

DIOCESE OF BARBADOS
CHURCH IN THE PROVINCE OF THE WEST INDIES



THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST
FOR
THE ORDINATION AND CONSECRATION OF



The Reverend Michael Bruce St. John Maxwell
to the Office and Work of
A Bishop in the Church of God

The Feast of Saints Timothy and Titus
Saturday, 26th January, 2019
4.00 p.m.

The Garfield Sobers Gymnasium
Willey, St. Michael, Barbados

PARTICIPANTS

CHIEF CONSECRATOR: **The Right Reverend Errol Brooks**
Senior Bishop
Bishop of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba

CO-CONSECRATORS: **The Bishops of the Church in the Province of the West Indies**

PRESENTERS: **The Right Reverend Dr. Howard Gregory**
Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands
The Right Reverend Dr. Rufus T. Brome
Twelfth Bishop of Barbados
The Reverend Canon Wayne Isaacs
Diocesan Administrator
The Reverend Canon DeVere Murrell
Priest-in-Charge,
The Church of The Holy Trinity
Mr. Michael Gittens
Member of St. Jude Church
Ms. Onika Newsam-Proverbs
Member of the Church of The Holy Trinity

THE PREACHER: **The Reverend Dr. Anthony B. Holder**
Rector of Holy Sacrament and President of the Standing Committee in the Diocese of Southeast Florida

CHAPLAIN: **The Reverend Dr. Von E. Watson**
Priest-in-Charge of St. Luke Church

THE READERS:
Old Testament **Mrs. Dawn Holder-Maxwell**
Wife of the Bishop-Designate
New Testament **Mrs. Angela Christie**
Eldest Sister of the Bishop-Designate
The Holy Gospel **The Right Reverend Leon Golding**
Bishop Suffragan of Montego Bay

THE LITANIST:

Senator The Reverend John Rogers
Rector of St. George Parish Church
Rural Dean of St. John

**THE ATTENDING
PRESBYTERS:**

The Reverend Erma Ambrose
Rector of St. Paul Church
The Reverend Trevor O'Neale
Rector of St. Philip Parish Church

THE PRIEST M.C.:

The Reverend Jerome Small
Priest-in-Charge of St. Philip the Less Church

**THE MUSICAL
DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Julian Bowen
Organist of St. Peter Parish Church

THE ORGANISTS:

Mr. John Burnett
Organist of Christ Church Parish Church
Dr. Philip Forde
Organist of St. James Parish Church

**THE ASSISTANT
ORGANISTS:**

Mr. Ryan Boyce
Organist of St Thomas Parish Church
Ms. Janaye Burgess
Assistant Organist of St Matthias Church
Mr. Akhanni Drakes
Organist of St Andrew Parish Church

**OTHER
PARTICIPANTS:**

Judy Bailey & The Arch Hall Jazz Combo
The Trinity Steel Orchestra
The Diocesan Liturgical Dancers
The Diocesan Youth Chorale
The Diocesan Mass Choir
The Diocesan Altar Servers

PRELUDE OF SELECTIONS

(2:45 – 3:45 p.m.)

Community Singing led by Glenda Worrell (Church Army)

Pan Selections by Trinity Steel

Organ Selection by Akhanni Drakes

Gospel Selection by Andrea Chase

Music by The Arch Hall Jazz Combo

Worship Song by Judy Bailey

The Diocesan Youth Chorale

The Diocesan Mass Choir

ORGAN PRELUDE

(from 3:45 p.m.)

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

The congregation stands at the arrival of the Governor General at 3:55 p.m.

THE PROCESSIONS

THE PROCESSION OF THE CLERGY

The Crucifer and Two Torch Bearers
Ecumenical Clergy
Two Torch Bearers
Attending Server
The Ordinands
Visiting Anglican Clergy
The Clergy of the Diocese of Barbados
Honorary & Retired Canons

THE SENIOR BISHOP'S PROCESSION

The Crucifer and Two Torch Bearers
Attending Server
The Preacher: **The Reverend Dr. Anthony B. Holder**
The Diocesan Registrar: **Mr. Michael Alleyne**
The Chancellor: **Ms. Mary Haynes**

