

DIOCESE OF BARBADOS



A Thanksgiving Service for the occasion of the

50th Anniversary of Disestablishment

**Sunday, March 31st, 2019
5.00 p.m.**



**The Church of Christ The King
*Est 1974***

ORDER OF SERVICE

4.30 - 5.00 pm Presentations
 ❖ Steel Pan Selections
 ❖ Barbados Anglican Cursillo

5.00 pm Procession

Introit Hymn: 351 Thy Hand, O God

Welcome: The Rev. Luther Johnson
 & All Souls Sunday School

Introduction: The Rev. Canon George Knight

Hymn: 234 O God, Our Help

First Lesson: I Samuel 3: 1-18 A Responsive Reading

Psalm: 145

Second Lesson: John 15: 1-12 The Rev Myra LaPlante

Selection: Christ Church Youth Chorale

Liturgical Dance: HAIL (St Barnabas)

Hymn: 416 I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

Sermon: The Rt. Rev. Michael B. St. J. Maxwell

The Apostles' Creed

Hymns for the Collection: 332 Lord You Give the Great Commission

Our Heritage

Intercession:

Ms. Audrey King, The Rev. Peter Boxill, Mr. Michael Walcott

Statement of Commitment led by Ms. Deon Mayers

The Episcopal Blessing

Recessional Hymns: 306 Facing A Task Unfinished

ORDER OF PROCESSION

Crucifer

Torchbearers

Servers

Ordinands

Attending Server

Clergy

Rural Deans

Honorary Canons & Canons Emeriti

Canons of the Cathedral Chapter

Archdeacon

Dean of St. Michael's Cathedral

Attending Server

Priest-in-Charge of Christ the King Church

Retired Bishop

Bishop's Chaplain

Bishop of Barbados

ORDER OF SERVICE

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 own'd 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 seem'd sunk in night
Thou, Lord, didst send Thy servants,
Thy chosen sons of light.
On them and on Thy people
Thy plenteous Grace was pour'd,
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 pardon'd, 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."

WELCOME - *The Rev Luther Johnson*
Priest in Charge of Christ the King Church
All Souls Sunday School
"We all have gifts to share"

INTRODUCTION

The Rev. Canon George Knight
(*Ordained Deacon May 1st, 1968, Priest May 1st, 1969*)

One Generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare
your power
Ps 145

My brothers and sisters in Christ, we gather together in this service

To recall the wonder and love of God in the creation of the world,
and in his incarnation in Christ, who took upon himself our
humanity and suffered pain and death like us;

To affirm our faith that this Christ was raised from the dead and

ascended into heaven to assume all power and responsibility for our world;

To attest our experience that the Holy Spirit has come among us to guide and strengthen us;

To thank God for his guidance and for all the blessings that he has bestowed upon us over the past 50 years of disestablishment of the Anglican Church of Barbados;

To thank him for those who have served faithfully in the past and whose dedication has brought us to this point;

To thank him for our own gifts and talents and for the joy of serving him in our time;

To acknowledge that we have not always lived up to our calling as Christians and are unworthy to receive such blessings;

To trust God for our future and that of the world, believing that God's love and purpose is for the welfare of us all and to recommit ourselves to his service.

Canon Knight: Let us therefore lift our hearts to heaven in the knowledge of the presence of Him who is the God of the past, the present and the future:

ALL **We lift our hearts to you, O Lord our God.**

Canon Knight: Lift up your voices.

ALL: **Let us sing to the Lord our Creator**

HYMN 234

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *A Responsive Reading*

Mr. Trevon Callender (Narrator), Mr Elridge Dixon (Eli) **and the young people of the congregation who attend school or college will respond together as young Samuel**

Narrator: A reading from the First Book of Samuel, Chapter 3, beginning at the first verse:

Narrator: Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp

of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and Samuel said,

Samuel (*All the young people of the congregation say*): “Here I am!”

Narrator: and ran to Eli,

Samuel (*Young people say together*): “Here I am, for you called me.”

Eli: “I did not call; lie down again.”

Narrator: So, he went and lay down. The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli,

Samuel (*Young people*): “Here I am, for you called me.”

Eli: “I did not call, my son; lie down again.”

Narrator: Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli,

Samuel (*Young people*): “Here I am, for you called me.”

Narrator: Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore, Eli said to Samuel,

Eli: “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’”

Narrator: So, Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said,

Samuel (*Young people*): “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Narrator: Then the Lord said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do

something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore, I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said,

Eli: "Samuel, my son."

Samuel (*Young people*): "Here I am."

Eli: "What was it that God told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you."

Narrator: So, Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then Eli said,

Eli: "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

Narrator: As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

Narrator: The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God

PSALM 145

I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day will I bless you* and praise your name for every and ever.

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.

I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty* and all your marvellous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Lord is loving to everyone* and his compassion is over all his works.

All your works praise you, O Lord, * and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom* and speak of your power;

That the peoples may know of your power* and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom us an everlasting kingdom; * your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The Lord is faithful in all his words* and merciful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who fall; * he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you O Lord, * and you give them their food in due season,

You open wide your hand* and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways* and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call upon him; * to all who call upon him faithfully.

He fulfils the desire of those who fear him: * he hears their cry and helps them.

The Lord preserves all those who love him, * by the destroys all the wicked.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; * let all flesh bless 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.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *The Rev Myra LaPlante*

A reading from the Gospel according to St John, chapter fifteen, beginning at the first verse.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and

burned.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

READER: The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Selection: *Christ Church Youth Chorale* “Imela”

Liturgical Dance: *HAIL (Here Am I Lord)* “Let my people go”

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?

*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 words to them
Whom shall I send?

