



A Service of Thanksgiving  
to Celebrate the 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Barbados' Independence  
and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary as a Republic  
1966 – 2023

“Uniting the Diaspora to Build a Better Tomorrow”

Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 4:30pm  
*The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

The Cathedral Church of St. James  
*Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

Officiant	<i>The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields</i>
Homilist	<i>The Reverend Junior Spooner (Kinnaird Church of God, Castlegar, BC)</i>
Assisting Clergy	<i>The Very Reverend Peter Wall The Right Reverend Peter Fenty Shaikh Isa Abdul Haqq Imam AbdurRashid Taylor</i>
Crucifer	<i>Achebe Culpepper</i>
Readers	<i>Dayo Kefentse Sharon Douglas Ruby Maynard Reeva Goodman (Poem)</i>
Intercessor	<i>Dr. Barbara Trieloff- Deane</i>
Music Director & Organist	<i>Thomas Bell</i>
Organist	<i>Nathan Jeffrey</i>
Soloist	<i>Susan Grogan</i>
Saxophonist	<i>Joseph Callender</i>
Ushers	<i>Mark Hoyte Sharon Cumberbatch Gloria Knight Samantha Shu Louis Nettleton</i>
Flag Bearers	<i>Detective Constable Alex Brooker Detective Jeffery Gough</i>
Consul General	<i>The Honourable Sonia Marville-Carter</i>

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prelude** Barbados Gospel  
Concerto in C

*Thomas Arne*

**Procession of the Choir and Clergy and  
Presentation of Colours**

*Joseph Callender & Susan Grogan*  
Tune: Beautiful Barbados

### **The National Anthem of Canada**

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

### **The National Anthem of Barbados**

In plenty and in time of need  
When this fair land was young  
Our brave forefathers sowed the seed  
From which our pride was sprung  
A pride that makes no wanton boast  
Of what it has withstood  
That binds our hearts from coast to coast  
The pride of nationhood.

*Refrain* *We loyal sons and daughters all do hereby make it known  
These fields and hills beyond recall are now our very own  
We write our names on history's page with expectations great  
Strict guardians of our heritage firm craftsmen of our fate.*

The Lord has been the people's guide  
For past three hundred years.  
With Him still on the people's side  
We have no doubts or fears.  
Upward and onward we shall go,  
Inspired, exulting, free,  
And greater will our nation grow  
In strength and unity.

## Welcome

*The Very Reverend Peter Wall*

## Call to Worship

*Shaikh Isa Abdul Haqq*

God is most great. God is most great;  
God is most great. God is most great.

I testify that there is no god but God;  
I testify that there is no god but God.

I testify that Muhammad is the messenger of God;  
I testify that Muhammad is the messenger of God.

Come to the prayer; Come to the prayer.

Come to Success; Come to Success.

God is most great: God is most great.

There is no god but God.

## Prayer

*The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields*

Almighty God, you promised that where two or three are gathered you are present. Be with us now gathered to pray for the government and people of Barbados. May we find joy together here as we pray your blessing of peace and prosperity on the land and its people. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ.

*All*

**Amen.**

## Hymn

Tune: St. Anne

*All*

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

under 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 its 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 our years 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,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

Text: Ps. 90; para. Isaac Watts, alt.; Music: William Croft; Tune: St. Anne

**Welcome**

*Consul-General Sonia Marville-Carter*

**Solo - The Goodness of God**

*Susan Grogan*

**Prayers for Barbados**

*Dr. Barbara Trieloff-Deane*

*Officiant* Let us pray for Barbados, our island home saying, “Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us”.

*Intercessor* Lord, hear us.

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for visionary political leaders, that they may see deeply into the opportunities and needs of our country, and inspire the development of a vibrant, industrious nation at home on “the Rock” and across the

diaspora—to be a beacon for the world. Lord, hear us.

**People** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the judiciary, that through wisdom and understanding, they will help shape a just and peaceful nation. Lord, hear us.

**People** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for educators and all engaged in education, the pillar of the Republic, that the curricula and programs they deliver and support will be seen as powerful resources that will help the youth of the nation develop as responsible, caring citizens and community members wherever they may go in the world. Lord, hear us.

**People** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our children and young people, that they may grow in personal resilience and discernment, social responsibility, and national pride; and forge frontiers, ever mindful of their role in the world – our shared home. Lord, hear us.

**People** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for industry and the commercial sector, that Barbados will continue to grow as a nation with a focus on sustainable, solutions that develop and support its workforce, represent corporate social responsibility, and serve national development through Green and Blue Economies and beyond. Lord, hear us.

**People** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the poor, whose lives always remind us to live with a view to the “common good” that they will share in the bounty of the land and sea. Lord, hear us.

**People** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the builders of Barbados who worked to transform the community of villages into a nation that has taken its place in the community of nations, that we will respect them and honour their legacy and the heritage they have left for us. Lord, hear us.

**People** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Intercessor* For Climate Care on the island, that as responsible stewards of our home surrounded by crystal clear waters, sandy beaches on the west and south coasts and rugged cliffs on the east and the north, and covered by rolling fields and hills, every citizen will do their part to safeguard the integrity of God's creation. Lord, hear us.

**People** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for a future where no one is left behind and where, by our

living, we do credit to our nation wherever we go, that the citizens will continue to nurture peace, heal the wounds of the past, and learn from our mistakes, the nation will build on our rich, multi-racial diversity, our collective wisdom, and diverse faiths, and pass on a stable and safe nation to those who follow. Lord, hear us.

*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Intercessor* Heavenly Creator, we ask these prayers in your name, with One heart –  
“One Love”.