The Dean and Chapter of St. Michael's Cathedral

The Chapter Crucifer
The Reverend Canon Coleridge A. Darlington (*Stall of St. Basil*)
The Reverend Canon George A. Harewood (*Stall of St. Aidan*)
The Reverend Canon Curtis S. R. Goodridge (*Stall of St. Augustine*)
The Reverend Canon Austin D. Carrington (*Stall of St. Cyprian*)
The Reverend Canon Wayne E. Isaacs (*Stall of Canon Missioner*)
The Reverend Canon Dr. Geoffrey D. Mayers (*Stall of St. Ambrose*)
The Venerable Eric E. Lynch (*Stall of St. Ignatius*)
The Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson
Dean of St. Michael's Cathedral

Attending Server
Attending Presbyters: **The Reverend Erma Ambrose**
The Reverend Trevor O'Neale

The Priest M.C.
The Reverend Jerome Small

The Reverend Michael B. St. J. Maxwell - Bishop-Designate

The Procession of the Bishops

Visiting Bishops

Attending Server

The Right Reverend Peter Fenty

Bishop Suffragan of Toronto and Area Bishop of York-Simcoe

The Right Reverend Nicholas Dill

Bishop of Bermuda

The Right Reverend Ambrose Gumbs

Bishop of the Diocese of the Virgin Islands

Bishops of the Province of the West Indies

The Right Reverend Sir Wilfred Wood

Retired Bishop of Croydon, England

The Right Reverend Gilbert Thompson

Retired Bishop Suffragan of New Providence

The Right Reverend Alfred Reid

Retired Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

The Right Reverend Dr. Rufus Brome

Retired Bishop of Barbados

The Most Reverend Dr. Drexel Gomez

Retired Archbishop of the West Indies

The Most Reverend Dr. John Holder

Retired Archbishop of the West Indies

The Right Reverend Leon Golding

Bishop Suffragan of Montego Bay

The Right Reverend Dr. Robert Thompson

Bishop Suffragan of Kingston

The Right Reverend Charles Davidson

Bishop of Guyana

The Right Reverend Dr. Howard Gregory

Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

The Right Reverend Claude Berkley

Bishop of Trinidad and Tobago

The Right Reverend Laish Boyd

Bishop of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday

Bishop of the Windward Islands

The Right Reverend Philip Wright

Bishop of Belize

The Reverend Dr. Von Watson

The Chaplain

The Right Reverend Errol Brooks

The Senior Bishop

Bishop of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMNS FOR THE PROCESSIONS (351, 311, 168)

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.

HYMN 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 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,
foreordained the Prince of princes
for the throne of Calvary.

There, for us and our redemption,
see him all his lifeblood 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;
Zion's people tell his praises,
Victor after hard-won fight.

Bring your harps, and bring your incense,
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.

OPENING SENTENCE

SENIOR BISHOP:

“Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:43-45

To God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PEOPLE:

**From generation to generation and for ever. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SENIOR BISHOP:

Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: receive our prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church that in their vocation and ministry they may truly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: Amen.

THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Ooo___, Ooo___, Oooooo_____.

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

SENIOR BISHOP: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

SENIOR BISHOP: Let us pray

Eternal Father through your Holy Spirit you have appointed many ministers in the Church: bless your servant **Michael** now called to be a bishop; maintain him in your truth, renew him in your holiness, and make him your ever-faithful servant; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

The Collect for Feast of Timothy and Titus

Almighty God, who called Timothy and Titus, to be Evangelists and Teachers, and made them strong to endure hardship: Strengthen us to stand fast in adversity, and to live righteous and godly lives in this present time, that with sure confidence we may look for our blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Mrs. Dawn Holder-Maxwell, Wife of the Bishop-Designate

A Reading from the Word of God written in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the forty-second chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 (*Crimond*)

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

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

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

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

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mrs. Angela Christie, Eldest Sister of the Bishop-Designate

A Reading from the Word of God written in the First Book of Timothy, the third chapter, beginning at the first verse.

The saying is sure: whoever aspires to the office of bishop desires a noble task. Now a bishop must be above reproach, married only once, temperate, sensible, respectable, hospitable, an apt teacher, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, and not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, keeping his children submissive and respectful in every way— for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may be puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace and the snare of the devil.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 832

Disposer supreme, and Judge of the earth,
who chooseth for thine the meek and the poor;
to frail earthen vessels, and things of no worth,
entrusting thy riches which aye shall endure;

those vessels soon fail, though full of thy light,
and at thy decree are broken and gone;
thence brightly appeareth thy truth in its might,
as through the clouds riven the lightnings have shone.

