Judy Bailey)

Making our way past the gates of yesterday
While recognising where we’ve been
Look, see how far we’ve come
See what our God has done
We’re still standing and we’re not standing still.

We made it here on the wings of ancient prayer
Our faith survived our history
Our God is still our guide
And after all this time
We’re still standing and we’re not standing still.

Chorus:

*Pressing onward, looking upward, moving forward
Christ is our rock – on Him we build
We're one Church – with God together
We grow stronger
We're still standing and we're not standing still.*

Post-Chorus:

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah Hey!
We're still standing and we're not standing still.
(Repeat)*

Despite our tears,
we've been blessed throughout the years
Though there were times our spirits grieved
Let's summon up our praise
Give thanks and celebrate
We're still standing and we're not standing still.

And though there're scars,
we know who and whose we are
Ours a divine identity
One hope, one love – unite
Step out in freedom's light
We're still standing and we're not standing still.

Chorus:

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Christ is our rock – on Him we build
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Post-Chorus:

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATORY DANCE
THE DIOCESAN LITURGICAL DANCERS
“Joy Overflow” by Joe Praize

THE HYMNS FOR THE OFFERTORY (348, 351, 399, 346)

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 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
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
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.

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 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.

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 399

Renew thy church, her ministries restore:
both to serve and adore.
Make her again as salt throughout the land,
and as light from a stand.
'Mid somber shadows of the night
where greed and hatred spread their blight,
O send us forth with power endued:
help us, Lord, be renewed!

Teach us thy word, reveal its truth divine;
on our path let it shine.
Tell of thy works, thy mighty acts of grace;
from each page show thy face.
As thou hast loved us, sent thy Son,
and our salvation now is won.
O let our hearts with love be stirred:
help us, Lord, know thy Word!

Teach us to pray, for thou art ever near;
thy still voice let us hear.
Our souls are restless till they rest in thee:
this our glad destiny.
Before thy presence keep us still,
that we may find for us thy will
and seek thy guidance every day:
teach us, Lord, how to pray!

Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind,
everyone, all mankind.
Break down old walls of prejudice and hate;
leave us not to our fate.
As thou has loved and given thy life
to end hostility and strife,
O share thy grace from heaven above:
teach us, Lord, how to love!

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 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:

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

BISHOP 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

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

BISHOP: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

BISHOP: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

BISHOP:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

PEOPLE:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed in He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

BISHOP:

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 call 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 that 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.”

BISHOP:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

PEOPLE:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

BISHOP:

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 from 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:

***PEOPLE:* Blessing and honour and glory and power
 be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (CARIBBEAN, MISSION PRAISE 552)

BISHOP:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

PEOPLE:

Our Father who is in heaven,
hallowed be Your name,
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done,
hallowed be Your name.

On earth as it is in heaven,
hallowed be Your name,
give us this day our daily bread,
hallowed be Your name.

Forgive us all our trespasses,
hallowed be Your name,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
hallowed be Your name.

And lead us not into temptation,
hallowed be Your name,
but deliver us from all that is evil,
hallowed be Your name.

For Yours is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory,
hallowed be Your name,
for ever and for ever,
hallowed be Your name.

Amen, amen, it shall be so,
hallowed be Your name,
amen, amen, it shall be so,
hallowed be Your name.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BISHOP: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

PEOPLE: **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

THE AGNUS DEI

BISHOP AND PEOPLE:

**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 COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

BISHOP: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

BISHOP: **Our souls will feast and be satisfied,
and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.**

MUSICAL SELECTION

“Worthy is the Lamb” by Michael Smith

THE HEARTS AFLAME BAND



THE HYMNS FOR COMMUNION

(625, 315, 595, 569, 571, 616, 604, 507, 396, 539)

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 625

We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken,
the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing,
one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine;
renewed, sustained and given
by token, sign and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 315

Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name,
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat,
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do,
while love is making all things new.

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 595

I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain:

*And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give is my flesh
for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you,
you shall not have life within you.

Refrain

I am the resurrection, I am the life;
they who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

Yes, Lord we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world.

Refrain

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 569

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
 alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
 when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
 'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, Bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
 alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
 alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
 thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
 in the Eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
 alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
 alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
 alleluia, alleluia
to the Triune Majesty.

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 571

And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the only true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;
for lo! Between our sins and their reward
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part with thee.

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 616

O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray
that all thy church might be for ever one,
grant us at every eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done:"
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of peace:
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the church which still that faith doth keep:
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessèd still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 604

Let us enter into covenant with Christ,
celebrating the eucharist of love.
Take a little bread and wine,
lift up the chalice of the King.

Refrain:

Alleluia! It's a sign of love!
Alleluia! It's a sign of peace!
Alleluia! It's the mystery of faith!
Alleluia! Amen!

Take the body and the blood of Christ,
in divine revelation of his love.
Be transformed, O my people, from your sins,
and eat and drink and live!

Refrain

He is lifted to the throne on high
and will come again to rule all the world.
The saints who sleep in Christ shall rise.
Rejoice, O Zion, and be glad!

Refrain

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
'He who comes to me
I shall not turn away'.

Refrain

Come, you faithful, to the paradise of God,
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.
Eat manna from the tree of life;
you are washed in the blood of Christ!

