



St. Michael's Cathedral
Services
for
The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 5th, 2021
7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.

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

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

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The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

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Mrs. Chloe Grant

Assistant Verger

Ms. Harriet Lowe



The Second Sunday of Advent: **YEAR C**

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President & Preacher:

The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

President & Preacher:

The Rev'd Canon George Knight

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne



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 ~ 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)*

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

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

ADVENT 2 — PEACE

The Leader reads a sentence:

As the lighting comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of man. (*Matt.24:27*)

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 Jesus has come, humble and dependent, the babe in the manger. He will come again, glorious and resplendent for all humanity to see.

Grant us in our daily living so to know Him that on that day we may rejoice to see Him, 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.

The Collect: ***“The Second Sunday of Advent”*** Page 157

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes, Q.C.

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Darwin Clarke

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Malachi, chapter 3, verses 1 to 4.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16 *Luke 1: 68-79 (The Song of Zechariah)* Page 40

Benedictus Dominus Deus

Blessed are you, Lord the God of Israel;
You have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through your holy prophets
You promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us.

To show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear:
holy and righteous and righteous before you
all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the
Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the
way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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: Philippians 1:3-11

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes, Q.C.
9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Darwin Clarke

A reading from the Word of God written in Paul's Letter to
the Philippians, chapter 1, verses 3 to 11.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn** ~ 42

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake, and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,

our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749),
from Jordonis oras praevia, from Breviary, Paris, 1736, Latin;
translation: John Chandler (1806-1876), and
Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern
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The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

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

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 3, verses 1 to 6.

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of

Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
 and every mountain and hill shall be made
 low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
 and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Sermon:

7:00 A.M. ~ The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

9:00 A.M. ~ The Rev'd Canon George Knight

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.**

**(At 9:00 A.M.) The Renewal of Vows –
50th Anniversary of the Marriage
of Mr. Ashton and Mrs. Beverley Brewster
Officiant: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

Hymn 681

O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,
lowly we kneel in prayer before thy throne,
that theirs may be the love which knows no ending,
whom thou for evermore dost join in one.

O perfect Life, be thou their full assurance
of tender charity and steadfast faith,
of patient hope, and quiet brave endurance,
with childlike trust that fears nor pain nor death.

Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow,
grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife;
and to life's day the glorious unknown morrow
that dawns upon eternal love and life.

Words: Dorothy Frances Gurney (1858-1932)

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Intercessors:

7:00 A. M. ~ Prof. Anne St. John, G.C.M.

9:00 A. M. ~ Mr. John Moore, Men's Fellowship

LEADER:

INTERCESSION FORM "F"

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After the Priest's invitation to prayer, she/he shall say:

Let us pray for the Church and for all people according to their needs.

Lord in your love,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

In our Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of Burundi. Bless and inspire all members of the clergy, especially Howard, our Archbishop; Michael, our Bishop; Wilfred retired Bishop of Croydon, England; Rufus and John, retired Bishops of Barbados; and Jeffrey, George, and Stephanie-Ann, our Priests.

ALL:

That their lives may be examples of their teaching, and that they may rightly and faithfully administer your holy Sacraments.

LEADER:

Guide and protect all Heads of State and all who bear rule in this land, especially as we journey as a parliamentary republic: Sandra our President, Mia Amor our Prime Minister, all members of Parliament, and all persons serving in Government.

ALL:

That our people may be godly and peacefully governed.

LEADER:

Direct those who administer justice; and strengthen those who guard and protect the land. During these 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, we pray especially for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

ALL:

That our people may dwell in peace.

LEADER:

Reveal the common good to those in positions of public trust and to decision-makers in industry and commerce.

ALL:

That freedom and dignity may prevail among us.

LEADER:

Enlighten with your Spirit all places of education and learning.

ALL:

That the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of your truth.

LEADER:

Bestow your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Sheila, Joanne, Henderson, Hyacinth, Gwendolyn, Martin, Mary, Renee. Viola, LaShawn, Angela and Nicholas, and any other person whom we have named in our hearts.

ALL:

That they may grow in wisdom and grace, year by year.

