



St. Michael's Cathedral

Services
for
The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 28th, 2021
7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.

**The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and
All Angels**
The Diocese of Barbados

Diocesan Bishop

The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. John. Maxwell, M. A.

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The First Sunday of Advent: **YEAR C** –
A Season of Praise & Giving to God

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Judy King



AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL

ANNOUNCEMENT

Emergency Management (COVID-19) Churches (No. 22) Directive, 2021

The following protocols will be enforced: Attendance is limited to a maximum of one hundred and thirty-five (135) persons, (Nave 83; Balcony 27; Sanctuary/Chancel 16; and Lady Chapel 9); Temperature checks upon arrival and signing of the Register; Wearing of Masks above the Nose and under the Chin; Designated Seating; the Use of an Offering Box; Physical Distancing- Six (6) feet apart; No physical exchange of the Greeting of Peace; Sanitization of Hands before entering the Cathedral and before Communion.

The cooperation of everyone is required

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn ~ 46**

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture,
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Words: John Cennick (1718-1755), and Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

7:00 A.M. ~ The Blessing and Lighting of the Advent
Wreath

9:00 A.M. ~ Lighting of the Advent Wreath

ADVENT 1 — HOPE

The Leader reads a sentence:

The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand.

(Mark 1:15)

*He/She then lights the appropriate number of candles in
silence*

Leader: Our Lord says, ‘surely I come quickly.’

Response: Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

After a short pause the Leader says:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader:

We bless you, Eternal Father, giver of all good things; for in the coming of your Son into the World, Your kingdom has begun, and at His second coming in glory it will be complete. Grant us true repentance and a living faith in this good news, that on that day we may be found acceptable servants of Christ our King.

All: Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIES

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Helena Lyte

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donnah Russell, C.A.

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Jeremiah, chapter 33, verses 14 to 16.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

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1 **T**o you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their
schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his
testimonies.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be
for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Helena Lyte
9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donna Russell, C.A.

A reading from the Word of God written in First Letter of
Paul to the Thessalonians, chapter 3, verses 9 to 13.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the
joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and

day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 41**

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding;
‘Christ is nigh’, it seems to say;
‘Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!’

Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,

and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

*Words: anonymous, from Vox clara ecce intronat, 6th century, Latin;
translation: Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Gospellers:

7:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. ~ The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 21, verses 25 to 36.

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

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

The sermon ends with the following prayer in which the congregation joins:

Creator God, make us to think more of what we can give to life and less of what we can get out of it. May we be mindful that we hold our gifts, our talents, our possessions, our life itself, in trust for you and the service of humanity. Save us from thinking only of our own needs and desires; and help us to remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive,

according to the teaching of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.

With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and
glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS FOR STEWARDSHIP

Intercessors:

7:00 A. M. ~ Mrs. Shernelle Nelson

9:00 A. M. ~ Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw, L.E.M.

LEADER:

Father, you sow your holiness in deeds and with all creation we rightly give you praise. All your actions show your wisdom and your love. Hear the prayers of your humble servants, who strive daily to live the life of good stewards of your creation.

LEADER:

We thank you for the gift of time we have on this earth to come to know Jesus, your son, as brother, redeemer, saviour and Lord. Give us daily grace and help us put our time to good use in your name.

ALL: Lord, make us good stewards.

LEADER:

We thank you for the gift of our unique talents and abilities. Help us to be eager to use these gifts to build up our Church, in our parish, in our community and in our homes.

ALL: Lord, make us good stewards.

LEADER:

We thank you for the material blessings you have showered upon us, undeserving as we are. Help us to be generous, providing for the needs of our Church and our neighbours with sacrifice and love, giving from our first fruits.

ALL: Lord, make us good stewards.

