

# *Choral Evensong*

**200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
ST. PETER DEANERY**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025**

**6:00 P.M.**

**ST. THOMAS PARISH CHURCH**



**CHORAL EVENSONG  
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ON  
JUNE 1, 2025  
AT  
6:00 P.M.**

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**  
*Rev. Selven Lowe*

**ST. ALBAN AND ST. SILAS CHURCHES**  
*The Venerable Eric Lynch*

**ST. ANDREW PARISH CHURCH**  
*Rev. Canon Curtis Goodridge*

**ST. CLEMENT AND ST. SWITHUN CHURCHES**  
*Rev. Michelle Leacock*

**ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH**  
*Rev. Canon Beverley Sealy-Knight*

**ST. LUCY PARISH CHURCH**  
*Capt. The Rev. Hugh Sandiford*

**ST. PETER PARISH CHURCH**  
*Rev. Canon Peter Haynes*

**ST. PHILIP-THE-LESS**  
*Rev. Reginald Knight*

**ST. THOMAS PARISH CHURCH**  
*Rev. Audrey Griffith*

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
WITH JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
*Rev. Wayne Kirton*

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**THEME:**

**One Mission,  
One Heartbeat,  
One Hope**

**Preacher: Rev. Aaron Charles,  
Trinidad & Tobago**

**OPENING HYMN: 346**

**SUMMONED BY THE GOD WHO MADE US**

1. 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***

**THE PRÆCES AND RESPONSES**

## PSALM: 96

1. Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
2. Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day  
to day.
3. Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
4. For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
5. As for all the gods of the nations, they are but  
idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
6. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his  
presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
7. Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples;  
\*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
8. Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
9. Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
10. Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King!  
\*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be  
moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity."

11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.

13. He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son: \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 43:1-19 (NRSV)**

But now, thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,  
    you will not be burned;  
    and the flame will not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;  
I give Egypt for your ransom,  
    Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
    and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
    nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
    I will bring your offspring from the east  
    and from the west I will gather you.  
I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'  
    and to the south, 'Do not withhold.'  
Bring my sons from far away  
    and my daughters from the ends of the earth  
everyone who is called by my name,  
    whom I created for my glory,  
    whom I formed and made."  
Bring forth the people who are blind  
    yet have eyes  
    who are deaf, yet have ears!  
Let all the nations gather together  
    and let the peoples assemble.  
Who among them declared this,

and foretold to us the former things  
and proclaimed to us the former things?  
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,  
and let them hear and say "it is true."  
"You are my witnesses," says the Lord,  
"and my servant whom I have chosen,  
so that you may know and believe me  
and understand that I am he.  
Before me no god was formed,  
nor shall there be after me.  
I, I am the Lord,  
and besides me there is no savior.  
I declared and saved and proclaimed,  
when there is no strange god among you  
and you are my witnesses says the Lord,  
I am God, and also henceforth I am He  
There is no one who can deliver from my hand.  
I work and who can hinder it?"  
Thus says the Lord —  
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:  
"For your sake I will send to Babylon  
and break down all the bars  
and the shouting of the Chaldeans  
will be turned to lamentations  
I am the Lord, your Holy One,  
The Creator of Israel, your King."  
Thus says the Lord



who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior,  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
“Do not remember the former things;  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
Now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

### **HYMN: 449 - LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS**

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could  
destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the  
day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane  
and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord at the noon of  
the day.
3. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,

Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
 Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
 Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
 Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## **THE MAGNIFICAT: LUKE 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
 my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Saviour,\*  
 for you have looked with favour on your lowly  
 servant,\*  
 From this day all generations will call me  
 blessed:\*

You, the Almighty, have done great things for me,  
 and holy is your Name.

You have mercy on those who fear you\*  
 from generation to generation

You have shown strength with your arm\*  
 and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
 Casting down the mighty from their thrones\*  
 and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things\*

and the rich you have sent away empty.  
 You have come to the help of your servant Israel,\*  
 for you have remembered your promise of  
 mercy,  
 The promise made to our forebears,\*  
 to Abraham and his children for 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 for ever. Amen.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:**  
**MATTHEW 28:1-19**  
**(TRINIDAD & TOBAGO)**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he

lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, "You must say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of

the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

LORD, now you let your servant go in peace\*  
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation\*  
which you have prepared  
in the sight of every people;  
A light to reveal you to the nations:\*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father and to the Son: \*  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning is now,\*  
and shall be for ever. **Amen**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

## **THE PRAYERS**

V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And also with you.**

*The minister shall say.*

Let us pray.