Like clouds are they borne to do thy great will,
and swift as the winds about the world go:
the Word with his wisdom their spirits doth fill;
they thunder, they lighten, the waters o'erflow.

Their sound goeth forth, 'Christ Jesus the Lord!'
Then Satan doth fear, his citadels fall;
as when the dread trumpets went forth at thy word,
and one long blast shattered the Canaanite's wall.

O loud be their trump, and stirring their sound,
to rouse us, O Lord, from slumber of sin!
The lights thou hast kindled in darkness around,
O may they awaken our spirits within!

All honour and praise, dominion and might,
to God, Three in One, eternally be,
who round us bath shed his own marvellous light,
and called us from darkness his glory to see.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Right Reverend Leon Golding, Bishop Suffragan of Montego Bay

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

GOSPELLER: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, the twenty-first chapter, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

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

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

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

THE SERMON: *The Reverend Dr. Anthony B. Holder*
Rector of Holy Sacrament Episcopal Church and President of the
Standing Committee in the Diocese of Southeast Florida

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.

The Hymn before the Ordination

HYMN 701

O Lord, thy blessing shower
on this assembly here;
O send thy Spirit's power
and fill with holy fear
this sacred place: our hearts inspire
with holy fire and heavenly grace.

Our Bishops fill with zeal
and power to speak thy word;
thy presence may they feel,
thy spirit stir them, Lord,
our hearts to move by precepts clear,
by love sincere, from thee above.

Let priests and laity sing
to Thee their hymns of praise;
their offering to Thee bring,
the offering of their days:
let hearts conspire in holy fear,
in friendship dear, and warm desire.

Let fruits of spirit move
and dwell in us, we pray:
they peace and joy and love
attend us day by day;
and meekness, too, long suffering, joy
without alloy, faith, goodness true.

THE RITE OF ORDINATION

THE PRESENTATION

Two Bishops present the Bishop-Designate, saying:

Reverend Father, we present **Michael** to be ordained and consecrated to the office of bishop in the Church of God.

SENIOR BISHOP: Let the authority for the Ordination be read.

The Provincial Chancellor reads the Mandate.

THE DECLARATION

The Bishop-Designate makes the following declaration:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit I, **Michael Bruce St. John Maxwell**, chosen bishop of the Church and See of Barbados, solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; I do solemnly promise to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Church in the Province of the West Indies; and I do pledge myself to render due obedience to the Senior Bishop of the West Indies and to his successors. So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

All stand. The Senior Bishop then asks the response of the people.

SENIOR BISHOP:

Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, you have heard testimony given that **Michael Bruce St. John Maxwell** has been duly and lawfully selected to be a bishop of the Church of God to serve in the **Diocese of Barbados**. You have been assured of his suitability and that the Church has approved him for this sacred responsibility. Nevertheless, if any of you know any reason why we should not proceed, let it now be made known.

If no objection is made, the Senior Bishop continues,

SENIOR BISHOP: Is it your will that we ordain **Michael** a bishop?

PEOPLE: **It is.**

SENIOR BISHOP: Will you uphold **Michael** as a bishop?

PEOPLE: **We will.**

THE CHARGE

The Bishop-Designate stands before the Senior Bishop and the people sit.

My brother, **Michael**, a bishop is called to lead in serving and caring for the people of God and to work with them in overseeing of the Church, promoting its mission, proclaiming Christ's death and resurrection and working for justice and truth in the world.

As Chief Pastor you will share with your fellow Bishops a special responsibility to maintain and further the unity of the Church, to uphold its discipline, and to guard its faith.

It will be your duty to watch over and pray for all those committed to your care, and to teach them, speaking in the name of God and interpreting the gospel of Christ; to govern the Church after the example of the Apostles, to know your people and be known by them; to celebrate and to provide for the administration of the

Sacraments of the New Covenant; to ordain priests and deacons, and to join in ordaining bishops; to guide those who serve with you and enable them to fulfil their ministry; and to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.

THE EXAMINATION

SENIOR BISHOP:

In order that we may know your mind and purpose, and that you may be strengthened in your resolve to fulfil your ministry, you must answer the questions we now put to you.

Do you believe that God has called you to the office of a bishop in His Church?

ANSWER: I believe that God has called me.

