

Service of Thanksgiving on the Occasion of the Charter Day for University of The Bahamas

Sunday, the sixth day of November Two thousand and sixteen At three o' clock in the afternoon

Christ Church Cathedral
George Street
New Providence, Commonwealth of The Bahamas



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Officiating
Organist

The Very Reverend Patrick L. Adderley

Mr. Raymond Antonio

The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Organ Postlude

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Procession

Opening Hymn......Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love 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.

Opening Sentence: O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen. *Romans 11:33, 36*

Music Offering.....Be Thou My Vision

Dr. Christine Gangelhoff, flute Mr. Christian Justillien, baritone Dr. Paul S. Jones, piano

Prayer: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, and attaining the maturity you will for all persons, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson...... Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25

Dr. Marcella Elliott-Ferguson, VP Administrative Services

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.* ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem* on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. ²⁰ When your children ask you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?' ²¹then you shall say to your children, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²²The Lord displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. ²³He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors. ²⁴Then the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. ²⁵If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

> O lux beatissima, reple cordis intima tuorum fidelium. Sine tuo numine, nihil est in homine, nihil est innoxium. O Light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all Thy faithful. Without Your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Matthew 11:25-30

To God be the glory, great things He has 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 has done.

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.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Benediction

The Very Reverend Patrick L. Adderley

Recessional Hymn......Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, With ever-joyful hearts and blessèd peace to cheer us; And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, The Son, and Holy Ghost, supreme in highest heaven,

We pray for the unfailing guidance of the Holy Spirit on those who are called to The Very Reverend Patrick L. Adderley Welcome Leader: Dean of Nassau Rector, Christ Church Cathedral interpret and expound the will of the Lord to others. Father in Heaven, Vicar General of the Diocese of The Bahamas and The Turks & Caicos Islands Greetings All: Hear our prayer. The Hon. Jerome K. Fitzgerald, Minister of Education, Science and Technology We pray for all organizations, within the fellowship of the Body of Christ, that their Leader: work may edify the people of God, and bear faithful witness to the Gospel. Father in The Rt. Hon. Perry G.Christie, Prime Minister, The Commonwealth of The Bahamas Heaven, Music Offering......Spiritual/arr. P. Kern Hear our prayer. College of The Bahamas Concert Choir Dr. Paul S. Jones, Director Raymond Antonio, Piano Leader: We pray for all persons who do not share our confession of faith, that with courage, truth and love we may work together with them, and promote the common good. Father in Heaven. Sermon......The Very Reverend Patrick L. Adderley All: Hear our prayer. Solo......Great Is Thy Faithfulness Mr. John Ronald Darville, *Tenor* Mr. Raymond Antonio, Piano For the leaders of our country, and all who make decisions on our behalf, that they Leader: may be guided by the Spirit, to direct our affairs in righteousness and peace. Father in Heaven, The Intercession......Bishop Neil C. Ellis Senior Pastor of Mount Tabor Church and Presiding Bishop of Global United Fellowship All: Hear our prayer. Leader: Let us pray for the fellowship of the Church of Christ, and for all God's Creatures. With all who confess the name of Jesus, as Lord and Saviour, we offer our prayers and praises, in Spirit and in truth. Father in Heaven, For our judges, magistrates and all who administer justice, that in all things they may Leader: seek to do your will, and to protect the rights and freedom of your people. Father in All: Hear our prayer. Heaven, With Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, who ever lives to intercede for us, we uphold Leader: Hear our prayer. All: all ministers of God's Word and Sacraments, that they may fulfil their high calling in the Faith. Father in Heaven, All: Hear our prayer. In our schools, colleges and universities and in all other places of learning, may true Leader: knowledge, sound wisdom, and godly discipline ever be found. Father in Heaven,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That we may use aright the fullness of the earth, that our pursuits in science,

and the advancement of our skills, may ever be in service of that true humanity,

which is created in the image of God. Father in Heaven,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: To the poor, the hungry, the unemployed, and all victims of persecution and

discrimination of any kind, may God in Christ help us all to bring relief, justice

and protection. Father in Heaven,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: To all who suffer now from pain and disease, from human discomfort and misery,

may God in Christ bring healing and joy, for the renewal of their faith. Father in

Heaven,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That we may never become the slaves of money, or of the lust for power, but may

rather strive for victory through the power of love. Father in Heaven,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That with all who belong to the communion of saints, both living and departed,

we may ever rejoice in the blessed assurance of that hope, which has been won

for us in Christ. Father in Heaven,

All: Receive these our prayers in the name of your dear Son, even Jesus Christ

our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn......To God Be The Glory!

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank' you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.* ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

All Stand

Hymn......Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All laud we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee,

The congregation sits