





**Sir Courtney  
Newlands McLaurin  
Blackman, K.A.**

**of Lake Nona, Florida  
Formerly of Barbados**



**FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.**

**THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS  
St. Michael's Row, Bridgetown**

**Officiating Ministers**

*The Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson  
The Rev'd Canon Noel Burke*

**Interment**

St. David's Anglican Churchyard  
St. David's, Christ Church

KINDLY SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES

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Central Bank Of Barbados*

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## Graveside

**THE COMMITAL & PRAYERS**

***The Rev'd Canon Noel Burke***

*Amazing Grace*

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## THE 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 this 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 our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deuteronomy 33: 27*

In the midst of life we are in death;  
from whom can we seek help?  
From you alone, O Lord,  
who by our sins are justly angered.

Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one,  
have mercy upon us.

Lord you know the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not your ears to our prayers,  
but spare us, O Lord.

Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one,  
have mercy upon us.

O worthy and eternal Judge,  
do not let the pains of death  
turn us away from you at our last hour.

Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one,  
have mercy upon us.

## **THE RECEPTION OF THE BODY**

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our brother Courtney for burial. Our brother was washed in Holy Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore, with confidence, pray to God our Heavenly Father, the Giver of life, that He will raise him to perfection in the company of the Saints.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Courtney. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen**

**HYMN 363 (CPWI):  
Angels Voices Ever Singing**

Angel-voices, ever singing  
Round thy throne of light,  
Angel-harps for ever ringing,  
Rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless thee  
And confess thee  
Lord of might!

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!

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.

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.

Honour, glory, might and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Blessèd Trinity!  
Of the best that thou hast given,  
Earth and heaven  
Render thee.

*Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

***The Congregation sits***

**TRIBUTE**

**Cleviston Haynes, Governor,  
Central Bank of Barbados**

**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**

**Keith Blackman, Christopher Blackman,  
Martin Blackman/Sons**

## ***The Congregation stands***

### **THE COLLECT**

President: Let us pray:

Almighty God, we remember before you today your faithful servant Courtney, 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.

**ALL: Amen.**

## ***The Congregation sits***

### **FIRST LESSON: Wisdom 3: 1 – 5 & 9 (NRSV)**

**Lector: Matthew Blackman**

*A reading from the Book of Wisdom, Chapter 3: verses 1-5, and 9.*

The Destiny of the Righteous

<sup>1</sup>But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

<sup>2</sup>In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,

<sup>3</sup>and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.

<sup>4</sup>For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

<sup>5</sup>Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself.

<sup>9</sup>Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,

and he watches over his elect.  
The word of the Lord.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

***The Congregation stands***

**PSALM 23 (CRIMOND)**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green: he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness  
E'en  
for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house for ever more  
My dwelling-place shall be.

**SECOND LESSON: John 14:1-6 (NRSV)**

**Lector: Sharron Alleyne-Elcock/Niece**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 14, verses 1-6*

Jesus the Way to the Father

<sup>1</sup>‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

***The Congregation stands***

**HYMN 384 (CPWI):**

**Praise To The Lord, The Almighty,  
The King Of Creation;**

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.

*Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680),  
from Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren,  
German; translation: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

### ***The Congregation sits***

#### **THE SERMON:**

**The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

### ***The Congregation stands***

#### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRESIDENT:** 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.**

## **THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

### **Leader:**

We pray for those who mourn....  
We commemorate the departed....

### **Leader:**

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father, who raised our Lord Jesus from the dead for the salvation of all: Grant, Lord, that your servant may know the fullness of life which you have promised to those who love you. Lord in your mercy:

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

### **Leader:**

Be close to those who mourn: Increase their faith in your undying love. Lord, in your mercy:

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

### **Leader:**

May we be strengthened in our faith, live the rest of our lives in fellowship with your Son, and be ready when you call us to the fullness of life. Lord, in your mercy:

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:**

Show your mercy to the dying; strengthen them with hope, and fill them with the peace and joy of your presence. Lord, in your mercy:

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:**

We commend all people to your unfailing love, that in them your will may be fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we share with them in your eternal kingdom; Lord, in your mercy:

**ALL: Hear our prayer**

***The President concludes with the following prayer:***

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Courtney 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.**

**HYMN 367 (CPWI):**

**Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God**

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,  
in every part with praise,  
that my whole being may proclaim  
thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,  
nor e'en the praising heart,  
I ask, but for a life made up  
of praise in every part:

Praise in the common things of life,  
its goings our and in;  
praise in each duty and deed,  
however small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise:  
let all my being speak  
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,  
poor though I be and weak.

