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Saint Michael and
All Angels
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December 25th, 2019

Service: 9:00 A.M.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
CHRISTMAS DAY

YEAR A

9:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

President: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn 60 *“Angels, from the realms of glory,”*

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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10

Lector: Mr. Martin Haynes

Psalm 98 Page 596

**“Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done
marvellous things.”**

Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-12

Lector: Mrs. Juno Burrows

The Gradual Hymn 70 *“It came upon the midnight clear,”*

The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

Gospeller: **The Rev'd Richard Kellman, LTh.**

The Sermon: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D Gibson

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Intercessor: Mr. Edwin Pollard

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Hymn of Fellowship:

**"Let there be peace on earth"
(see printed version)**



***Welcome, Remarks, Birthdays
and Anniversaries***

THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: 88 *"The first Nowell the angel did say"*

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The Administration of Communion

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65 *"Go tell it on the mountain,"*

Hymn for the Blessing of the Children: 665

“Once in royal David’s city”

The Post Communion Prayer “A”

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The Blessing **“Christmas”**

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The Recessional **Hymn 68**

“Hark! The herald-angels sing”

The Dismissal

Organ Postlude

WELCOME AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL



HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP

Let there be peace on earth
And Let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God our Creator
Children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment,
And live each moment
In peace and eternally

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS DAY

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Comment: “Heralds announce God’s salvation”

The Hebrew scripture lection heralds **a time of great joy as the Lord saves the people and brings deliverance to Jerusalem.** The long exile is at an end. The messenger proclaims the good news, “The Lord reigns.” The watchmen of the city respond with shouts of triumph to see God’s salvation.

Psalm 98

A song of thanksgiving and praise to the victorious Lord, who has made righteousness know and shown faithfulness to God’s people.

Second Lesson: (The Epistle) Hebrews 1:1-12

Comment: “God has spoken by a son”

In this lesson the Letter to the Hebrews begins with a declaration of Jesus’ sonship. He is far above all angels at the right hand of God. Previously God had spoken through the prophets, but now the will God is expressed in the Son, through whom the world was created and who bears the stamp of divine being. After making purification for sins, he has taken his seat of greatest honour.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

Comment: “The Word became flesh.”

The gospel opens with **a hymn to the expression of God’s very being, God’s Word, who has now become flesh and lived among us.** Through the Word all things have their life. The Word is the light of all humankind, and was witnessed to by John the Baptist. Although the world made by the Word did not recognize the Word, those who believe in the Word have been given the right to become the children of God.

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BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER 25TH, 2019

(To Be Shared with Congregations on Christmas Day)

Dear Saints in Christ,

It is a great joy to greet you on this blessed Christmas day. Today we officially begin the joyful season of glorifying God for His great act in history, that of taking flesh upon Himself, in the person of His Son Jesus Christ, and dwelling among us as our liberator and reconciler in order to regather us as citizens of His Kingdom.

I think it is absolutely marvellous that we celebrate this Christmas season at a time when we are winding down and naturally reviewing the year that has been spent and prayerfully preparing for the new year with new resolutions, new aspirations and new life. It comes as a timely reminder that our God takes decisive steps to help us deal with the past, manage the present and live wisely

in the future with a presence of peace instead of anxiety, joy instead of depression, hope instead of despair and love that conquers all.

This year, our Christmas is a very special one as it takes us, not only into a new year, but into a new decade – the 2020s. As we begin that decade in a matter of days, our nation will be responding to our government’s call to welcome home those of our diaspora for the “We Gatherin’ Barbados” initiative. I encourage us as a Church to play our part in being a very welcoming community to all those who will grace us with their presence. I’m also urging us to discern the places, and host events, where our missionary God desires us to be at work in this movement, for He is still the same God who, on that first Christmas morn, intentionally positioned Himself in our world to invite and gather folks back to the place where they belong. As a church, we are to be cognizant of His commission to partner in the mission of His Son in heralding the good news of His Kingdom and issuing His timeless invitation for all to “come Home” and to receive His warm embrace, generous attention and transforming love.

During this Christmas season, and well into the new year and decade, we will have several occasions to gather with others - family, friends, neighbours, colleagues and many visitors - as God creates these opportunities for us to share the good news of His love and advance His cause of gathering others into His Kingdom. It is my hope that our Anglican Church will be at the forefront in this mission during the coming year, being guided under the theme of

“Mission 2020: God’s Gathering” as we move from St. Lucy to Christ Church and climax in St. Michael.

As we celebrate this Christmastide and enter the new decade, may God’s Holy Spirit empower us to spread His love to everyone and extend His welcome to many others as He gathers His citizens Home. May this Christmas be the initial spark to reignite God’s gathering.

I wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas and the very best for 2020.

Your Friend and Bishop

+Michael Barbados

CATHEDRAL NEWS

1. STEWARDSHIP: The distribution of the 2020 Stewardship Envelopes has commenced. During that process, the opportunity will be taken to further enhance the membership record of the Cathedral. Consequently, at the time of the collection, members of the Stewardship Committee will be on hand to check the registration forms; and if there are any deficiencies, they will be addressed at that point. The cooperation of everyone is requested.

2. FLORAL TRIBUTES:

The Officers and members of the Flower Guild wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all persons who made contributions to the flowers this Christmastide.

- The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn
- Mrs. Shirley Hurley
- Mrs. Judy King
- Mrs. Jeanette Rollock on her birthday.
- Mrs. Colleen Byer
- Mr. Adrien Jones and Mrs. Beverley Jones
- Mr. Arlington DaC. Watson for his birthday.
- Mrs. Joyanne Blackman-Jarvis on behalf of her parents Mr. Keith Blackman and Mrs. Carmen Blackman and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Cynthia Ruth Jarvis.

3. DONATION: Mr. Nicholas Smith – one case of wine in celebration of his birthday December 11, 2019.

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

**Today, the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
CHRISTMAS DAY**

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Preacher: **The Rev'd Canon George Knight**

9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist

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

11:00 A.M. Choral Matins

Preacher: **The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn**

**Sunday, December 29th, The First Sunday after
Christmas Day**

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

9:00 A. M Sung Eucharist

Tuesday, December 31st

11:00 P.M. Watch Night Service



Congratulations to all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week:

Ms. Tricia Collins ~ 27th
Ms. Olga E. Marshall ~ 30th
Mrs. Jeanette Rollock ~ 31st



May God bless and strengthen you.

THEME FOR THIS SERVICE

“How the Word penetrates us.”



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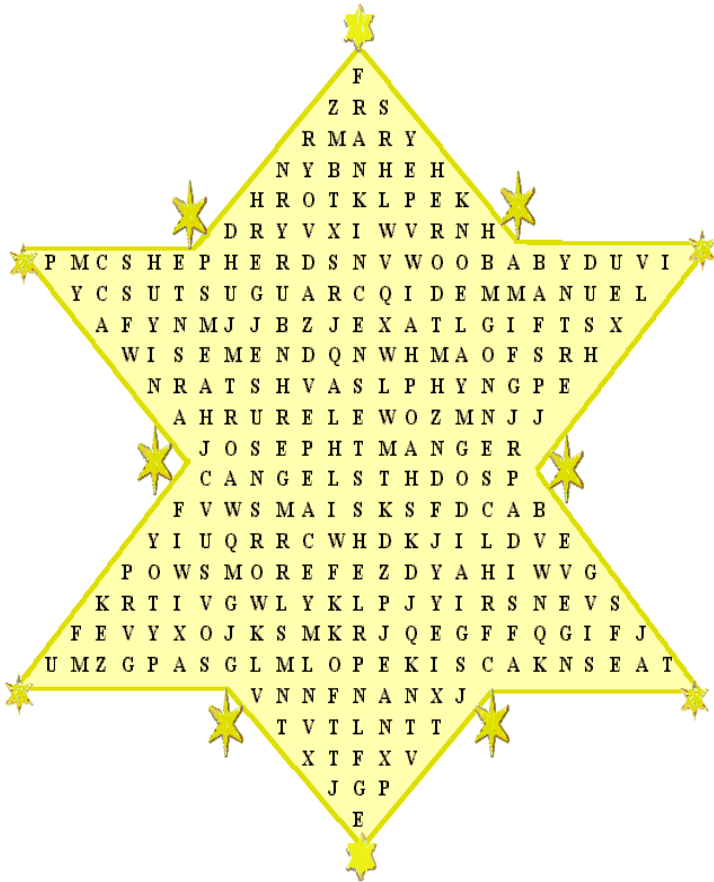
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*It's a season to give
It's a season to love
It's a season to share
God's love for you and me.*

**Merry
Christmas**

His Birth



Angels
Augustus
Baby
Bethlehem
Elisabeth
Emmanuel
Frankincense
Gifts

Gold
Herod
Inn
Jesus
Joseph
Manger
Mary
Myrrh

Nativity
Noel
Peace
Promise
Savior
Shepherds
Star
Swaddling

Taxes
Virgin
Wisemen

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Text:

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Topic:

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Preacher:

Points to Ponder:

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What was God saying specifically to me during the Sermon?

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