

# St. Michael's Cathedral

# Services for The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 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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7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist President and Preacher The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight Preacher: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw



AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL

### ANNOUNCEMENT

# Emergency Management (COVID-19) Churches (No. 26) 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 ~ 321

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns; the prisoner leaps to lose his chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

> Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), 1719 and Edward Denny (1796-1889), alt.

Opening Sentence *"Epiphany"* Page 98 God chose to make known how great among the nations are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. *Colossians 1:27* 

# THE INVOCATION

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.

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#### THE KYRIES

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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany"* Page 161 Let us pray

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

# First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Alicia White 9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donnah Russell, Church Army

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Nehemiah, the eighth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand: and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

LECTOR:	The Word of the Lord.
All:	Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 19 Caeli enarrant

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- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.
- 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: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Lector: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Alicia White 9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donnah Russell, Church Army

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

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eve, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the

greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

LECTOR:	The Word of the Lord.
ALL:	Thanks be to God.

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 286** 

O Spirit of the living God, in all the fullness of thy grace, wherever human foot hath trod, descend on our rebellious race.

Give tongues of fire and hearts of love to preach the reconciling word; give power and unction from above, whene'er the joyful sound is heard.

Be darkness, at thy coming, light; confusion, order in thy path; souls without strength inspire with might, bid mercy triumph over wrath.

O Spirit of the Lord, prepare the whole round earth her God to meet; breathe thou abroad like morning air, till hearts of stone begin to beat.

Baptize the nations; far and nigh the triumphs of the cross record; the name of Jesus glorify till every kindred call him Lord.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:14-21
Gospellers:
7:00 A.M. ~ The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn
9:00 A.M. ~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, the fourth chapter, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

# ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
> He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ. ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Sermon: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

#### 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 Form "H" Page 120 Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Joy-anne Blackman Jarvis 9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Small, Church Army The Intercessor

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Hong Kong; and in this week of prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for the Barbados Christian Council, the World Council of Churches, and ecumenical relations everywhere.

Silence

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy.

### ALL: Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace: that we may honour one another and serve the common good. We pray for our nation, in the aftermath of the recently held General Election; we pray for the government and for the opposition, and for a spirit of discernment and collaboration about the way forward.

Silence

# LEADER: Lord, in your mercy. ALL: Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy.

# ALL: Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially we remember individuals celebrating a birthday, those known to us: Marcia L Bridgeman, Shirley L. Hurley, Janis A. Griffith, Danita V. Layne, Aldon C. H. Browne, Shernelle A. O'Neale, Rosalyn Sealy, Judith A. Parris, and Margaret A. Watson; and for couples celebrating an anniversary of marriage; grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us.

Silence

LEADER: Lord in your mercy.

# ALL: Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; in particular, we remember persons affected by the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy.

# ALL: Hear our prayer.

Silence

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Jamarion Mapp; and those whose Year's Mind falls at this time. We rejoice that they are now full inheritors of your promises; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. LEADER: Lord, in your mercy. **ALL: Hear our prayer.** 

Silence

# THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

THE PRESIDENT:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 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

# 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"** Page 124

# 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 ~ 392, vs 5 omitted

When morning gilds the skies,

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my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised: alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised.

Whene'er the sweet church bell peals over hill and dell, may Jesus Christ be praised: O hark to what it sings, as joyously it rings, may Jesus Christ be praised.

My tongue shall never tire of chanting with the choir, may Jesus Christ be praised: this song of sacred joy, it never seems to cloy, may Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find, may Jesus Christ be praised: or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this, may Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised: be this the eternal song through ages all along, may Jesus Christ be praised.

Words: anonymous from Beim Frühen Morgenlicht, in Katholisches Gesangbuch, Würzburg, c1744, German; translation: Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

#### 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.

<b>THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER</b> Page 12
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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:

**PROPER PREFACE "Epiphany"**Page 127Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Because in coming to<br/>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!

