



St. Michael's Cathedral

Services

for

The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of our Lord

Sunday, January 9th , 2022

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.

Dean

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

Precentor

The Rev'd Canon George Knight, B.Min.

Assistant Priest

The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn, B. Sc; B.A.

Organist/Choirmaster

Mr. John F. Bryan, B.Sc., BMus.

Organist

Mr. Eric Cobham, B.Sc., BMus

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Mrs. Chloe Grant

Assistant Vergers

Ms. Harriet Lowe



The First Sunday after the Epiphany: **YEAR C**

The Baptism of our Lord

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President and Preacher:

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon George Knight

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Judy King



AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL

ANNOUNCEMENT

Emergency Management (COVID-19) Churches (No. 25) Directive, 2022

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 PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn ~ 271**

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with light and comfort from above;
be thou our guardian, thou our guide,
o'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,
and make us know and choose thy way;
plant holy fear in every heart,
that we from God may ne'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living way,
nor let us from his pastures stray;
lead us to holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heaven, that we may share
fullness of joy for ever there;
lead us to God, our final rest,
to be with him for ever blest.

Words: Simon Browne (1680-1732), with others

Opening Sentence **“Epiphany”**

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For the God who said, “Out of darkness light shall shine,”
has caused his light to shine in our hearts, the light which is

knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

11 Corinthians 4:6

THE INVOCATION

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PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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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: *“The First Sunday after the Epiphany:”* Page 160
Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptised into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: **Isaiah 43:1-7**

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Jeanette Rollock

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Valdine Browne

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Isaiah, the forty-third chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm
you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

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- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the blessing 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: Acts 8:14-17

Lector: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Jeanette Rollock
9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Valdine Browne

A reading from the Word of God written in the Acts of the Apostles, the eighth chapter, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn** ~ 538

O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.

Still let me prove thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Gospeller:

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Sermon:

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

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.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Harriet Godding

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Margaret Aimey

First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our
Lord

LEADER: Lord, this is our prayer:

ALL: Help us to know and to do your will.

Loving Father, through your Son Jesus we have become your sons and daughters. We pray for the Church, for our Archbishop Howard; Michael our Diocesan Bishop; and for Wilfred retired Bishop of Croydon, Rufus retired Bishop of Barbados, and John retired Bishop of Barbados and retired Archbishop of the Church in the Province of the West Indies; for the Diocese of the North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba (NECA) as they prepare to meet in an Elective Synod on January 14th; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we remember the Anglican Church of Chile; and we pray your blessing upon this Cathedral Church, Dean Jeffrey, Canon George, Rev'd Stephanie-Ann, and all who work and worship here.

LEADER: Lord, this is our prayer:

ALL: Help us to know and to do your will.

We pray for those baptized in your Church, especially those who are being nurtured in the ministry of the Sunday School: that they may follow you all their lives; and that we, by our words, prayers and example, may show them the love and joy of faith.

LEADER: Lord, this is our prayer:

ALL: Help us to know and to do your will.

We pray for those of your children who are treated as less than human: those who suffer from abuse, neglect, poverty and discrimination. We pray that those who make policy and implement programmes would seek dignity and freedom and promote justice and the opportunity for happiness for all humanity.

LEADER: Lord, this is our prayer:

ALL: Help us to know and to do your will.

We pray for those of our brothers and sisters who are suffering or in any kind of distress: for the sick; and for members who are in the Senior Citizen's Homes.

We pray too for the disabled in mind or body and for those filled with regret or guilt; that the Spirit of God may guide those who seek to help, to heal and to comfort.

LEADER: Lord, this is our prayer:

ALL: Help us to know and to do your will.

We pray for those who have occasions of celebration in their lives: for those who celebrate birthdays, those known to us ..., and any other persons who will be celebrating a birthday

during this week; grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in you all their days. We pray too for couples who celebrate an anniversary of marriage ... lead them further in companionship with each other and with you.

LEADER: Lord, this is our prayer:

ALL: Help us to know and to do your will.

We pray for those who take counsel on behalf of the Nations of the world: for the Lord's guidance on this country's General Elections scheduled for January 19th; and that openness, honesty and respect for others would prevail in the campaign.

LEADER: Lord, this is our prayer:

ALL: Help us to know and to do your will.

We pray for those who have died: especially...; according to your promises, grant to all who rest in Christ, refreshment, light and peace; and grant to the bereaved the Spirit of faith, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience.

LEADER: Lord, this is our prayer:

ALL: Help us to know and to do your will.

And finally, we pray for ourselves, for those who are tossed by temptation and doubt about what you want them to do. That in obedience to you we may discover the right tasks for us and serve you with heart and soul and mind. We pray that in joy we may work together for the coming of your kingdom of love.

LEADER: Lord, this is our prayer:

ALL: Help us to know and to do your will.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Let us pray together.

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home; bless our homes and help our families to live together in your love. Teach us to serve you and each other, and make us always ready to show your love to those with needs; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from Companion to the Lectionary. Volume 4. Prayers of Intercession, Christine Odell, EPWORTH PRESS 1987.

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 A

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 "A"

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PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised 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.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory **Hymn ~ 104**

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem,
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding-guest,
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine:
anthems be to thee address
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;

Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the Judge appear:
thou by all wilt be confest,
God in Man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany;
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

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 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 thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

PROPER PREFACE “Epiphany”

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Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Because in coming to dwell among us as man, He revealed the radiance of His glory, and brought us out of darkness into His own marvellous light.

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!