Refrain

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 507

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
when thou camest to earth for me;
but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
for thy holy Nativity:

Refrain:

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
there is room in my heart for thee.*

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
proclaiming thy royal degree;
but in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
and in great humility:

Refrain

The foxes found rest, and the bird had its nest
in the shade of the cedar tree;
but thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God,
in the desert of Galilee:

Refrain

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
that should set thy people free;
but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
they bore thee to Calvary:

Refrain

When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing,
at thy coming to victory,
let thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room,
there is room at my side for thee:"

Refrain

HYMN: MISSION PRAISE 396

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that Thy blood was shed for me,
and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,

yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
hath broken every barrier down;
now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 539

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

**HYMNS FOR THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN
(648, 643, 667, 657, 670)**

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 648

Heavenly Father, send thy blessing
on thy children gathered here,
may they all, thy name confessing,
be to thee for ever dear:
may they be, like Joseph, loving,
dutiful, and chaste, and pure;
and their faith, like David, proving,
steadfast unto death endure.

Holy Saviour, who in meekness
didst vouchsafe a child to be,
guide their steps, and help their weakness,
bless and make them like to thee;
bear thy lambs, when they are weary,
in thine arms and at thy breast;
through life's desert, dry and dreary,
bring them to thy heavenly rest.

Spread Thy golden pinions o'er them,
Holy Spirit, from above,
guide them, lead them, go before them,
give them peace, and joy, and love:
thy true temples, Holy Spirit,
may they with thy glory shine,
and immortal bliss inherit,
and for evermore be thine.

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 643

Christ, who once amongst us as a child did dwell,
is the children's Saviour, and he loves us well;
if we keep our promise made him at the font,
he will be our Shepherd, and we shall not want.

There it was they laid us in those tender arms,
where the lambs are carried safe from all alarms;
if we trust his promise, he will let us rest
in his arms for ever, leaning on his breast.

Though we may not see him for a little while,
we shall know he holds us, often feel his smile;
death will be to slumber in that sweet embrace,
and we shall awaken to behold his face.

He will be our Shepherd after as before,
by still heavenly waters lead us ever more;
make us lie in pastures beautiful and green,
where none thirst or hunger, and no tears are seen.

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, laying down thy life,
lest thy sheep should perish in the cruel strife,
help us to remember all thy love and care,
trust in thee and love thee always, everywhere.

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 667

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tenderest care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
thou has bought us, thine we are;
blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
thou has bought us, thine we are.

We are thine: do thou befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
hear, oh hear us when we pray;
blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
hear, oh hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
let us early turn to thee.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favour,
early let us do thy will;
blessèd Lord and only Saviour,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
thou hast love us, love us still.
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thou hast loved us, love us still.

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 657

Lord, I would own thy tender care,
and all thy love to me;
the food I eat, the clothes I wear,
are all bestowed by thee.

‘Tis thou preservest me from death
and dangers every hour;
I cannot draw another breath
unless thou give me power.

Kind angels guard me every night,
as round my bed they stay;
nor am I absent from thy sight
in darkness or by day.

My health and friends and parents dear
to me by God are given;
I have not any blessing here
but what is sent from heaven.

Such goodness, Lord, and constant care
I never can repay;
but may it be my daily prayer,
to love thee and obey.

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 670

There's a Friend for little children
above the bright blue sky,
a Friend who never changes,
whose love will never die:
our earthly friends may fail us,
and change with changing years;
this Friend is always worthy
of that dear name he bears.

There's a rest for little children
above the bright blue sky,
who love the blessed Saviour,
and to the Father cry:
a rest from every turmoil,
from sin and sorrow free,
where every little pilgrim
shall rest eternally.

There's a home for little children
above the bright blue sky,
where Jesus reigns in glory,
a home of peace and joy:
no home on earth is like it,
nor can with it compare;
for every one is happy,
nor could be happier, there.

There's a crown for little children
above the bright blue sky,
and all who look for Jesus
shall wear it by and by:
a crown of brightest glory,
which he will then bestow
on those who found his favour
and loved his name below.

There's a song for little children
above the bright blue sky,
a song that will not weary,
though sung continually:
a song which even angels
can never, never sing;
they know not Christ as Saviour,
but worship him as King.

There's a robe for little children
above the bright blue sky;
and a harp of sweetest music,
and palms of victory.
All, all above is treasured,
and found in Christ alone:
Lord, grant thy little children
to know thee as their own.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BISHOP AND PEOPLE:

**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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE EPISCOPAL BLESSING

BISHOP: Our help is in the name of the Lord

PEOPLE: **The maker of heaven and earth**

BISHOP: Blessed be the name of the Lord

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

BISHOP:

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.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

BISHOP: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



HYMNS FOR THE RECESSION (325, 311, 239, 954 MP)

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 325

Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord, and King,
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours which cares for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts — let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 311

GOD is working his purpose out
as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west
where'er man's foot hath trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
goes forth the voice of God,
"Give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea."

What can we do to work God's work,
to prosper and increase
the brotherhood of all mankind,
the reign of the Prince of peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious Gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world.
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

HYMN: C.P.W.I. 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: MISSION PRAISE 954

We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, marching,
O, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, marching,
O, we are marching in the light of God.

We are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God.
We are living, living, living,
O, we are living in the love of God.
We are living, living, living,
O, we are living in the love of God.

We are moving in the power of God.
We are moving in the power of God.
We are moving in the power of God.
We are moving in the power of God.
We are moving, moving, moving,
O, we are moving in the power of God.
We are moving, moving, moving,
O, we are moving in the power of God.

MUSICAL SELECTION
200TH ANNIVERSARY THEME SONG REPRISE
“WE’RE STILL STANDING”
(The Hearts Aflame Band and Ms. Judy Bailey)

Thank you for worshipping with us as we commence the
Bicentenary Celebrations of the Founding of our Diocese
and its 200 years of mission and ministry.

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We hope you will join us for our next event which will be an
Artefacts Exhibition and Cocktail Reception
at The Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre
Friday, July 26, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Admission: \$100.

Viewing of the Exhibition will also be held on
July 27, 28, and 29, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Admission: \$30.