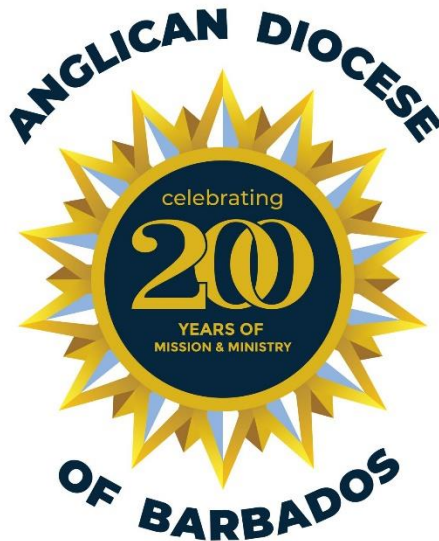


Christ Church Deanery



Solemn Evensong & Te Deum

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Introit 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, treading our path through the
blood of the slaughtered;
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

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

Salutation

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

Priest O Lord, open thou our lips.

Response. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Priest. O God, make speed to save us.

Response. O Lord, make haste to help us

Priest 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.

Priest. Praise ye the Lord.

Response. The Lord's Name be praised

PSALM 145

1 I Will magnify thee, O God, my King: and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee: and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness.

- 4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another: and declare thy power.
- 5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship: thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
- 6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts: and I will also tell of thy greatness.
- 7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed: and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and merciful: long-suffering and of great goodness.
- 9 The Lord is loving unto every man: and his mercy is over all his works.
- 10 All thy works praise thee, O Lord: and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
- 11 They shew the glory of thy kingdom: and talk of thy power;
- 12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom: might be known unto men.
- 13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord upholdeth all such as fall: and lifteth up all those that are down.

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

Glory 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

First Bible Reading: Here begins the 1st verse of the 17th chapter of the Second book of Samuel (2 Samuel 17:1-23)

Moreover, Ahithophel said to Absalom, 'Let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will set out and pursue David tonight. I will come upon him while he is weary and discouraged, and throw him into a panic; and all the

people who are with him will flee. I will strike down only the king, and I will bring all the people back to you as a bride comes home to her husband. You seek the life of only one man, and all the people will be at peace.’ The advice pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel. Then Absalom said, ‘Call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear too what he has to say.’ When Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom said to him, ‘This is what Ahithophel has said; shall we do as he advises? If not, you tell us.’ Then Hushai said to Absalom, ‘This time the counsel that Ahithophel has given is not good.’ Hushai continued, ‘You know that your father and his men are warriors, and that they are enraged, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field. Besides, your father is expert in war; he will not spend the night with the troops. Even now he has hidden himself in one of the pits, or in some other place. And when some of our troops fall at the first attack, whoever hears it will say, “There has been a slaughter among the troops who follow Absalom.” Then even the valiant warrior, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will utterly melt with fear; for all Israel knows that your father is a warrior, and that those who are with him are valiant warriors. But my counsel is that all Israel be gathered to you, from Dan to Beer-sheba, like the sand by the sea for multitude, and that you go to battle in person. So we shall come upon him in whatever place he may be found, and we shall light on him as the dew falls on the ground; and he will not survive, nor will any of those with him. If he withdraws into a city, then all Israel will bring ropes to that city, and we shall drag it into the valley, until not even a pebble is to be found there.’ Absalom and all the men of Israel said, ‘The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel.’ For the Lord had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, so that the Lord

might bring ruin on Absalom. Then Hushai said to the priests Zadok and Abiathar, 'Thus and so did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and so I have counselled. Therefore send quickly and tell David, "Do not lodge tonight at the fords of the wilderness, but by all means cross over; otherwise the king and all the people who are with him will be swallowed up." ' Jonathan and Ahimaaz were waiting at En-rogel; a servant-girl used to go and tell them, and they would go and tell King David; for they could not risk being seen entering the city. But a boy saw them, and told Absalom; so both of them went away quickly, and came to the house of a man at Bahurim, who had a well in his courtyard; and they went down into it. The man's wife took a covering, stretched it over the well's mouth, and spread out grain on it; and nothing was known of it. When Absalom's servants came to the woman at the house, they said, 'Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?' The woman said to them, 'They have crossed over the brook of water.' And when they had searched and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem. After they had gone, the men came up out of the well, and went and told King David. They said to David, 'Go and cross the water quickly; for thus and so has Ahithophel counselled against you.' So David and all the people who were with him set out and crossed the Jordan; by daybreak not one was left who had not crossed the Jordan. When Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his donkey and went off home to his own city. He set his house in order, and hanged himself; he died and was buried in the tomb of his father.