*All* **Amen.**

**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12**

*Dayo Kefentse*

*Reader* Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 126**

*Choir* When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter  
and our tongue with songs of joy.  
Then said they among the nations,  
‘The Lord has done great things for them.’  
The Lord has indeed done great things for us,  
and therefore we rejoiced.  
Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,  
as the river beds of the desert.  
Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,  
will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

## Psalm 133

*Choir* Behold how good and pleasant it is  
to dwell together in unity.  
It is like the precious oil upon the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
Even on Aaron's beard,  
running down upon the collar of his clothing.  
It is like the dew of Hermon  
running down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has promised his blessing:  
even life for evermore.

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.

## Poem **Island Treasure – Barbados!**

*Reeva Goodman*

Beautiful Barbados, our tropical paradise  
With grilled fish in Oistins, the food is nice  
A Caribbean gem the place for leisure  
See Harrison's Cave our national treasure.

Enjoy our white sands, our sea and sun  
Pure Bajan hospitality for everyone  
Barbados is the place to go  
When you want to get away from the snow.

It's the island of culture and flying fish  
Stand on any boardwalk and make a wish  
As you gaze into the ocean blue  
And feel the cool breeze flowing back at you.

Visit the rum factory at Foursquare  
Find a village shop, grab a Banks beer  
A scenic drive you will love the most  
When you cruise the south, east or west coast.



If you are religious and want to worship  
You will find a church in every district  
Bajan energy is so profound  
Whether at the Gold cup or at Kensington ground.

Kadooment Day is a real big hit  
Pure Bajan culture will rock your ship!  
Crop Over time will leave you spell-bound  
Lots of action for you to get around.

Bad experiences are far and few  
Tourist life is great, we cater just for you  
Your visit to Bim you will not regret  
Beautiful Barbados you will never forget.

*Author: Deighton R. Alleyne*

### **Saxophone Solo - Emmerton**

*Joseph Calendar*

### **Verses from the Qur'an**

*Sharon Douglas*

*Reader* In the Name of God Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

### **Surah 3 (Ali Imran - The Family of Imran) verses 103 - 105**

*Reader* And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers (and sisters). And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided.

And let there be [arising] from you a nation inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful.

And do not be like the ones who became divided and differed after the clear proofs had come to them. And those will have a great punishment.

## **Sura 49 (Al Hujurat - the Rooms) verse 13**

*Reader* O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted (with everything).

## **Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7**

*Ruby Maynard*

*Reader* I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Anthem Great Day**

*Arr. Hugh Robertson*

*Choir* Chariot rode on the mountain top,  
God's goin' to build up Zion's walls!  
My God spoke and the chariot did stop,  
God's goin' to build up Zion's walls!  
Great day! Great day, the righteous marching.  
Great day! God's goin' to build up Zion's walls,

This is the day of jubilee,  
God's goin' to build up Zion's walls!  
The Lord has set His people free,  
God's goin' to build up Zion's walls! Refrain  
Great day! Great day, the righteous marching.  
Great day! God's goin' to build up Zion's walls,

## **Sermon**

*The Reverend Junior Spooner*

## Offertory Hymn

*All* Stand up, and bless the Lord,  
ye people of his choice;  
stand up, and bless the Lord your God,  
with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,  
above all blessing high,  
who would not fear his holy Name,  
and laud, and magnify?

O for the living flame,  
from his own altar brought,  
to touch our lips, our mind inspire,  
and wing to heaven our thought.

God is our strength and song,  
and his salvation ours;  
then be his love in Christ proclaimed  
with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up, and bless the Lord;  
the Lord your God adore;  
stand up, and bless his glorious Name,  
henceforth for evermore.

## A Short Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields*

*Officiant* Loving God you have blessed us with gifts that we may give. Bless these offerings we have now given to be used for your greater service.

*People* **Amen.**

*Officiant* Loving God, you have blessed our island home with so much, and we are thankful.

*Officiant* For the fields and hills,

*People* **we are thankful.**

*Officiant* For the sand and sea,

*People* **we are thankful.**

*Officiant* For churches and social agencies,

**People** we are thankful.  
*Officiant* For our police service and defence force,  
**People** we are thankful  
*Officiant* For our civil service and home and abroad,  
**People** we are thankful.  
*Officiant* For all Barbadians at home and abroad  
**People** we are thankful.  
*Officiant* For the friends of Barbados, we are thankful  
**People** we are thankful. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant* As our Saviour taught us, 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 for ever. Amen.**

### **Benediction (Islam - Arabic)**

*Imam Abdur Rashid Taylor*

We join our prayers together in Unity and Hope.

O Allah, You are the source of peace and from You comes peace, exalted You are, O Lord of Majesty and Honor. There is no might or power, except from God.

O Allah, help us in remembering You, thanking You and conducting worship to You in a perfect way.

O Lord, lead us to true faith with those You have guided, pardon us with those You have pardoned, protect us with those You have protected, bless for us what You have given to us, keep us safe from evils. You have ordained. It is You Who decrees and it is not decreed upon You, no one under Your care is brought down and no one to whom You show enmity can be exalted, O Lord, You are the Most Praised, Most Sublime.

Thy Lord is Holy and clear of all that is alleged against Him; and He is Exalted. May God's blessing be upon all Messengers. All praise truly belongs to Allah Who is the Sustainer of all the worlds.

**Benediction (Christian)**

*The Right Reverend Peter Fenty*

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make God's face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of God's countenance upon you, and give you peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the One who loves us, the One who liberates us, and the One who leads us into all truth, be with you now and always.

*All*      **Amen.**

**Return of the Flags**

**Hymn**

Tune: Lobe Den Herren

*All*      Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.;  
Music: German 17th Century melody; Tune: Lobe Den Herren

**Postlude**      Carillon

*Herbert Murrill*

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