The Most Reverend Drexel Gomez, Retired Archbishop of the West Indies

Will you accept this call and fulfil this trust in obedience to Christ?

ANSWER: I will obey Christ, and will serve in His name.

The Right Reverend Leon Golding, Bishop Suffragan of Montego Bay

Do you accept the holy Scriptures as uniquely revealing the word of God and containing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

ANSWER: I do so accept them.

The Right Reverend Robert Thompson, Bishop Suffragan of Kingston

Will you teach and proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom of God inaugurated by Jesus and declare its meaning to the world?

ANSWER: By the help of God, I will.

The Right Reverend Charles Davidson, Bishop of Guyana

Will you devote yourself to prayer, to reading the holy Scriptures, and to such studies as may deepen your faith and increase your love, reverence and service of God?

ANSWER: By the help of God, I will.

The Right Reverend Claude Berkley, Bishop of Trinidad & Tobago

Do you believe the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ as taught in the holy Scriptures, held by the undivided Church and declared in the Catholic creeds?

ANSWER: I do.

The Right Reverend Laish Boyd, Bishop of The Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands,

Will you accept the discipline of this Church and faithfully exercise authority within it?

ANSWER: By the help of God, I will.

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of The Windward Islands

Will you be faithful in ordaining and commissioning those whom you believe God has called; will you share with your fellow bishops in the government of the whole church; will you sustain your fellow presbyters and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the deacons and all who minister in the Church?

ANSWER: By the help of God, I will.

The Right Reverend Philip Wright, Bishop of Belize

Will you strive to fashion your own life and that of your family or household according to the way of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

ANSWER: By the help of God, I will.

The Right Reverend Rufus Brome, Retired Bishop of Barbados,

Will you promote unity, peace, justice and love among all people, and especially among those whom you serve?

ANSWER: By the help of God, I will.

The Right Reverend Gilbert Thompson, Retired Bishop of New Providence

Will you for Christ's sake be merciful to all persons, especially the needy and the outcast, and defend those who have no helper?

ANSWER: By the help of God, I will.

SENIOR BISHOP:

Almighty God, who gives you the will to do all these things, grant you grace and power to perform them, that he may complete the good work he has begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATION

The Senior Bishop says:

The Scriptures tell us that our Saviour Christ spent the whole night in prayer before he chose and sent forth his twelve apostles. Likewise, the apostles prayed before they appointed Matthias to be one of their number. Let us, therefore, follow their examples, and offer our prayers to Almighty God before we ordain **Michael** for the work to which we trust the Holy Spirit has called him.

All kneel

*The Litany is sung by Senator The Reverend John Rogers
Rector of St. George Parish Church and Rural Dean of St. John*

God the Father,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit
Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

We pray to you, Lord Christ,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For **Errol**, our Senior Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For **Michael**, chosen Bishop in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That he may faithfully fulfil the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your name, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves: for the forgiveness of our sins and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the communion of the Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Timothy and Titus and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord.

The Senior Bishop prays,

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENIOR BISHOP:

I now commend our brother **Michael** to your prayers while we keep silence.

The Hymn VENI CREATOR is sung.

HYMN 150

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiléd face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song.

‘Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.’

THE ORDINATION AND CONSECRATION

The Senior Bishop stands with the Bishops who assist him; the Bishop-Designate kneels before him; he stretches out his hands towards him and says:

We praise and glorify you, Almighty Father, because you have formed throughout the world a holy people for your own possession, a royal priesthood, a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you because you have given us your only son Jesus Christ to be the Apostle and High Priest of our faith, and the Shepherd of our souls.

We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome death; and that, having ascended into heaven, he has given his gifts abundantly to your people, making some, apostles; some, prophets; some, evangelists; some, pastors and teachers; to equip them for the work of ministry and to build up his body.

And now we give you thanks that you have called this your servant, whom we consecrate in your name, to share this ministry entrusted to your Church.

Here the Senior Bishop and other Bishops lay their hands on the head of the Bishop-Designate, and the Senior Bishop says:

Send down your Holy Spirit upon your servant **Michael**, whom we consecrate in your name to the office of a Bishop in the Church.