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

THE SERMON – *The Rt. Rev. Michael B. St. J. Maxwell*
Bishop of Barbados

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

ALL

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

I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and
Born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is seated

at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.

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

Amen.

HYMNS FOR THE COLLECTION:

HYMN 332

Lord, You give the great commission:

“Heal the sick and preach the Word.”

Lest the Church neglect its mission,

And the Gospel go unheard,

Help us witness to Your purpose

With renewed integrity,

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us

For the work of ministry.

Lord, You call us to Your service:

“In My Name baptize and teach.”

That the world may trust Your promise,

Life abundant meant for each,

Give us all new fervor,

Draw us closer in community.

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us

For the work of ministry.

Lord, You make the common holy:

This My body, this My blood.”

Let us all, for earth’s true glory,

Daily lift life heavenward,

Asking that the world around us
Share your children's liberty
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.

Lord, You show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
All that You so freely give.
May Your care and mercy lead us
To a just society.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
May we serve as you intend
And, amid the cares that claim us,
Hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.

OUR HERITAGE

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

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

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

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

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

Words: *The Rev John A. Rogers (2006)*

Music: *MELITA* by John B. Dykes (1861) (545 CPWI Hymnal)

INTERCESSION

THANKSGIVING

Ms. Audrey King

Great is your faithfulness, O God our Father, and great is our joy at this time as we come to celebrate this anniversary of disestablishment.

We thank you for the witness our church has maintained down the years as a centre for Christian worship and witness, teaching and service.

We thank you God for the Saints of this church, who in our early days pioneered the gospel in our land.

For those who kept the lamp of Faith burning in times of spiritual darkness.

For those who left these shores and went to distant places to share the Good News with others.

For those who fought the battle for social righteousness and cared for the poor and the oppressed.

We thank you too, Almighty God for the unsung saints of our church who week by week have offered prayers, petitions and praises to you. Whose lives are sermons written in the book of everyday life and living.

O Lord, Our God, for all your blessings to us as a Church and a Nation we offer grateful hearts and Praises. **Amen.**

The Congregation sings the first verse of Hymn 327

Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:
Christ over all, our undivided aim.
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
Wind of the Spirit fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
The will that lacks the courage to be free,
The weary labours, all but unavailing,
To bring us nearer what a church should be.

FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Peter Boxill

Father God, as we come before you this day to give thanks and offer prayers for your continual guidance upon us as a church, we also ask your forgiveness for those things which we have done that we ought not to have done and for those things which we have left undone

which we ought to have done.

Father God, we ask your forgiveness when we as a church have sought to elevate and hold in esteem some people over others.

Forgive us Lord when we have placed more emphasis on places and forms of worship than on your people who have come to find solace, comfort and consolation in your Word and Sacraments.

Forgive us Lord God for the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and the imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

Have mercy upon us, O God: Cleanse us from our sins, and put a new and right spirit within us. **Amen.**

The second verse of Hymn 327

Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing,
A true repentance and a faith restored,
A swift obedience and a new possessing,
Filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,
Unnumbered voices with a single prayer:
The living water for our souls' reviving,
In Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

THE FUTURE

Mr. Michael Walcott

“Except the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it. Except the Lord keep the city: the watchman waketh but in vain”

Lord God, whose we are and whom we serve: we place our lives afresh in your hands. Take us as we are; and make us what you would have us to be; and so, fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may be strong for your service.

Give us, O Lord, a new vision of what the church should be; and your purpose for it.

Grant O Lord that while we keep that which has been passed to us as a sacred heritage, we shall not be afraid to create new pathways for others to follow and new ways of presenting the eternal gospel.

Empower us Lord God, with a deep desire to live in union with each another, as we love one another. May we be united as one, in the bond of peace and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The final verse of Hymn 327

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,
True to one calling, by one vision stirred;
One cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
One in the truth of Jesus and his word.
So, lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,
One church triumphant one new song shall sing,
To praise his glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

Gathering our prayers and praises into one let us as our Saviour taught us:

ALL:

**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 forever. Amen.**

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT
“INTO THE FUTURE”
Led by Ms Deon Mayers

We believe that the lot has fallen to us in a fair ground and that we have a goodly heritage. Our task is to maintain and build on this heritage.

We will do so by:

- reclaiming our heritage that makes us Anglicans
- celebrating those good aspects and confessing our past failings
- equipping and empowering our members for mission worthy of such a heritage

To God we give our lives;
In Christ we live for others.

In the Spirit we will work for peace;
With God’s shalom bring wholeness to the world

For those in need we will look for Christ,
And minister as servants of the Lord.

We will grow flowers in God’s garden,
And share this Universe with all God’s creatures.

We will respect the cultures of our neighbours,
And build up the global community with love.

We will let our lights so shine before others
So that they may see our good works and Glorify our Father who is in Heaven

We will rejoice at the discoveries of humanity,
And act responsibly for the welfare of all.

We will uphold the world in prayer,
And draw strength from God for our common journey.

To God be all praise and glory,
For ever and ever, to the end of all ages. Amen

Let us pray:

ALL:

O God of our ancestors, you have revealed yourself in the life of Jesus the Christ. You have called us as Christians to share in this divine revelation. We thank you for calling us as Anglicans in the Diocese of Barbados to be a BEACON OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE COMMUNITY.

We pray that you will fill us now with a new spirit of enthusiasm and courage that will equip us to be effective witnesses for you. We thank you for our leaders along our journey, our bishops, the clergy and lay ministry leaders. We all now pledge our commitment to you in our service to this church. We do all this through the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EPISCOPAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 306 (*Clergy ONLY recess*)

Facing a task unfinished
That drives us to our knees
A need that undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying
For life and love and light
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers

O Father who sustained them
O Spirit who inspired
Saviour whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us
From lethargy awake
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labour for Thy sake