Here Ends The First Lesson
The Word of the Lord

Hymn 18

Hushed was the evening hymn,
the temple courts were dark;
the lamp was burning dim
before the sacred ark;
when suddenly a Voice Divine
rang through the silence of the shrine.

The old man, meek and mild,
the priest of Israel, slept;
his watch the Temple child,
the little Levite, kept;
and what from Eli's sense was sealed,
the Lord to Hannah's son revealed.

Oh! Give me Samuel's ear,
the open ear, O Lord,
alive and quick to hear
each whisper of thy word;
like him to answer at thy call,
and to obey thee first of all.

Oh! Give me Samuel's heart,
a lowly heart, that waits
where in thy house thou art,
or watches at thy gates,
by day and night, a heart that still
moves at the breathing of Thy will.

Oh! Give me Samuel's mind,
a sweet un murmuring faith,
obedient and resigned
to thee in life and death;
that I may read with child-like eyes
truths that are hidden from the wise.

Magnificat. (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 handmaiden.
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 showed 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, for ever

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

Second Bible Reading: Here begins the 1st verse of the 13th chapter of the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 13:1-11)

This is the third time I am coming to you. 'Any charge must be sustained by the evidence of two or three witnesses.' I warned those who sinned previously and all the others, and I warn them now while absent, as I did when present on my second visit, that if I come again, I will not be

lenient— since you desire proof that Christ is speaking in me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful in you. For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God. Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless, indeed, you fail to pass the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong—not that we may appear to have passed the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect. So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down. Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

**Here Ends The Second Lesson
Thanks Be to God**

NUNC DIMITTIS. 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

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 Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Response. **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen

Priest O Lord shew thy mercy upon us.

Response. **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest. O Lord, save Our Nation

Response **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Response. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Priest. O Lord, save thy people.

Response. **And bless thine inheritance.**

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Response. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE SECOND COLLECT AT EVENING PRAYER.

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 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

THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS.

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

Priest: The Lord be with you

Response: *And with thy Spirit*

Priest: Let us bless the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God*

Priest: May the divine assistance remain with us and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. **Amen**

Violin Selection- Sherise Rock – *God & God Alone*

Welcome

Hymn 416

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

SERMON **Venerable Michael Marshall,**
*(Archdeacon of Grenada from the Diocese of the
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Collection 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 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.

Notices

Musical Selection- Shae Harding – *No Longer Slaves*

ACT OF RECOMMITMENT TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

The Invitation: My Brothers and Sisters in this the Christ Church Deanery, 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 within our Deanery; and we begin with the clergy.

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 in this Deanery 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. In this Deanery, 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.

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 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.

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Recessional Hymn 374

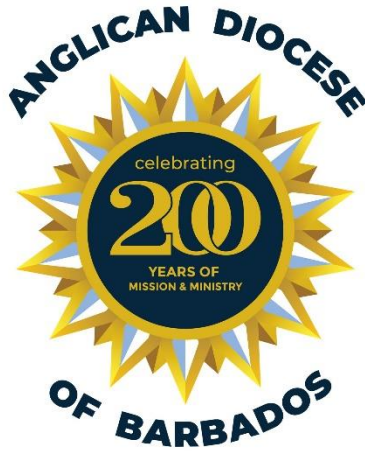
O praise our great and gracious Lord,
and call upon his name;
to strains of joy tune every chord,
his mighty acts proclaim;
tell how he led his chosen race
to Canaan's promised land;
tell how his covenant of grace
unchanged shall ever stand.

He gave the shadowing cloud by day,
the moving fire by night;
to guide his Israel on their way,
he made their darkness light;
and have not we a sure retreat,
a Saviour ever nigh,
the same clear light to guide our feet,
the day-spring from on high?

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

O may we praise this blessed food,
and trust our heavenly Guide;
so shall we find death's fearful flood
serene as Jordan's tide,

and safely reach that happy shore,
the land of peace and rest,
where angels worship and adore
in God's own presence blest.



*Sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you for sharing
with us in this service of celebration and thanksgiving.*