

## St. Michael's Cathedral

Services for

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

## Sunday, January 30<sup>th</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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## The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: YEAR C

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist **President and Preacher** The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn BSc., B.A., 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist **President and Preacher** The Rev'd Canon George Knight, B. Min. Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Judy King

to Our Church

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 before entering the Cathedral Hands and before Communion.

The cooperation of everyone is required

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### THE PREPARATION

## Organ Prelude

## The Opening **Hymn** ~ 270

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Words: Bianco da Siena (13??-1434), from Discendi, amor santo, Italian; translation: Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

Opening Sentence "Epiphany"

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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

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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.

## **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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany" Page 161 Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10

**Lectors: 7:00 A.M.** ~ Ms. Renee Thomas **9:00 A.M.** ~ Mrs. Mary Weekes

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

The word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

Psalm 71:1-6 Page 556

## In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Lector: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Renee Thomas
9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Mary Weekes

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

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I

know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 268** 

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost, taught by thee, we covet most of thy gifts at Pentecost, holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long, love is meek, and thinks no wrong, love than death itself more strong; therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day; love will ever with us stay; therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight; hope be emptied in delight; love in heaven will shine more bight; therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see joining hand in hand agree; but the greatest of the three, and the best, is love. From the overshadowing of thy gold and silver wing shed on us, who to thee sing, holy, heavenly love.

> Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), based on 1 Corinthians 13 and Psalm 68:13

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

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 the fourth chapter, beginning at the twenty-first verse.

## **ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour**

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue at Nazareth: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at

Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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.** 

## THE PRESENTATION of the INITIAL OFFERING

## Hymn ~ 539

Take my life, and let it be

consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine: it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart: it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

The Dean blesses the Offering

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS Form "H"**

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**Intercessors: 7:00 A.M.** ~ Mrs. Shernelle Nelson 9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Danita Layne

#### 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 Church of the province of the Indian Ocean.

#### 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.

## 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 especially for the President, the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice, the members of the Cabinet, and all members of Parliament.

## 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 the resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.

Silence

LEADER: Lord in your mercy.

## **ALL:** Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially as we remember individuals celebrating a birthday, those known to us: Juno, Marcelle, Sandra, Mary, Elain, Hyacinth, Kye and Richard, 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 Aileen White and Waple Welch 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

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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"** 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 ~ 457**O love, how deep! How broad! How high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

He sent no angel to our race of higher or of lower place, but wore the robe of human frame himself, and to this lost world came.

For us he was baptized, and bore his holy fast and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought, by words, and signs, and actions, thus still seeking not himself but us.

For us to wicked men betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign, for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

To him whose boundless love has won salvation for us through his Son, to God the Father, glory be both now and through eternity.

Words: Thomas a Kempis (c1380-1471), from Apparuit benignitas, in the form of a centro beginning O Amor, quam ecstaticus, 15<sup>th</sup> century, Latin; translation: Benjamin Webb (1819-1885)

## 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 you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

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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!

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING "A"

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## PRESIDENT:

All Holy and glorious Father, our Creator God, we give you thanks because in your loving wisdom you brought all things into being, and are truly worthy of praise from every creature you have made.

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

Through your Son, Jesus Christ who took our human nature upon Him you have redeemed the world from the bondage of sin: and by the power of your Holy Spirit you have gathered a people to yourself, to make known in every place His perfect offering which He made to the glory of your Name. Hear us, therefore, Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; And grant that these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us His Body and Blood.

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

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

## PRESIDENT:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

### **ALL:**

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

## PRESIDENT:

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

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

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

Confirm us in holiness, that we may be found ready to join the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles, and all your saints, when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again: Forever giving you thanks and praise through Him from whom all good things do come. With Him and in Him and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, in songs of everlasting praise:

#### ALL

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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#### PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

### **ALL:**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done
on earth as 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 ~ 226

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire? let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir. Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high; ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace; a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be.

How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere; thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

Words: John Mason (c1645-1694)

## **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"

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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 ~ 219

God is love: let heaven adore him; God is love: let earth rejoice; let creation sing before him, and exalt him with one voice. He who laid the earth's foundation, he who spread the heavens above, he who breathes through all creation, he is love, eternal love.