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 for 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 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 “A” Page 145

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 COMMUNION

The Invitation “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 ~ 251**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

*He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains

shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing:
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
his changeless name of love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER "A" Page 147

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 gives 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 “Epiphany”

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Christ, the Son of God gladden your hearts with good news of His kingdom; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 387**

To God be the glory! Great things he hath done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life Gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory;
great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;

the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (Frances van Alstyne (1820-1915))

THE DISMISSAL

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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.)*



The First Sunday after the ~ Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Comment: *“When you pass through the waters, do not fear,
for I am with you”*

In this prophetic reading, **the Lord assures Israel that they are God’s chosen people. They are not to fear, God will save them.** It is the time of the end of the exile, and God, who created the servant Israel, now promises to deliver the Lord’s own out of all their troubles. Sons and daughters will be summoned from the ends of the earth—everyone called by God’s name and formed for God’s glory.

Psalm 29

The majesty of God is described in the likeness of a thunderstorm: the Lord is mighty over land and sea.

Second Reading (**The Epistle**): Acts 8:14-17

Comment: *“Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit”*

In this New Testament account, we hear of **the spread of the early church as converts are received from among the Samaritans.** Many Jews would have felt ethnic tension and even animosity toward Samaritans. Peter and John travel to Samaria and lay their hands upon the converts, that they might receive the Holy Spirit and know the fullness of God’s presence and power. The Lord’s Spirit continues to work in surprising ways, surmounting cultural barriers and traditional enmities as the gospel continues its progress.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Comment: *“The baptism of Jesus with the descent of
the Holy Spirit”*

Our gospel is **the story of Jesus’ baptism.** Some people expected that John the Baptist might be the Christ, but he points to a yet mightier one to come whose baptism will be

decisive. A voice from heaven speaks to him in words that echo ancient oracles concerning the king and the calling of the Lord's chosen servant.

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.

1. **Retirement:** Sincere thanks to Ms. Armel Marshall, Administrative Assistant whose retirement took effect on December 31, 2021. Ms. Marshall served in the post from April 1, 2017 and provided valuable support to the Dean and Staff, and managed several operations which enhanced the ministry, mission and maintenance of the Cathedral. Best wishes to Ms. Marshall for a happy retirement.

2. **Appointment:** Ms. Arlene Miller has been recruited to serve as Administrative Assistant with effect from Monday, January 3, 2022. Ms. Miller comes to the post after many years of service as an accomplished Executive Assistant in the tourism industry. Ms. Marshall has kindly consented to assist Ms. Miller in transitioning to her role and duties as a

church administrator. We cordially welcome Ms. Miller and pray God's blessing upon her ministry.

3. Meantime, also note The SMCFA will host its annual City Outreach on Friday, January 14, 2022, between 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. The COVID-19 Unit will call to arrange a site visit to advise on the management of the event. The food will be boxed and distributed from the meeting room and the care packages will be handed out from a tent on the outside. Like last year, there will be no eating on the premises and all the COVID-19 protocols will be enforced.



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 741, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 2, and the readings for Sunday are Psalms 121, 122 and 123, Isaiah 45:14-19; Colossians 1:24-27; for Monday, January 10th, 2022, the readings are Jerimiah 23:1-8; Psalm 138, 139:1-17; and Colossians 2:8-23; and for the rest of the week as follows on page 741.



THEME FOR THE WEEK

“Through the revealing of himself, God reshapes our world.”



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating
birthdays this week 9th to 15th January 2022***

Ms. Beatrice R. Lavia ~ 9th

Ms. Rosemary Marshall ~ 10th

Ms. Marcia Y. Watson ~ 10th (Shut-In)

Mr. Harry T. Hutson ~ 12th

Mr. Keith Gill ~ 13th

Ms. Heather R. Browne ~ 15th

Mr. Ajani Yarde ~ 15th



May God bless and strengthen you.



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,
and Ms. Marcia Watson .*

I pray to the Almighty
to bring you healing
and a speedy
recovery...
**Get Well
Soon...**



Sick & Shut-in



Monica Asgill, Eudine Best, Monte
Blenman, Rodney Bramao,
Elmina Branch-Butler, Elsie Brunson,
Clarissa Carrington, Dorothy Carrington,
Olive Clarke, Gloria Griffith, Ismay
Cave, Mr. Justice Errol Chase, Mildred
Cox-Inniss, Ruby Downes, Muriel Foster,

Gwendolyn Franklyn, Beryl Giles, Olga Holder, Muriel
Hutson, Dorothy Jarvis, Milroy King, Ina Lashley, Olga
Marshall, Ernesta Mayers, Lawrence Mayers, Audrey
Miller, Sheila McCollin, Marlene Moore, Dorothy Morris,
Edise Morris, Ivan Newton, Rosalind Nurse, Elnor
Patterson, Marie Prescott, Sheila Sealy, Veronica Sealy,
Phyllis Springer, Mary Walcott, Joan Walrond, Lucille
Ward, Marcia Watson, Audrey Weekes, Aileen White,
Ezekiel Wood, Ernesta Yarde and Eudora Yearwood.



Bereavement: We extend sincere
condolences to the family of the late Mr.
Ronald Wilkinson; and the family of Mrs.
Margaret Best-Grant on the passing of her
grandson Jamarion Mapp. We thank God for

their lives, work, and witness among us.

May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.



CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday, January 9th, 2022

The First Sunday after the Epiphany:

The Baptism of Our Lord

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, January 12th, 2022

10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Next Sunday, January 16th, 2022

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany:

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



NOTES:

Count Your Blessings

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| mean | deeds | lean | years |
| fears | courage | tears | smiles |
| foes | friends | woes | joys |
| losses | gains | crosses | blessings |

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