

*An Order of Service
and Hymns
for
Stephen Griffith*

April 9, 2024

at

1:30 p.m.

at

St. James Parish Church

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

OFFICIATING CLERGY

The Rector: Rev. Beverley Sealy-Knight

INTERMENT:

St. James Cemetery

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE The Band of The Barbados Police Service

TRIBUTES – The Drug Squad
 The Psychiatric Hospital

The Reception of the Body

THE SENTENCES

HYMN – And Can It Be

THE COLLECT

AN APPRECIATION – The Barbados Police Service

TRIBUTES (son and other relatives)

1st LESSON – Ecclesiastes 3:1-9 – The Barbados Police service

PsalM 46

2nd LESSON – Revelation 21:1-7 - Relative

HYMN – When All Thy Mercies O My God

THE ADDRESS – The Rev'd Desmond Ward

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS

THE COMMENDATION

HYMN – Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer (a collection will be taken for the church's outreach ministries)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ORGAN POSTLUDE

AT THE GRAVESIDE

THE COMMITTAL

HYMNS:

Hark! Hark! My Soul;

To God Be the Glory

Angel Voices

The Day Thou Gavest Lord Is Ended.

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION



ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus said. I am the resurrection, and I am the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and who ever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his compassion never fails: every morning they are renewed.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Jesus said, Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me.

John 14:1

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of god in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38-39*

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord, so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Romans 14:8-9

We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away: blessed be the name of the Lord.

Job 1:21

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33:27

HYMN 496 (AND CAN IT BE)

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!
Amazing love! How can it be,
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

'Tis mystery all! the Immortal dies:
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above -
so free, so infinite his grace -
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray -

I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

THE COLLECT

Either:

Almighty God, we remember before you today your servant Stephen , and we pray that, having opened to him the gates of larger life, you will receive him more and more into your joyful service, that, with all who have served you in the past, he may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

or:

Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have

given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AN APPRECIATION:

THE BARBADOS PUBLIC SERVICE

TRIBUTES:

(SON AND OTHER RELATIVES)

FIRST BIBLE LESSON : ECCLESIASTES 3:1-9

THE BARBADOS POLICE SERVICE

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from

embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

PSALM 46 (NICHOLSON)

1. GOD is our hope and strength:
a very present help in trouble.
2. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be

moved: and though the hills be carried into the midst · of the sea.

3. Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
4. The rivers of the flood thereof, shall make glad the city · of God: the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
5. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed: God shall help her and that right early.
6. The heathen make much ado and the kingdoms are moved: but God hath shewed his voice and the earth shall melt away.
7. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.
8. O come hither, and behold the works · of the Lord: what destruction · he hath brought upon the earth.
9. He maketh wars to cease in all the world: he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder and burneth the chariots in the fire.
10. Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be

exalted in the earth.

11. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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.*

SECOND BIBLE LESSON : REVELATION 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See,

I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

HYMN 243

(When all thy mercies)

1. When all thy mercies, O my God,
my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost
in wonder, love and praise.
2. Unnumbered comforts to my soul
thy tender care bestowed,
before my infant heart conceived
from whom those comforts flowed.
3. When in the slippery paths of youth
with heedless steps I ran,
thine arm unseen conveyed me safe,
and led me up to man.
4. Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
my daily thanks employ;
and not the least a cheerful heart
which tastes those gifts with joy.
5. Through every period of my life

thy goodness I'll pursue
and after death, in distant worlds,
the glorious theme renew.

6. Through all eternity to thee
a joyful song I'll raise;
for, O, eternity's too short
to utter all thy praise!

THE ADDRESS

REV. DESMOND WARD

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 was 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

LEADER: For our brother Stephen , let us pray to the Lord Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

LEADER: Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Stephen , and dry the tears of those who weep.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend, comfort us in our sorrow.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: You raised the dead to life; raise our brother to eternal life.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

LEADER: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

PRESIDENT: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Stephen who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages.

Amen.

THE COMMENDATION

THE OFFICIANT

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, Stephen , with your saints,

All: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to

dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.**

Let us commend our brother Stephen to the mercy of God our Maker and Redeemer.

Deliver your servant, Stephen , O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set him free from every bond; that he may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the

Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Stephen . Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace.

Amen.

COLLECTION: HYMN 413

(Guide me, O thou great Redeemer.)

(During the singing of this hymn, a collection for the Church's Outreach Ministries will be taken)

1. GUIDE me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing streams doth flow:
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside:
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side
songs and praises
I will ever give to Thee.

NUNC DIMITIS

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant
depart in peace:
according to your word

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:
which thou hast prepared
before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be; World without end.

Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

AT THE GRAVESIDE

THE COMMITTAL

HYMNS:

HYMN: HARK! HARK! MY SOUL;

- 1 Hark, hark, my soul!
Angelic songs are swelling
O'er earth's green fields
and ocean's wave-beat shore;
How sweet the truth
those blessed strains are telling
Of that new life
when sin shall be no more.

Refrain:

*Angels of Jesus,
Angels of light,
Singing to welcome
the pilgrims of the night.*

2. Onward we go,
for still we hear them singing:
"Come, weary souls,
for Jesus bids you come;"
And through the dark,

its echoes sweetly ringing,
The music of the gospel
leads us home. **[Refrain]**

3 Far, far away,
like bells at evening pealing,
The voice of Jesus
sounds o'er land and sea,
And laden souls
by thousands meekly stealing,
Kind Shepherd, turn
their weary steps to Thee. **[Refrain]**

4 Angels, sing on,
your faithful watches keeping;
Sing us sweet fragments
of the songs above,
Till morning's joy
shall end the night of weeping,
And life's long shadows
break in cloudless love. **[Refrain]**

HYMN: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. To God be the glory! Great things he hath done,
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice,*

*praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory
great things he hath done.*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he
hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture when Jesus we see.

Refrain

HYMN 363: ANGEL VOICES, EVER SINGING

1. Angel voices, ever singing,
round thy throne of light,
angel harps, for ever ringing,
rest not day or night;
thousands only live to bless thee,
and confess thee
Lord of might.
2. Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,

can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?

Can we feel that thou art near us
and wilt hear us?

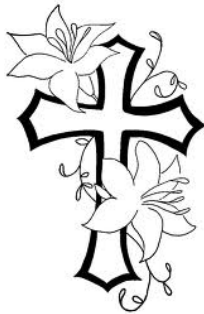
Yea, we can!

3. Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.
4. In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer,
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices,
in our choicest
psalmody.
5. Honour, glory, might and merit,
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity!
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

HYMN 26 : THE DAY THOU GAVEST

1. The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
2. We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.
3. As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.
5. So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDECTION





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