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St. Michael's Cathedral

Service

for

Old Year's Night

Friday, December 31st, 2021

11:00 P.M.

WELCOME AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL

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

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The Right Reverend Michael B. St. J. Maxwell, M.A.

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The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

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11:00 P.M. ~ Watch Night Service
President and Preacher:
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Emergency Management (COVID-19) Churches (No. 24) 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 covering both the Nose and 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 GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

All stand as the Procession enters the Cathedral.

The President greets the people with these words:

Light and Peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Collect for Light

Let us pray.

ALL:

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Opening Hymn ~ 73

Joy to the world, The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ:
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground:
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, and wonders, of his love.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748),
Based on Psalm 98, alt.*

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.

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.

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the day: “*The Holy Name of Jesus Christ*”

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of Him who is the Saviour of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: **Numbers 6:22– 27**

Lector: Mrs. Lynette Francis-Thornhill

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Numbers, the sixth chapter, beginning at the twenty-second verse.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be
gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and
give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 O LORD our governor,
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your
adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your
fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their
courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him?
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the
angels;
you adorn him with glory and honour;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your
hands;
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor,
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy
Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be
forever. Amen.

Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7

Lector: Mrs. Lynette Francis-Thornhill

A reading from the Word of God written in Paul's Letter to the Galatians, the fourth chapter beginning at the fourth verse.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn ~ 91 (Carol)

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

‘Fear not,’ said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
‘Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

‘To you in David’s town this day
is born of David’s line

a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

‘The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.’

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

‘All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease.’

Words: Nahum Tate (1652-1715)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:15-21

Gospeller: 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, the
second chapter, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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

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.*

THE PRAYERS ~ The Rev'd Canon George Knight

The Hebrew Year

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God our Creator, you have divided our life into days and seasons, and called us to acknowledge your providence year after year: Accept your people who come to offer their praises, and, in your mercy, receive their prayers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Acceptable Time

Let us pray. (Silence)

Most gracious and merciful God, you have reconciled us to yourself through Jesus Christ your Son, and called us to new life in him: Grant that we who begin this year in his Name, may complete it to his honour and glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray together.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day; forgive us the wrong we have done in the year that has passed, let the radiance of Your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds; that we may pass the coming year in joyful obedience and faith; through Him who is the beginning and the end, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Hymn ~ 95

The year is gone, beyond recall,
with all its hopes and fears,
with all its bright and gladdening smiles,
with all its mourners' tears;

thy thankful people praise thee, Lord,
for countless gifts received;
and pray for grace to keep the faith
which Saints of old believed.

To thee we come, O gracious Lord,
the new-born year to bless;
defend our land from pestilence;
give peace and plenteousness;

forgive this nation's many sins;
the growth of vice restrain;
and help us all with sin to strive,
and crowns of life to gain.

From evil deeds that stain the past
we now desire to flee;
and pray that future years may all
be spent, good Lord, for thee.

O Father, let thy watchful eye
still look on us in love,
that we may praise thee, year by year,
with angel-hosts above.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

*Words: anonymous, from Lapsus est annus: REDIT ANNUS ALTER, Latin;
Translation: Francis Pott (1832-1909),
and Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern*

THE GREETING OF PEACE

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PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL:

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

The President shall then greet the congregation.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL:

And also with you.

The Exchange of New Year Greetings

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Hymn ~ 93

For thy mercy and thy grace,
faithful through another year,
hear our song of thankfulness;
Jesu, our Redeemer, hear.

In our weakness and distress,
rock of strength, be thou our stay;
in the pathless wilderness
be our true and living way.

Who of us death's awful road
in the coming year shall tread?
With thy rod and staff, O God,
comfort thou his dying bed.

Keep us faithful, keep us pure,
keep us evermore thine own,
help, O help us to endure,
fit us for thy promised crown.

So within thy palace gate
we shall praise, on golden strings,
thee the only Potentate,

Lord of lords and King of kings.

Words: Henry Downton (1818-1885)

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST PRAYER “A”

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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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the Flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin and receive power to become your children.