LEADER:

We thank you for the fellowship we share in this Cathedral Church, in our Diocese of Barbados, in the Province of the West Indies, and in the Anglican Communion. We pray for Howard our Archbishop, Michael our Bishop, and Wilfred, Rufus, and John, Retired Bishops; and we also pray for the Episcopal Church of Brazil.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

LEADER:

We thank you for our citizenship in this nation and for the unity of a common social responsibility with others across the world. We pray for the leaders of the nations and for those in authority among us, that they may serve justice and promote the freedom and dignity of all peoples. We pray for Sandra our Governor-General, Mia Amor our Prime Minister, and all members of Parliament; we also pray for the success of the international campaign – 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, which commenced on the 25th November 2021, the International

Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and will end on the 10th December 2021, Human Rights Day.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

LEADER:

We thank you for health of body, mind, and spirit. We pray for the sick: especially Aldon, Margaret, Colleen, Elsie, Eudora, Alice, Jonathan, Olga, Marcia Hoyte, Selina, The Rev'd Dr. Marcus Lashley, The Rev'd Canon Coleridge Darlington, Blair, Eleanor, Phyllis, Winifred, Marcia Watson, Arlington, and Ronald; the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying and for all who remember and care for them.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

LEADER:

We thank you for those who serve to promote and maintain our health amidst the challenges of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We pray for all who are affected by this disease: those in hospital, those who are isolating in their homes or other facilities; the doctors, nurses and all medical personnel who tend the sick; the Chief Medical Officer and all who set public policy; and all who work to keep us safe by eliminating this disease.

ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

LEADER:

We thank you for your loving providence. We pray for deliverance from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought, flood, fire, or volcanic eruption, and all natural hazards. We especially remember the people of Haiti in the aftermath of an earthquake.

ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

LEADER:

We thank you for your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Kenneth Garnes, Dr. Kenneth George, Faye, Chloe, Yvonne, Ella, Stephen, Victor, Muriel, Maureen and Glynnil, and any other person whom we have named in our hearts.

ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

Closing Prayer

ALL:

We give you thanks for making us in your own image and for setting us over the whole world to serve you, our creator, and to rule over all creatures. See in our generous sharing of our time, talents and treasure our heartfelt desire to serve you all the days of our lives and to live with you and all your holy ones forever and ever. **Amen**

ACT OF PENITENCE

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PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

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PRESIDENT:

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE “C”

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PRESIDENT:

The Kingdom of God is Justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL:

They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

9:00 A.M. ~ A Solo by Mr. Stephen Brathwaite

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory **Hymn ~ 554**

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;

let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,

let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;

sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,

felt in the days when hope unborn had died;

yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet

come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come, over away that with tears has been watered;

we have come, treading our path through the

blood of the slaughtered;

out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last

where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,

thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

thou who has by thy might, led us into the light,

keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,

where we met thee;

lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world,

we forget thee,

shadowed beneath thy hand, may we for ever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Words: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER “B”

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PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

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Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Him of eternal life; that when He shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold His appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “C”

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PRESIDENT:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in
creation; in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and, above all, in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent Him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In Him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you,
In Him, you have brought us out of error and truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

For, on the night that He was betrayed
He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples
and said: "Take this, and eat it:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after supper
he took the cup of wine:
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

PRESIDENT:

Therefore, Father, according to His command:

ALL:

**We remember His death;
We proclaim His resurrection;**

We await His coming in glory.

PRESIDENT:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the sacrament
of the Body of Christ
and His Blood of the New Covenant.
Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice
that we, made acceptable in Him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to the city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation:

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,

Almighty Father, now and ever.

ALL: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we 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 forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD "C"

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PRESIDENT:

This is the true bread which comes from heaven

ALL:

Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

THE COMMUNION

The Invitation "C"

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PRESIDENT:

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

ALL:

We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**



**The Administration of Communion/Spiritual
Communion**

The Communion Hymn ~ 346

Summoned by the God who made us
rich in our diversity,

gathered in the name of Jesus,
richer still in unity:

Refrain:

*Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new church into being
one in faith and love and praise.*

Radiant risen from the water,
robed in holiness and light,
male and female in God's image
male and female, God's delight:

Refrain

Trust the goodness of creation;
trust the Spirit strong within.
dare to dream the vision promised
sprung from seed of what has been.

Refrain

Bring the hopes of every nation;
bring the art of every race.
weave a song of peace and justice;
let it sound through time and space.

