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December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Service: 7:00 A.M.

## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST CHRISTMAS DAY

## YEAR A

## 7:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST President & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon George Knight

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

## THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Introit Hymn 60 "Angels, from the realms of glory,"

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## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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Second Lesson: Titus 3:4-7 Lector: Mr. Junior Warner **The Gradual Hymn 70** *"It came upon the midnight clear,"* 

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 8-20 Gospeller: **The Rev'd Richard Kellman, LTh**. **The Sermon:** The Rev'd Canon George Knight The Nicene CreedPage 104Intercession "B"Page 107Intercessor: Mrs. Margaret Fraser-MorrisonPage 107The Act of PenitencePage 123The Greeting of Peace "A"Page 124Hymn of Fellowship:<br/>"Let there be peace on earth"Page 124

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THE EUCHARIST

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

The Offertory Prayer The Eucharistic Prayer The Proper Preface " <b>Christmas</b> " The Great Thanksgiving: "A" The Lord's Prayer The Breaking of The Bread " <b>A</b> " The Invitation to Communion " <b>A</b> " The Agnus Dei The Administration of Communion	Page 126 Page 126 Page 127 Page 131 Page 144 Page 145 Page 145 Page 147
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	s 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 62:6-12

Comment: "God comes to restore the people"

The Hebrew Bible lesson is an expression of great expectation and rejoicing: Salvation comes to Jerusalem. The prophet pictures watchmen on the walls of the city calling upon the Lord. Then the people stream forward to hear the Lord's proclamation. They will now be named the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord, those who are Sought Out, a City Not Forsaken.

### Psalm 97

A hymn to the awesome Lord and Ruler who brings the fire of judgement and light for the righteous.

Second Lesson: (The Epistle) Titus 3:4-7

### Comment: "Saved through water and the Spirit"

This New Testament reading is a summary of the story of our salvation. Not by our deeds, but through God's goodness and mercy do we experience the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. We are now heirs in hope of eternal life.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:8-20

### Comment: "The birth of the Messiah revealed to shepherds."

Our gospel tells how the shepherds, after the angelic vision which announced Jesus' birth, come to Bethlehem to see for themselves the promised child. They share with Mary and Joseph the words of the angels. In this little baby, laid in a manger, they perceived the fulfilment of the songs of the heavenly host. Glorifying and praising God, they return to their fields.

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## BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, The First Sunday after Christmas Day 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist

> Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 P.M. Watch Night Service



Congratulations to all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week:

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



## May God bless and strengthen you.

## THEME FOR THIS SERVICE

## "Undeserved grace."



## **OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

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Mr. Arlington Watson, BSM, J.P.

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Mr. Darwin Clarke

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It's a season to give Its' a season to love It's a season to share God's love for you and me. Alerry ristmas

# Christmas Word Find

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# SERMON NOTES

Sermon Text:
Торіс:
Preacher:
Points to Ponder:
What was God saying specifically to me during the Sermon?



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