**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.

### **THE SUFFRAGES**

V. Lord, reveal your love among us;

**R. That we may know the joy of your salvation.**

V. Grant peace within and among all nations;

**R. And teach our leaders wisdom.**

V. Endow your Church with faithfulness;

**R. And her servants with knowledge and true  
 godliness.**

V. Defend, O Lord, the rights of the poor and the  
 oppressed;

**R. That your justice may be known among all  
 people.**

V. Lord, renew your Spirit within us;

**R. That in us and through us your will may be done.**

### **THE COLLECT: THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only  
 Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in  
 heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your  
 Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place  
 where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and  
 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory  
 everlasting. **Amen.**

## **ASCENSION DAY**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*One or more of the following prayers shall be said.*

### **FOR THE DIOCESE**

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop(s) Michael, Rufus and , all other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray; and in your mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the



strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past so be with us in the coming night. Free us from evil, sin and fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. **Amen**

Lord God, Almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Into your hands, Lord, we commend ourselves this day. Let your presence be with us to its close. Strengthen us to remember that in whatever good work we do we are serving you. Give us a diligent and watchful spirit, that we may seek in everything to know your will, and knowing it, may gladly perform it, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the rest of the past night, and for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of pleasing you. Grant that we may so pass its hours in the perfect freedom of your service, that at evening we may again give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, the lover of unity and author of peace, to know you is eternal life; to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of the enemy, that we may trust in your defence and not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God our Father, you have bidden light to shine out of darkness, and have awakened us again to praise your goodness and to seek your grace; make us children of the light and of the day, that our lives being open to your glory, we may shine as lights in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SELECTION:**

**ST. PHILIP THE LESS CHURCH CHOIR**

**WELCOME**

## HYMN: 355 - WE'VE A STORY TO TELL TO THE NATIONS

1. We've a story to tell to the nations  
that shall turn their hearts to the right  
a story of truth, and sweetness,  
a story of peace and light  
a story of peace and light

### ***Refrain:***

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noonday bright,  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.*

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord;  
a song that shall conquer evil,  
and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword:      ***Refrain***
3. We've a message to give to the nations  
that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us his Son to save us  
and show us that God, love  
and show us that God, love.      ***Refrain***
4. We've a Saviour to show to the nations  
who the path of sorrow hath trod  
that all the world's great peoples  
might come to the truth of God  
might come to the truth of God      ***Refrain***

**THE SERMON: REV. A. CHARLES****HYMN FOR THE COLLECTION:****One Church Many Shores: (Thornbury)**

1. O Lord of sea and island,  
Our hearts lift up in song;  
Two hundred years of blessing,  
Your Church has journeyed long.  
From coral reef to river,  
From mountain unto bay,  
Your Word has been our anchor,  
Your light our guiding way.
2. One Church across the waters,  
One faith that makes us strong;  
One Spirit joins our voices,  
One hope, one mighty song.  
From these provincial islands,  
Your praises fill the skies;  
We walk the path together,  
With Christ before our eyes.
3. The saints before have laboured,  
Their witness lights the skies;  
We take their flame and carry  
Your hope that never dies.  
New days of faith are dawning,  
New voices learn to sing;  
Your love shall be our anthem,  
Your peace, our offering.

4. O Christ, the firm foundation,  
O Spirit, breath of grace,  
O Father, ever faithful,  
Still lead us in this race.  
Till all the earth rejoices,  
Your praises still shall rise;  
We march with joy together,  
Your Church, a living flame!

## **NOTICES**

## **HYMN - TRINIDAD & TOBAGO**

## **RENEWAL COMMITMENT**

### **LEADER:**

As we give thanks for 200 years of faith, service, and fellowship in Christ, we now renew our commitment to walk together as one Church, across shores and generations, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **ALL:**

We thank You, O God, for the saints who have gone before us, for the faith they planted, and the foundation they laid. We honour their witness by living faithfully today.

**LEADER:**

From these provincial islands, You have raised up Your Church. Now send us, O Lord, with courage and compassion, to carry the flame of Christ to every heart and home.

**ALL:**

We commit ourselves to the unity of the body, to the mission of the gospel, and to the building of Your kingdom with joy.

**LEADER:**

Rooted in grace, growing in love, we stand together - Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, and all the people of God - as one body in Christ.

**ALL:**

Make us a living flame, O Lord, a Church alive with Your Spirit, faithful in worship, bold in witness, and joyful in service - for the glory of Your holy name. **Amen.**

**TE DEUM LAUDAMUS**

You are God, we praise you:

you are the Lord we acclaim you;

you are the eternal Father:

all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

cherubim and seraphim sing in endless praise,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles

praise you:  
the noble fellowship of prophets  
praise you,  
the white-robed army of martyrs  
praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father of majesty unbounded;  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship:  
and the Holy Spirit advocate and guide.

You Christ are the king of glory:  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free:  
you did not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death:  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all  
believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory:  
we believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then Lord and help your people:  
bought with the price of your own blood;  
and bring us with your saints:  
to glory everlasting.

Save your people Lord and bless your inheritance:  
govern and uphold them now and always.  
Day by day we bless you:

we praise your name for ever.  
Keep us today Lord from all sin.  
Have mercy on us Lord have mercy.  
Lord show us your love and mercy:  
for we put our trust in you.  
In you Lord is our hope:  
let us not be confounded at the last.

## **CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN: 239**

#### **THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD**

1. 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.
2. 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.



3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.





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