

St. Michael's Cathedral
The Nativity of Our Lord ~
Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022
11:45 P.M.



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

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE

11:45 P.M.

SUNG EUCHARIST

**President and Preacher:
The Rev'd Canon George Knight**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE BLESSING OF THE CRIB

Introit Hymn ~ 642 “Away in a manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRESIDENT:

The glory of the Lord has been revealed:

ALL: And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

The Christ Candle is now lit with the words:

PRESIDENT:

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

The four other candles are lit from the centre and all say:

ALL: We beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

All praise to you, Eternal Father, giver of all good things; you have filled our hearts with joy at the wonder of your love. Christ, your Son from eternity, now is born in time. Alleluia, Christ is born!

ALL: Alleluia, Christ is born!

The Opening Hymn ~ 61 “Christians, awake! Salute the happy morn,”

Christians, awake! Salute the happy morn,
whereon the Saviour of the world was born;
rise to adore the mystery of love,
which hosts of angels chanted from above:
with them the joyful tidings first begun
of God incarnate and the Virgin’s Son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
who heard the angelic herald’s voice, ‘Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Saviour’s birth
to you and all the nations upon earth:
this day hath God fulfilled his promised word,
this day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.’

He spake; and straightway the celestial choir
in hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;
the praises of redeeming love they sang,
and heaven’s whole orb with alleluias rang:
God’s highest glory was their anthem still,
peace upon earth, and unto men good will.

To Bethlehem straight the enlightened shepherds ran,
to see the wonder God had wrought for man,
and found, with Joseph and the blessèd Maid,
her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid:
then to their flocks, still praising God, return,

and their glad hearts with holy rapture burn.

O may we keep and ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;
trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,
from his poor manger to his bitter cross;
tread in his steps, assisted by his grace,
till man's first heavenly state again takes place.
Then may we hope, the angelic hosts among,
to sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song:
he that was born upon this joyful day
around us all his glory shall display;
saved by his love, incessant we shall sing
eternal praise to heaven's almighty King.

Words: John Byram (1692-1763), alt. Yorkshire

THE EUCHARIST

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One;
You alone are the Lord;
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT: “*Christmas Day*”

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Let us pray.

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector: Ms. Donnah Russell

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of the prophet Isaiah, the ninth chapter, beginning at the second verse.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96 Cantate Domino

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- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from
day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but
idols;
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King!
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

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: Titus 2:11-14

Lector: Ms. Alicia White

A reading from the Word of God written in the Epistle of Paul to Titus, the second chapter, beginning at the eleventh verse.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior,

Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn ~ 82 “O little town of Bethlehem,”

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;

but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in:
be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14

The Gospeller: **The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn**

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to

be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he
favors!"

GOSPELLER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

ALL: **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

The Sermon: 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 fulfillment 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.*

INTERCESSION PRAYERS “B”

Intercessor: **Ms. Danita Layne**

LEADER: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

ALL: That we all may be one.

LEADER: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

LEADER: We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;

ALL: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

LEADER: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

ALL: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

LEADER: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

ALL: That our works may find favour in your sight.

LEADER: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEADER: Give to the departed eternal rest;

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

LEADER: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

LEADER: Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

(Silence may be kept)

ALL:

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords to your will; and the good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(A period of silence shall be kept)

PRESIDENT: Let us therefore confess our sins

ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

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.

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP: “Let there be peace on earth”

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God our Creator
Children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Hymn ~ 77 “O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels:

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin’s womb;
very God, begotten, not created:

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above:
‘Glory to God in the highest:’

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing:

*Words: anonymous, from Adeste, fideles, 18th century,
Latin; translation: Frederick Oakley (1802-1880), alt.*

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

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(Please sit or kneel)

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;
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

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

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

THE 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 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** ~ 70 “It came upon the midnight clear,”

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
‘Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven’s all-glorious King!’
the world is solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats
o’er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing;
and ever o’er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel-strain have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and man, at war with man, hears not
the love-song which they bring:

O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophet-bards foretold,
when, with the ever-circling years,
comes round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Words: Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810-1876)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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President: The Lord be with you

ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Let us pray

ALL:

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

May we who share His Body live His risen life;

we who drink His cup bring life to others;

we upon whom your Spirit shines

give light to the world.

Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,

so we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your Name,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

ALL: Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional Hymn ~ 68 “Hark! The herald-angels sing”

Hark! The herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
‘Christ is born in Bethlehem.’

Refrain:

*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Refrain

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Refrain

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788),
with others*

The DISMISSAL

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Go in Peace and serve the Lord

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude (*Worshippers are invited to sit silently to listen to the voluntary but those who wish to leave at this point may do so quietly.*)

Thank you most sincerely for worshipping at the Cathedral this morning.

CHRISTMAS EVE

THEME FOR CHRISTMAS

“The mystery of the Nativity fulfills the expectancy of our Advents all year long.”

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Comment: *“A child is born for us”*

From the Hebrew Bible we hear a **hymn of thanksgiving and hope offered at the birth of a new king in Jerusalem**. The prophet hails the one born to be the ruler of his people. His reign will end oppression and bring justice, righteousness, and a lasting peace. Christians see these words coming to fulfillment in Jesus.

Psalm 96

A song of praise to the Lord in which the whole heavens and earth are invited to join.

Second Lesson (The Epistle): Titus 2:11-14

Comment: *“The grace of God has appeared”*

This New Testament reading speaks of **the two comings of Christ: first in his sacrificial ministry for all people and then in glory**. He has enabled his disciples to free themselves from ways of evil. Disciplined and eager to do good, they look forward to the fulfillment of the hope God has given to the world in Jesus.

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Comment: *“God with us”*

The Gospel presents **the story of the birth of Jesus**. He is born amid very humble human circumstances. A government registration programme requires Joseph and

Mary to go to Bethlehem, the city of David. Because there was no other place for them to stay, Mary lays her new son in a stable manger. An angel then appears to shepherds and announces the joyful news of the Saviour's birth.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: 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.

GIFT APPEAL TO DATE: Please note that so far the sum of thirteen thousand, six hundred and ninety-two dollars and seventy-three cents (\$13,692.73) has been received. Members and friends who have not yet made their contribution are asked to do so as soon as possible. The gift box will remain in place. Thanks!



SICK: Please remember the sick and injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Carmen Boakye-Cofie, Margaret Browne, Elsie Brunson, Chesterfield A. Benjamin, Colleen Byer, Courtney Carrington, Darwin Clarke, Kevin Gill, Alice P. Hall, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Ernesta Mayers, Blair Murray, Clyde Outram, Sylvester "Blues" Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Phyllis Springer, June Stuart, Winifred Trotman, and George Yearwood.



BEREAVEMENT: We extend sincere condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Marie Prescott, aunt of Mrs. Joannell Oxley-Worrell and Ms. Marcia Oxley. May they experience the blessedness of those who mourn.

FLORAL TRIBUTES: Sincere thanks to all who have donated towards the flowers at Christmas for the festival, birthdays and in memory of their loved ones. They are Margaret Best-Grant, Martin Haynes, Adrien and Beverley Jones, Helena Lyte and sister June Taylor.

STEWARDSHIP: The envelopes for 2023 will be available for collection from Sunday, January 1, 2023.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Sincere thanks to Ms. Deidre Cox for her donation of a Whirlpool Refrigerator (18 cubic ft), a Lap Top Computer and an Office Chair to the Cathedral. The computer and the chair are for the use of the Assistant Priest, as office facilities are being prepared for her ministry. The Dean, other Clergy, Parochial Church Council and congregation take this opportunity to record their appreciation to Ms. Cox for her generosity.