God is love: and he enfoldeth all the world in one embrace;

with unfailing grasp he holdeth every child of every race. And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, then they find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.

God is love: and though with blindness sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving-kindness holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.

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

## First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

## Comment: "From the opening lesson we hear the story of the calling of Jeremiah to be a profit of the Lord".

Jeremiah protests that he is inadequate to the task, but the Lord promises to be with him. He has been chosen to prophesy destruction and exile for Judah. Yet he will also help his people find a faith which can survive without city and sanctuary until they are one day brought back to Jerusalem.

#### Psalm 71: 1-6

A Prayer that God will continue to be one's refuge and stronghold.

Second Reading (**The Epistle**): 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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

In this Epistle lesson Paul continues his discussion of spiritual gifts by placing them all within the context of the greatest gift of love. Unless the members of the church are anchored in the love of God found in Christ, all other gifts and expressions of the Holy Spirit are without value. The love of God is both the source and end of all spiritual gifts. Faith and hope, too, are chief among the gifts, but the measure of all things is love.

## The Holy Gospel:

Comment: "Jesus began to say to those in the synagogue...".

In our gospel we hear how Jesus encounters opposition in the synagogue in his own town of Nazareth. The congregation admires his words, but is also perplexed because they know his human origins. Jesus recognises that people are unlikely to expect a prophet from among their own, and he reminds them how Elijah and Elisha did certain of their miracles for non-Jews. These illustrations (which point to the later ministry of Christianity to the Gentiles) deeply disturb the congregation, and Jesus is forced to leave for Capernaum to continue his ministry.

## **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.

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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 24 and 29; Genesis 18:16-33; Mark 8:22-30, and for Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 2022, the readings are Genesis 19:1-

17(18-23), (24-29); Psalm 56, 57 and (58); and John 6:27-40, and for the rest of the week as follows on page 754.



#### THEME FOR THE WEEK

We are responsible for the exercise of the gifts God has given us.



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week  $30^{th}$  January  $\sim 5^{th}$  February, 2022

Mrs. Juno C. Burrows ~ 31st

Ms. Marcelle Y. Rayside ~ 31st

Ms. Sandra I. Daniel ~ 1st

Mrs. Mary E. Weekes ~ 1st

Ms. Elain N. Frank  $\sim 2^{nd}$ 

Mrs. Hyacinth Wood  $\sim 2^{nd}$ 

Mr. Kye W. Alleyne  $\sim 3^{rd}$ 

Mr. Richard A. Rollock ~ 4th



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.



**African Heritage:** February will be observed as African Heritage Month. Worship will reflect the celebration in music, sermons, decorations and liturgy. In addition, worshippers are asked to wear African attire.



### St. Michael Centre for Faith and Action

**SMCFA:** The Annual Dean's Lecture will be presented on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. It will be delivered by The Very Rev'd Dr. Shelly-Ann Tenia, Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. The topic will be "Public faith in the new Republic". Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86233003084?pwd=eXpoWKYxd0ZFUXUvTldoUkdrWDA1Zz09

Meeting ID: 862 3300 3084 Passcode: 933511



**Initial Offering:** In pursuance of stewardship as a way of life, members are asked to contribute to the financing of the Cathedral by laying aside, weekly or monthly, a percentage of their income (1Cor.16:2). A good way to begin the year is by the use of the Initial Offering envelope, which is symbolic of 'first fruits' being presented to God. Sincere thanks to all; and may God's blessings be in abundance.



**Confirmation Class:** Preparation for Confirmation will commence on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The sessions will be conducted online, Zoom Communication. Meeting ID: 831 450 53116; Passcode: CON2022

Registration forms are available for persons who have not yet registered.



**Bereavement:** We extend sincere condolences to the families of Mrs. Aileen White, and Ms. Waple Welch. We thank God for their life, work, and witness among

us.

May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.



#### CATHEDRAL WORSHIP

## Today 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



## Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 The Presentation of Our Lord

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



Next Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – African Heritage Day
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

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