LEADER:

Comfort and help all persons who are in any trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Aldon, Margaret, Colleen, Elsie, Eudora, Alice, Jonathan, Olga, Marcia Hoyte, Selina, Blair, Eleanor, Phyllis, Winifred, Marcia Watson, Arlington, and Ronald; and we also pray for persons infected with and affected by the coronavirus COVID-19 disease, those in hospital, those who are isolating in their homes or other facilities.

ALL:

Help us to help them, O Lord.

LEADER:

Remember our brothers and sisters, especially Eulalie Lewis and Margaret Archer and all others who have died in your faith and fear.

ALL:

Grant them peace and eternal life.

LEADER:

We thank you heavenly Father, for the witness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour; for the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles (especially Andrew), and Martyrs; and for Ambrose and all the Saints who have been good examples in their generations.

PRESIDENT:

And finally let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence may be kept.

ALL:

Accept our prayers and intercessions, Father, according to your wisdom, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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.

FORM B

ALL:

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, 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.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory **Hymn ~ 51**

Sleepers, wake! The watch cry pealeth,
while slumber deep each eyelid sealeth:

awake, Jerusalem, awake!

Midnight's solemn hour is tolling,
and seraph-notes are onward rolling;
they call on us our part to take.

Come forth, ye virgins wise:

the Bridegroom comes, arise!
Alleluia!
Each lamp be bright with ready light
to grace the marriage feast tonight.

Zion hears the voice that singeth
with sudden joy her glad heart springeth,
at once she wakes, she stands arrayed:
her Light is come, her Star ascending,
lo, girt with truth, with mercy blending,
her Bridegroom there, so long delayed.
All hail! God's glorious Son,
All hail! Our joy and crown,
Alleluia!
The joyful call we answer all,
and follow to the bridal hall.

Praise to him who goes before us!
Let men and angels join in chorus,
let harp and cymbal add their sound.
Twelve the gates, a pearl each portal -
we haste to join the choir immortal
within the Holy City's bound.
Ear ne'er heard aught like this,
nor heart conceived such bliss.
Alleluia!
We raise the song, we swell the throng,
to praise thee ages all along.

*Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608),
from Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, German;
translation: Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.*

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.

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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 that 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 462

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you,

*through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.*

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
when dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.

Refrain

All you may need He will provide,
God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.

Refrain

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon His breast,
God will take care of you.

Refrain

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER "C" Page 148

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 53**

Thy kingdom come, O God,
thy rule, O Christ, begin;
break with thine iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
as in the realms above?

When comes the promised time
that war shall be no more,
and lust, oppression, crime
shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee, Lord, arise,
and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes,
which languish for thy sight.

Men scorn thy sacred name,

and wolves devour thy fold;
by many deeds of shame
we learn that love grows cold.

O'er heathen lands afar
thick darkness broodeth yet:
arise, O morning star,
arise, and never set!

Words: Lewis Hensley (1824-1905)

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 Second Sunday of Advent ~ Year C

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Comment: “*My messenger is a refiner and purifier*”

In our Hebrew scripture reading, **the prophet promises that, as the day of the Lord’s judgement nears, God’s messenger will be sent to make ready the Lord’s way.** The priests and temple servants, who say they are waiting for the Lord, need cleansing and purifying most of all. Suddenly the refiner will come to the temple, and then the offering of the people will be pleasing to the Lord. On this day, Christians recognise that with the bringing of the child Jesus to the temple, the time of purifying judgement has begun.

Canticle: Luke 1:68-79 (*The Song of Zechariah*)

A song of thanksgiving and prophecy. The child will be called the prophet of the Most High and will make a way for the Lord.

Second Reading (**The Epistle**): Philippians 1:3-11

Comment: *“A harvest of righteousness on the day of Jesus Christ”*

In this lesson, Paul greets **the new disciples in the town of Philippi, gives thanks for their sharing in the gospel, and prays that they may be found without fault on the judgement day of Christ.** It is likely that this message of affection and appreciative joy was written toward the latter part of Paul’s ministry, perhaps while he was in prison. He expresses great confidence that the work of grace begun by God in his converts will be brought to fruition.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Comment: *“Prepare the way of the Lord”*

The Gospel of **Luke sets the prophetic ministry of John the Baptist in the context of its time in history.** It was customary during this era to date events with reference to the lives of rulers and well-known public figures. Within this history the word of God comes to John as he preaches his baptism of repentance. His ministry is in fulfillment of the words of Isaiah concerning the one who prepares the way 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.