ACTING PRESIDENT OF BARBADOS:

Members are asked to note that the Dean, the Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey Gibson was sworn in as Acting President of Barbados on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. He will serve during the absence of Her Excellency The Most

Honourable Dame Sandra Mason, President of Barbados, who will be on vacation leave from December 20, 2022 to January 3, 2023.

During this period the Dean will be on leave from pastoral duties. The Rev'd Dr. Marcus Lashley will serve as Priest-in-Charge of the Cathedral. The Rev'd Canon George Knight and the Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn will continue to serve in their usual capacities.



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES IN
THE CATHEDRAL**

**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas
Sunday, December 25, 2022**

CHRISTMAS DAY:

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Presider and Preacher:

The Rev'd Stephanie Ann Wedderburn

9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist

Presider and Preacher:

The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell



Wednesday, December 28, 2022
The Feast of the Holy Innocents
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 31, 2022
11:00 P.M. Watch night Service

Sunday, January 1, 2023
The Feast of the Holy Name
7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist



Epiphany Carol Service

Saint Michael's Cathedral
Sunday, 22nd January 2023
6:00 p.m.



No admission charge
An offering will be taken.

*The service is preceded
by a half hour of
organ music*

Congratulations to all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week:

Mrs. Coral H. Martin ~ 25

Ms. Tricia Collins ~ 27

Ms. Olga E. Marshall ~ 30

Mr. Wilbur Belle ~ 31

Mrs. Jeanette Rollock ~ 31



May God bless and strengthen you.



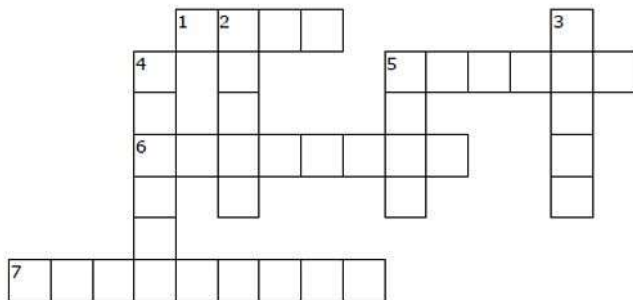
**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
(December 25-31, 2022)**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
Christmas Day Sunday	Psalms 2, 85 Zechariah 2:10-13 John 4:7-16	Psalms 110:1-5(6-7), 132 Micah 4:1-5; 5:2-4 John 3:31-36
Saint Stephen Deacon & Martyr Monday	Psalms 28, 30 2 Chronicles 24:17-22 Acts 6:1-7	Psalm 118 Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15 Acts 7:59—8:8
Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist Tuesday	Psalms 97, 98 Proverbs 8:22-30 John 13:20-35	Psalm 145 Isaiah 44:1-8 1 John 5:1-12
The Holy Innocents Wednesday	Psalms 2, 26 Isaiah 49:13-23 Matthew 18:1-14	Psalms 19, 126 Isaiah 54:1-13 Mark 10:13-16
Thursday	Psalm 18:1-20 Isaiah 12:1-6 Revelation 1:1-8	Psalm 18:21-50 2 Samuel 23:13-17b John 7:37-52
Friday	Psalms 20, 21:1-7(8- 14) Isaiah 25:1-9 Revelation 1:9-20	Psalms 23, 27 1 Kings 17:17-24 John 7:53—8:11
Saturday	Psalms 45, 48 Isaiah 26:1-9 2 Corinthians 5:16— 6:2 John 8:12-19	Eve of the Holy Name Psalm 90 Isaiah 65:15b-25 Revelation 21:1-6

The Birth of Jesus

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (KJV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 2:1-20



ACROSS

1. An infant or very young child
5. The place where Mary laid the baby Jesus
6. A person who takes care of sheep
7. The city where Jesus was born

DOWN

2. Heavenly being that told the shepherds about Jesus' birth
3. The savior of the world
4. The earthly father of Jesus
5. The mother of Jesus

JOSEPH	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY
MARY	SHEPHERD	JESUS	MANGER



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