The Senior Bishop then continues, with hands extended

Almighty Father, fill this your servant with the grace and power which you gave to your apostles; that he may lead those committed to his charge in proclaiming the gospel of salvation. Through him increase your Church, renew its ministry, and unite its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love. Enable him as a true shepherd to feed and govern your flock; make him wise as a teacher, and steadfast as a guardian of the faith and sacraments. Guide and direct him in presiding at the worship of your people. Give him humility, that he may use his authority to heal, not to hurt; to build up, not to destroy. Deliver him from all evil, that, as a leader over your household and an ambassador for Christ, he may stand before you blameless, and finally, with all your servants, enter your eternal joy.

Accept our prayers, most merciful Father, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Senior Bishop addresses the new Bishop

Michael, receive authority for the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Remember to stir up the grace of God which is within you, for God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

The new Bishop is now vested according to the order of Bishops by the Bishop of Belize, the Right Reverend Philip Wright

THE GIVING OF THE BIBLE

The Right Reverend Sir Wilfred Wood, Retired Bishop of Croydon, brings the Bible and the Senior Bishop presents the new Bishop with the Bible, saying

Receive the holy Scriptures. Guard the faith of the Church, and feed by word and sacrament the flock of Christ committed to your care.

THE ANOINTING

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of the Windward Islands, brings the Chrism and the Senior Bishop anoints the head of the new Bishop saying,

May Christ the great High Priest by this holy anointing pour on you the fullness of spiritual blessing.

PEOPLE: Amen.

THE GIVING OF THE PECTORAL CROSS, RING, MITRE, AND STAFF

The Pectoral Cross is brought by the Right Reverend Robert Thompson, Bishop Suffragan of Kingston, to the Senior Bishop who says a prayer of blessing over it.

The Senior Bishop places the Pectoral Cross on the new Bishop saying:
Receive this Cross, the sign of Salvation, and may you never be ashamed to confess the Faith of Christ Crucified, Risen, Ascended and Glorified.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Ring is brought by the Right Reverend Claude Berkley, Bishop of Trinidad and Tobago, to the Senior Bishop who blesses it.

The Senior Bishop presents the new Bishop with a Bishop's Ring saying:
Take this ring; be merciful in your exercise of authority, and be faithful to the bride of Christ.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Right Reverend Howard Gregory, Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands brings the Mitre which the Senior Bishop places on the head of the new Bishop saying:

Receive this Mitre the reminder of Pentecostal Fire and the Sign of the Helmet of Salvation and may your thinking and work for the Church of God be inspired by the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Most Reverend John Holder, the Thirteenth Bishop of Barbados and Retired Archbishop of the West Indies, brings the Pastoral Staff.

The Senior Bishop presents the new Bishop with a Pastoral Staff, saying: Receive this staff as a sign of your pastoral office; keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you to shepherd the Church of God. Encourage the faithful, restore the lost, build up the Body of Christ; that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you may receive the unfading crown of glory.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Senior Bishop presents to the people the new Bishop, saying,

I present **Michael**, Bishop in the Church of God.

FANFARE

The people may express their joy by applauding.

THE PEACE

The new Bishop then says,

BISHOP: Jesus said, Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so send you. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

The congregation join hands during the song 'Hold Us Together' by Judy Bailey.

Refrain:

Hold us, hold us together (x3)

Your love will hold us together

The Senior Bishop and other Bishops greet the new Bishop. He then greets other members of the Clergy and his relatives. The people greet one another.

The greeting of peace continues during the singing of the 'Peace Song' and 'I Am The Way'.

Peace Song:

The peace of the Lord, be always with you. Peace! [x2]
And also with you, also with you. Peace!

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, the 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 going to sail to victory!
Sailing (sailing), sailing (sailing)
Sailing cross the river, sailing!
Sailing (Jesus), sailing (sailing)
Sailing cross the river sailing!
Freedom (brother), freedom (sister)
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;***

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

LITURGICAL CELEBRATORY DANCE

“Lord You Tek Ova” - Nicovia

The Diocesan Liturgical Dancers

THE ANTHEM

“Go Ye Therefore” – Alec Wyton

The Diocesan Mass Choir

THE HYMNS FOR THE OFFERTORY (409, 346, 324, 374)

HYMN 409

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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 of 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:

HYMN 324

Lord of lords and King eternal,
down the years in wondrous ways
you have blessed our land and guided,
leading us through darkest days.
For your rich and faithful mercies,
Lord, accept our thankful praise.

Speak to us and every nation,
bid our jarring discords cease;
to the starving and the homeless
bid us bring a full release;
and on all this earth's sore turmoil
breathe the healing of your peace.