Refrain:

Draw together at one table
all the human family;

shape a circle ever wider
and a people ever free.

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THE POST COMMUNION “C”

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ALL:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING “*Stewardship*”

May the eternal Father, who dwells in light unapproachable, shine into our hearts.

May the eternal Son, who is the light of the world, illuminate all your ways.

May the eternal Spirit bring you out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of the triune God.

May the same God in the plentitude of his love pour upon you the torrents of his grace; bless you and keep you in his holy fear, prepare you for a happy eternity, and receive you at last into immortal glory.

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

An Offering of Dance

7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M ~ Asha Weekes Dance Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 742**

I vow to thee, my country,
all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love:
the love that asks no question,
the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted

the final sacrifice.

And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies,
we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace.

Words: Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

A PRAYER FOR THE NATION

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Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve You in freedom and in peace. Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with Your gracious will, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 has 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

Chorus

*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.

Chorus

*Words by Mr. Irving Burgie.
Music by Mr. C. Van Roland Edwards*

Organ Postlude

*(Worshippers are invited to sit silently and listen to the
voluntary, however, those who wish to leave at this point
may do so quietly.)*



The First Sunday of Advent ~ Year C

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Comment: *“A righteous branch springing up from David”*
In this prophetic lesson from the Hebrew scriptures, **the Lord’s promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah is reaffirmed, foreseeing the arrival of a messianic figure, a righteous branch who will execute justice and save the people.** This passage may have been added to the Book of Jeremiah a century or so later. A sure confidence in God’s deliverance sounds forth, and Christians have interpreted the passage as a prophecy regarding Christ.

Psalm 25:1-9

A prayer for forgiveness and guidance and an expression of trust in the Lord.

Second Reading (**The Epistle**): 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Comment: *“Strengthen hearts of holiness for the
the coming of the Lord”*

In this New Testament reading, **the apostle Paul expresses gratitude to God for his disciple in Thessalonica and tells these followers of his prayers for them.** He has heard a good report of their faith and love and their concern for him. He prays that he will soon see them again, and asks that they may grow in love and be established in holiness, in preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Comment: *“Be alert for the coming of the Son of Man”*

In our gospel lesson, **Jesus tells his disciples of the awe-inspiring crisis to come, which they may also recognise as the beginning of the time of their redemption.** The heavens and earth will bear fearsome witness before the appearance of the heavenly judge, the Son of Man. As the budding fig tree fortells the advance of summer, so can all this calamity be recognised as a preparation for the drawing near of the kingdom of God. The believer is to be alert, fixed on Christ's words and teachings and prepared for the coming of the Lord.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Financial Stewardship: The ministry of the Cathedral is supported primarily by its members' contributions weekly and monthly. However, if you would like to support the stewardship of this sacred place, please donate to St. Michael's Cathedral, Bridgetown, St. Michael.

Friends and well-wishers may write to stmichaelcathedral@caribsurf.com or call 1 246-427-0790 for more details. Meantime, donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606.

Flowers: As usual, there will be no floral arrangements during the Advent season; however, members are encouraged to make donations for the supply of flowers for Christmas. Contributions may be made in celebration of a personal event, in commemoration of a departed loved one, or any other occasion in the life of a family. Thanks for your consideration.

Blue Christmas Service: Next Sunday, December 5th, 2021, the Cathedral will host a Blue Christmas Service at 5:00 P.M. Anyone who experienced a bereavement during the year and for whom this would be the first Christmas without their loved ones, is invited to attend. The service is designed to offer comfort and hope at Christmas time; and to affirm the presence of God as revealed in Christ, in the midst of grief.

Special projects at this time are:

- i. Ash-fall Clean-up (cost: \$15,000.00; donations as at September 30th, 2021: **\$4,961.00**); and,
- ii. Online Ministry – estimate under consideration.

Donations may also be made in marked envelopes and placed in the Offering Box or brought to the Administrative Office. All donations are appreciated.