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 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 Cope and Stole - \$1,200.00
2. Pulpit and Lectern Hangings (Blue/Pink/Purple)
3. Altar Frontals
4. Altar Linens (corporals, purificators, towels)
5. Video Equipment (cameras, cabling and monitors)
6. Trays

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless everyone, as together, we work to be faithful stewards 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)

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.



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 148, 149 and 150; Amos 6:1-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-112; for Monday, December 6th, 2021, the readings are Revelation 1:1-8; Psalm 25; and Amos 7:1-9, and for the rest of the week as follows on page 736.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

“Our own ‘glorious Jerusalem’ will be the arrival of the Lord in our midst.”



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating

birthdays this month of December 2021

- 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
Mr. Glynnil M. Warner ~ 4th
Ms. Orene L. Clarke ~ 5th
Ms. Jennifer D. Edwards ~ 5th
Mrs. Sheila Garnes ~ 5th
Ms. Joanne R. Griffith ~ 6th
Mr. Henderson R. Downes ~ 6th
Ms. Hyacinth Carter ~ 8th
Ms. Gwendolyn D. Evelyn ~ 8th
Mr. Martin L. Haynes ~ 8th
Mrs. Mary Walcott ~ 8th
Ms. Renee M. Thomas ~ 9th
Ms. Viola Cumberbatch ~ 10th
Mr. LaShawn X. Austin ~ 11th
Ms. Angela Y. Greene ~ 11th
Mr. Nicholas A. Smith ~ 11th
Ms. Margaret D. Browne ~ 13th
Mrs. Yvonne D. Rayside-Reid ~ 13th
Mr. Clyde B. Collins ~ 14th
Ms. Alma Deane ~ 15th
Mrs. Eucille E. Hinds ~ 16th
Mr. Sylvester A. Jones ~ 17th
Mrs. Marilyn Watkins-Ramdin ~ 17th
Ms. Wyndeen M. Ward ~ 20th
Ms. Gloria P. Collins ~ 21st
Ms. Cerys Francis-Thornhill ~ 22nd
Mrs. Lynette A. M. Francis-Thornhill ~ 22nd

Mr. Clarence C. Sobers ~ 22nd
Mr. Arlington DaC. Watson ~ 23rd
Ms. Coral H. Martin ~ 25th
Ms. Olga E. Marshall ~ 30th
Mr. Wilbur Belle ~ 31st
Mrs. Jeanette Rollock ~ 31st



May God bless and strengthen you.



National Award: Heartiest congratulations to Dr. Kenneth George, Chief Medical Officer, who was conferred the nation's highest honour, the Order of Freedom of Barbados, on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of Barbados' Independence.



The Sick:



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...**



Bereavement: We extend sincere condolences to the family of the late Ms. Margaret Archer, sister of Mrs. Chloe Grant, Verger of St. Michael's Cathedral, and aunt of Mr. Renaldo Grant. We thank God for her

life, work, and witness among us.

May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.



Recovery: We give thanks to God for the recovery of the Rev'd Dr. Marcus Lashley and the Rev'd Canon Coleridge Darlington from their recent illness.



CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, 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

Preacher:

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

‘A Blue Christmas Service’ is held in remembrance of deceased persons as a source of comfort and inspiration for their families. Families are invited to attend the service and to hang a white dove on the tree in remembrance of loved ones who have passed in recent time. (Doves will be provided.)



Wednesday, December 8th, 2021

10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Sunday December 12th, 2021

**(Gaudete Sunday: Symbolic of joy and gladness in the
promised Redemption)**

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



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NOTES:

Advent Word Search

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A	Y	A	D	V	I	M	P	D	H	O	P
R	J	O	S	E	P	H	E	L	O	V	E
Y	E	B	A	N	C	O	A	E	O	G	A
P	S	X	G	T	H	P	C	S	P	K	C
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Y	S	Q	P	U	R	P	L	E	X	R	A

Words to Find

Words can be found left to right and up and down.

- Advent
- Wreath
- Candles
- Purple
- Hope
- Peace
- Joy
- Love
- Mary
- Joseph
- Jesus



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