Love that binds us all together
be upon the church outpoured;
shame our pride and quell our factions,
smite them with your Spirit's sword;
till the world, our love beholding,
claims your power and calls you Lord.

Brace the wills of all your people
who in every land and race
know the secrets of your kingdom,
share the treasures of your grace;
till the summons of your Spirit
wakes new life in every place.

Saviour, by your mighty passion
once you turned sheer loss to gain,
resting in your risen glory
victory from your cross and pain;
now in us be dead and risen,
in us triumph, live, and reign.

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 we not a sure retreat,
A Saviour ever nigh,
The same clear light to guide our feet,
The Dayspring 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 have we, from whence the spring
In rich abundance flows;
The 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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

President and People:

Father, we offer to 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 Senior Bishop, joined by the new Bishop and other Bishops, presides at the Eucharist as Chief Celebrant.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

PRESIDENT:

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

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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 is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRESIDENT

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 called 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 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."

PRESIDENT

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

PEOPLE:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT

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

PRESIDENT

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

PEOPLE:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT

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

**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

PRESIDENT

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

PEOPLE

Grant us, gracious Lord, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION

“New Wine/Gracefully Broken” by Hillsong & Tasha Cobbs
The Diocesan Youth Chorale

COMMUNION HYMNS (605, 604, 616, 312, 315, 416, 322)

HYMN 605

Let us talents and tongues employ,
teaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

Refrain

Jesus calls us in - sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel!) everywhere.

Refrain

HYMN 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 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."
Oh, 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 312

GOD made me for Himself, to serve Him here
With love's pure service and in filial fear;
To show His praise, for Him to labour now;
Then see His glory where the Angels bow.

All needful grace was mine, through His dear Son,
Whose life and death my full salvation won;
The grace that would have strengthened me, and taught;
Grace that would crown me when my work was wrought.

And I, poor sinner, cast it all away;
Lived for the toil or pleasure of each day;
As if no Christ had shed His precious Blood,
As if I owed no homage to my God.

O Holy Spirit, with Thy fire Divine,
Melt into tears this thankless heart of mine;
Teach me to love what once I seemed to hate,
And live to God, before it be too late.

HYMN 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 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 are satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

HYMN 322

It only takes a spark, to get a fire going.
And soon all those around, can warm up it it's glowing.
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it,
You spread His love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is Spring when all the trees are budding.
The birds begin to sing; the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring; you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found;
You can depend on him, it matters not where your bound;.
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

MUSICAL SELECTION

Trinity Steel

HYMNS FOR THE BLESSING OF CHILDREN (644, 667, 664, 670)

HYMN 644

Come, sing with holy gladness, high alleluias sing,
uplift your loud hosannas to Jesus, Lord and King;
sing, boys, in joyful chorus your hymn of praise today,
and sing, ye gentle maidens, your sweet responsive lay.

‘Tis good for boys and maidens sweet hymns to Christ to sing,
‘tis meet that children’s voices should praise the children’s King:
for Jesus is salvation, and glory, grace, and rest:
to babe, and boy, and maiden the one Redeemer Blest.

O boys, be strong in Jesus, to toil for him is gain,
and Jesus wrought with Joseph with chisel, saw, and plane;
O maidens, live for Jesus, who was a maiden’s Son;
be patient, pure, and gentle, and perfect grace begun.

Soon in the golden city the boys and girls shall play,
and through the dazzling mansions rejoice in endless day;
O Christ, prepare thy children with that triumphant throng
to pass the burnished portals, and sing the eternal song.

HYMN 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.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou has bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed 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.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus hear, oh hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed 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.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus let us early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus let us early turn to thee.

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

HYMN 664

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy
hand.

Loving Saviour, thou didst give thine own life that we might live,
and the hands outstretched to bless bear the cruel nails' impress.

I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach thy Lamb thy voice to hear,
suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

HYMN 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your word and sacraments. We pray that **Michael** may be to us a godly example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The new Bishop blesses the people, first saying,

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 for evermore.**

BISHOP: Almighty God who for the salvation of mankind gives to his people many gifts and ministries to the advancement of His glory, stir up in you the gifts of His grace, sustain each one of you in your own ministry; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Priest MC dismisses the people with these words

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

HYMNS FOR THE RECESSION (672, 419, 750)

HYMN 672

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me, my master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to re-assure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

O let me see thy footmarks, and in them plant mine own
my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my friend.