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 “A”

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PRESIDENT:

All Holy and glorious Father,
our Creator God,
we give you thanks
because in your loving wisdom
you brought all things into being,

and are truly worthy of praise
from every creature you have made.

Again and again
we have turned away from you;
yet in every age your steadfast love
has called us to return,
to live in union with you:
for it is your eternal purpose
to put new life into all things
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ
who took our human nature upon Him
you have redeemed the world
from the bondage of sin:
and by the power of your Holy Spirit
you have gathered a people to yourself,
to make known in every place
His perfect offering which He made
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night 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:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT:

And so, Heavenly Father,
rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation;

His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice
made once for all upon the Cross;
His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;
His Glorious Ascension into heaven;
and looking for His Coming in glory;
we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving;
and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood,
of your Son, our great High Priest,
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.
Unite us with all Bishops,
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,
and with the whole people of God,
living and departed,
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,
that we may be found ready to join the company
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,
and all your saints,
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:
Forever giving you thanks and praise
through Him from whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father Almighty,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. 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 it is
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

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PRESIDENT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The Invitation to Communion “A”

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PRESIDENT:

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL:

Grant gracious Lord, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that 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 ~ 265

To the name of our salvation,
laud and honour let us pay,
which for many a generation
hid in God's foreknowledge lay,
but with holy exultation
we may sing aloud today.

Jesus is the name we treasure,
name beyond what words can tell;
name of gladness, name of pleasure,
ear and heart delighting well;
name of sweetness passing measure,
saving us from sin and hell.

*'Tis the name for adoration,
name for songs of victory,
name for holy meditation
in this vale of misery,
name for joyful veneration
by the citizens on high.

'Tis the name that whoso preacheth
speaks like music to the ear;
who in prayer this name beseecheth
sweetest comfort findeth near;
who its perfect wisdom reacheth,
heavenly joy possesseth here.

Jesus is the name exalted
over every other name;
in this name, whene'er assaulted,
we can put our foes to shame;
strength to them who else had halted,
eyes to blind, and feet to lame.

Therefore we in love adoring
this most blessèd name revere,
Holy Jesu, thee imploring
so to write it in us here,
that hereafter, heavenward soaring
we may sing with angels there.

*Words: anonymous, from Gloriosi Salvatoris, 15th century, Latin;
translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866),
and Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern.*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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PRESIDENT:

The Lord be with you

ALL:

And also with you.

PRESIDENT:

Let us pray

ALL:

**Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

May we who share His Body live His risen life;

**we who drink His cup bring life to others;
we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing “Christmas”

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Christ who by His Incarnation gathered into one, all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with His joy and peace; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and your household and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

The Recessional Hymn ~ 94

Father, let me dedicate,
all this year to thee,
in whatever worldly state
thou wilt have me be:
not from sorrow, pain or care,
freedom dare I claim;
this alone shall be my prayer,
glorify thy name.

Can a child presume to choose
where or how to live?
Can a Father's love refuse
all the best to give?
More Thou givest every day

than the best can claim
nor withholdest aught that may
glorify thy name.

If in mercy Thou wilt spare
joys that yet are mine;
if on life, serene and fair,
brighter rays may shine;
let my glad heart, while it sings,
thee in all proclaim,
and, whate'er the future brings,
glorify thy name.

If thou callest to the cross,
and its shadow come,
turning all my gain to loss,
shrouding heart and home;
let me think how thy dear Son
to his glory came,
and in deepest woe pray on,
“glorify thy name.”

Words: Lawrence Tuttiet (1825-1897)

THE DISMISSAL

PRESIDENT:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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.)

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, January 5th, 2022
10:00 A.M. ~ A Public Service of Healing



Thursday, January 6th, 2022
The Feast of the Epiphany
6:00 P.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Sunday, January 9th, 2022
The First Sunday after Epiphany ~ Baptism of Our
Lord
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



**Congratulations to all celebrating birthdays and
anniversaries this week:**

Mr. Wilbur Belle ~ 31st

Mr. Micah G. Quintyne ~ 31st

Mrs. Jeanette Rollock ~ 31st



May God bless and strengthen you.

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