So shalt thou, Lord, receive from me  
the praise and glory due;  
and so shall I begin on earth  
the song for ever new.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care,  
be turnèd into song;  
and every winding of the way  
the echo shall prolong.

So shall no part of day or night  
unblest or common be;  
but all my life, in every step,  
be fellowship with thee.

*Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889),  
alt. as in Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised, 1950*

## **THE COMMENDATION**

(Water is a powerful symbol of Baptism, the means by which our brother became a member of the Church on earth; as we commend him to God, once again the Church uses Holy Water.)

**PRESIDENT:**

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

**ALL:**

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

**PRESIDENT:**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; 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.

**PRESIDENT:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**ALL:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**PRESIDENT:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **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

**PRESIDENT:**

Let us commend our Brother Courtney to the mercy of God our maker and redeemer.

Deliver your servant Courtney, 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 Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God for ever and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

**PRESIDENT:**

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Courtney. 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, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

**ALL: Amen.**

**HYMN 387 (CPWI):  
To God Be The Glory!**

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!**

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 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.

## **THE BENEDICTION**

**MINISTER:**

The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for every and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **CLOSING SENTENCES**

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in His Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepare for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the Martyrs receive you, and bring you into the Holy city, Jerusalem.

# The Graveside

## THE COMMITAL & PRAYERS

*The Rev'd Canon Noel Burke*

I heard the voice from heaven, saying, "Write this: "Happy are the dead who die in the faith of Christ! Henceforth," says the Spirit, "they may rest from their labours; for they take with them the record of their deeds."

Man born of a woman has but a short time to live. Like a flower he blossoms and then withers; like a shadow he flees and never stays.

In the midst of life we are in death; to whom can we turn for help, but to you, Lord, who are justly angered by our sins?

Lord God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us from the bitter pains of eternal death.

You know the secrets of our hearts; In your mercy hear our prayer, forgive us our sins, and at our last hour let us not fall away from you.

In sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our Brother **Courtney** and we commit his body to the ground: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. And we beseech you in your infinite goodness to give us grace to live in your dear love and to die in your favour that when your well-beloved Son shall come again in judgement both this our Brother Courtney and we ourselves may be found acceptable in your sight. Grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTER: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

MINISTER: Let us pray

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity; we give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the Resurrection and the life; Raise us we humbly pray from the death of sin to the life of righteousness that, when we depart this life, we may rest in Him, and at the resurrection receive that blessing which your well-beloved Son shall then pronounce: "Come, you blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world." Grant this, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. **Amen.**

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the Spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTER: Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

**ALL:           And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

MINISTER: May he and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**ALL:           Amen.**

MINISTER: The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make His face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up His countenance upon him and give him peace.

**ALL:        Amen**

Minister: Alleluia, Christ is risen:

**ALL:        The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ

**ALL:        Thanks be to God**

## **HYMNS:**

### **Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now, I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

## **Abide With Me**

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see.  
O thou who changes not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## **How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

### **Refrain:**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

## **Morning Has Broken**

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

## **THE CLOSING PRAYER & DISMISSAL**

Merciful Father and Lord of all life: We praise you that people are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of your son **Courtney**, for the love and mercy he received from you and showed among us. Above all we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed: that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with our brother that clearer vision, when we shall see your face in the same Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

# Pallbearers

## **Pallbearers**

Keith Blackman  
Cyril Blackman  
Chris Blackman  
Matthew Blackman  
Martin Blackman  
Daniel Blackman  
Adrian Beckles  
Sydney Lopez

## **Honorary Pallbearers**

Barry Blackman  
Fabian G. Holder



# Ushers

Sharron Alleyne-Elcock  
Stephanie Brathwaite

*“When we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor for present use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for; and let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say, as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them, ‘See! This our fathers did for us.’” John Ruskin*



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