HYMN 419

I'll go in the strength of the Lord
In paths he has marked for my feet;
I'll follow the light of his word,
Nor shrink from the dangers I meet.
His presence my steps shall attend,
his fullness my wants shall supply;
on Him, till my journey shall end,
my unwavering faith shall rely.

Refrain:

*I'll go (I'll go,) I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
I'll go, (I'll go,) I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.*

I'll go in the strength of the Lord
to work he appoints me to do;
in joy which his smile doth afford
my soul shall her vigour renew.
His wisdom shall guard me from harm,
his power my sufficiency prove;
I'll trust his omnipotent arm,
and prove his unchangeable love.

Refrain:

I'll go in the strength of the Lord
to conflicts which faith will require,
his grace as my shield and reward,
my courage and zeal shall inspire.
Since he gives the word of command,
to meet and encounter the foe,
with his sword of truth in my hand,
to suffer and triumph I'll go.

Refrain:

HYMN 750

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

ORGAN POSTLUDE

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Trinity Steel

A Biography of The Reverend Michael Bruce St. John Maxwell

The Reverend Michael B. St. J. Maxwell was born on the 24th May, 1971 to Mrs. Gloria Maxwell and the late Reverend Canon Malcolm Maxwell (former Archdeacon of Barbados). He is the last, and only son, with siblings Angela, Jennifer, Monica, Donna and Beverley.

Fr. Michael received his baptism at The St. Paul Church on the 6th June 1971, and his godparents are the late Neville Osbourne and the Reverend Canon and Mrs. Eric Payne. On the 20th December 1981, at the age of 10, Reverend Maxwell was confirmed at The Christ Church Parish Church, while he was still receiving his primary education at the Milton Lynch Primary School (then known as the Christ Church or Water Street Boys School).

He received his secondary education at The Lodge School and Ellerslie Secondary School, and accumulated nine Ordinary Level certificates enabling him to proceed into Barbados Community College where he pursued Advanced Level certificates and an Associate Degree in Accounting, Economics and Mathematics. He went on to the University of the West Indies (U.W.I.), Cave Hill Campus to undertake his first degree in Accounting and attained a Bachelor of Science in Accounting (with Honours) in 1994.

It was during his final year at U.W.I. that he received a call from God to move in a very different direction. Instead of a career in Accounting, he decided to test his vocation for the ordained ministry, having been accepted by the Diocese of Barbados. In 1997, he attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and a Diploma in Pastoral Studies.

Fr. Maxwell was ordained a Deacon on the 30th June 1997 (Feast of St Peter & St Paul, transferred) at The St. Mary Church, his previous parish before entering seminary. Eight months later, he was ordained Priest at the Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels on the 24th February 1998 (Feast of St Matthias).

He became Priest in Charge of The St. Jude Church in December of that same year, and Rector of the same in January 2000. He served there until the 31st March 2008. During his tenure at St. Jude Church, Reverend Maxwell took a sabbatical of one year to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Applied Theology at the Birmingham University, England (September 2004 to August 2005). After leaving St. Jude, he went on to become Rector of the Church of The Holy Trinity (April 2008 to January 2019).

As a Parish Priest, his focus was primarily on the areas of youth, creative arts and outreach ministry, enabling strong lay ministry based on the model of Total/Shared Ministry and moving those churches to a missionary modus operandi of 'being church.' He has been described, by many parishioners, as an evangelical, innovative Anglican priest.

Outside of parish ministry, Fr. Maxwell taught Religious Education at the Foundation Secondary School and The Lodge School. He was also a Part-time Lecturer at Codrington College, where he taught 'Fundamentals of Christian Ministry.' At the Diocesan level, Fr. Maxwell served as Chaplain to the Anglican Youth Ministry Services and later to the Barbados Church Army. He was also a member of Synod Council and chaired the Christian Formation Commission for a number of years. In relation to national service, he served as Chairman of the Ermine Holmes Community Trust, Vice-Chairman of the Prison After-Care Committee and for a short term as an Independent Senator in the Barbados Parliament.

Reverend Maxwell married Miss Dawn Holder on the 20th December 1997 at The St Matthias Church. They are the proud parents of two sons – Michael John and Christopher.

Autographs