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING "A"

# 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; Page 131

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 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"

### 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

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 ~ 608

My God, and is thy table spread, and doth thy cup with love o'erflow?

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Thither be all thy children led, and let them all thy sweetness know.

Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes, rich banquet of his flesh and blood! Thrice happy he who here partakes that sacred stream, that heavenly food.

Why are its dainties all in vain before unwilling hearts displayed? Was not for them the Victim slain? Are they forbid the children's Bread?

O let thy table honoured be, and furnished well with joyful guests; and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the god whom heaven and earth adore, from men and from the angel-host be praise and glory evermore.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

#### 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 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 "Epiphany" Page 150

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 ~ 496

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design? In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine. 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above so free, so infinite his grace - emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night; thine eye diffused a quickening ray -I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart was free. I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine! Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine. Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

#### 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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Year C

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

**Comment:** "*Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*" Our first lesson recalls a great day in the history of Israel: in the restored city of Jerusalem Ezra gathers the people together so that they may hear and understand the law of Moses. It would seem that many of the people were unfamiliar with their traditions, and this reading may have taken place at a time when their laws and stories had been newly gathered together and edited. We note the people's reverence for their scriptures, and the manner in which they are not only read but also expounded to them, probably in their own language of Aramaic, since the law was written in Hebrew.

#### Psalm 19

A hymn which glorifies the Creator God, with special praise for God's law and a prayer for avoidance of sin.

#### Second Reading (The Epistle): 1 Corinthians 12:12-31A

#### Comment: "You are the body of Christ"

In this passage, Paul describes Christians as the body of Christ. Each individual is a necessary part of the body. Against any tendencies toward disunity, it must be remembered that all have been baptized into one body and have drunk of one Spirit. Just as there are different organs and limbs of the human body, so individuals have different abilities and ministries. But none can be dispensed with. They are all joined together to care for one another. The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

**Comment:** *"Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah"* 

In our gospel story, Jesus returns to Galilee and enters the synagogue in Nazareth. Here he gives what has been called his inaugural sermon. He reads from the book of the prophet Isaiah. These words offer hope and good news to the poor, and tell of healing and freedom for the oppressed. This time, Jesus says, has begun.

# CATHEDRAL NEWS

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**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 753, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 2, and the readings for Sunday are Psalms 63:1-8, and 98; Genesis 13:2-18; Mark 7:31-37, for Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the readings are Genesis 14:(1-7)8-24; Psalms 41 and 52; and John 4:43-54, and for the rest of the week as follows on page 753.



THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"The Word of the Lord touches our hearts and judges our life."* 



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week  $23^{rd} \sim 29^{th}$ , January 2022 Ms. Marcia L Bridgeman ~  $23^{rd}$ Mrs. Shirley L. Hurley ~  $23^{rd}$ Ms. Janis A. Griffith ~  $26^{th}$ Mrs. Danita V. Layne ~  $27^{th}$ Mrs. Danita V. Layne ~  $27^{th}$ Mrs. Shernelle A. O'Neale  $27^{th}$ Mrs. Shernelle A. O'Neale  $27^{th}$ Mrs. Judith A. Parris ~  $29^{th}$ Mrs. Margaret A. Watson ~  $29^{th}$ 



May God bless and strengthen you.



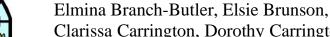
The Sick:



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, Ina and Elma Lashley; Mr. Blair Murray, Mrs. Eleanor Small, Ms. Phyllis Reece, Ms. Winifred Trotman, Mr. Arlington Watson, and Ms. Marcia Watson.



Sick & Shut-in Monica Asgill, Eudine Best, Monte Blenman, Rodney Bramao,



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, Elma and Ina Lashlev, 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 Sealv, Veronica Sealy, Phyllis Reece, 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 Mrs. Margaret Best-Grant, on the passing of her grandson Jamarion Mapp. We thank God for his life, work, and witness among us.

May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.

#### **CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

Today, Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany: 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul 12:15 P.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

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Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

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Next Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

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