Gift-Month: The Cathedral has been unable to host the annual fundraising events this year, due to the restrictions of COVID-19. Consequently, there has been a shortfall in the anticipated revenue, and at this juncture, some financial obligations remain

outstanding. The Fund-Raising Committee has arranged for members to contribute, according to their means, a gift of BDS \$50.00 or in multiples of \$50's towards the stewardship of the Cathedral. Envelopes are available for the convenience of everyone; gifts may be brought in any Sunday during November, Gift-Month.

Gift List: In addition to monetary gifts, members and well-wishers are also encouraged to donate towards the Vestments, Paraments and Linens of the Cathedral. The following are needed at this time:

1. Rose Chasuble set - \$ 600.00
2. Purple Chasuble set - \$ 600.00
3. Rose Cope and Stole - \$1,200.00
4. Pulpit and Lectern Hangings
5. Altar Frontals
6. Altar Linens (corporals, purificators, towels)
7. Video Equipment (cameras, cabling and monitors)
8. Cruets and trays

Thank you for your generosity; and may God bless everyone, as together, we work to be faithful stewardship of His bounty.

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Stewardship Committee:

Topic: Stewardship: A Season of Praise and Giving to God

Date and Time: December 2nd, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9876543210?pwd=9876543210>
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9876543210?pwd=9876543210>

[GsrDMrGdCSshGPRpwIAIqgd-nwiGZBj7dHiUbgFzRbZjvwYLptP4FAMvzC](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281347288?pwd=d2FSTGYvVkNQSXZNanZiV2VWUeUJ6dz09)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281347288?pwd=d2FSTGYvVkNQSXZNanZiV2VWUeUJ6dz09>

Meeting ID: 842 8134 7288

Passcode: smcbible

ALL ARE WELCOME



THE DAILY OFFICES: The recitation of Morning and Evening Prayer forms part of the discipline of clergy and laity. The Daily Office can also serve as a personal or family discipline. The Daily Lectionary for Cycle **C** begins on page 736, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 2, and the readings for Sunday are Psalms 146 and 147; Amos 1:1-5,13-2:8 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; for Monday, November 29th, 2021, the readings are 2 Peter 1:1-11; Psalms 1, 2 and 3; and Amos 2:6-16, and for the rest of the week as follows on page 736.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

“Our expectancy of the Lord’s coming is what keeps life interesting.”



*Congratulations to all those persons celebrating
birthdays this week November 28th, to December 4th,
2021*

Mr. Kenneth C. Garnes ~ 29th

Dr. Kenneth George ~ 29th

Ms. Faye A. Tudor ~ 30th

Mrs. Chloe Grant ~ 1st

Ms. Yvonne V. Blenman ~ 2nd

Ms. Ella K. Russell ~ 3rd

Mr. Stephen L. White ~ 3rd

Mr. Victor E. Gittens ~ 4th

Ms. Muriel I. Oxley ~ 4th

Ms. Maureen Ward ~ 4th

Mr. Glynnil M. Warner ~ 4th



May God bless and strengthen you.



*Please remember the sick or injured of our
Parish and wider community, especially Mr.
Aldon and Mrs. Margaret Browne, Ms. Elsie
Brunson, Mrs. Colleen Byer, Ms. Eudora
Cooper, Ms. Alice P. Hall, Mr. Jonathan Holder,
Mrs. Olga Holder, Ms. Marcia Hoyte, Ms. Selina
Jones, Mr. Blair Murray, Mrs. Eleanor Small, Ms. Phyllis
Springer, Ms. Winifred Trotman, Mr. Arlington Watson,
Ms. Marcia Watson and Mr. Ronald Wilkinson.*

I pray to the Almighty
to bring you healing
and a speedy
recovery...

**Get Well
Soon...**



CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday, November 28th, 2021

The First Sunday of Advent

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

6:00 P.M. ~ An Advent Carol Service

<http://tiny.cc/smcadventservice2021>

Wednesday, December 1st, 2021

10:00 A.M. ~ A Public Service of Healing

Thursday, December 2nd, 2021

6:30 P.M. ~ Stewardship Zoom Bible Study

Meeting ID: 842 8134 7288 Passcode: smcbible

Sunday, December 5th, 2021

The Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

5:00 P.M. ~ A Blue Christmas

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sharing the gifts we have been given

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