

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M.



FOURTH SUNDAY

OF

Advent

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

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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR A**

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight

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

Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdene Browne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

The Introit/Opening **Hymn ~ 251** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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

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

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

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

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

his name shall stand for ever,
his changeless name of love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ADVENT 4 — LOVE

The Leader reads a sentence:

The Lord has bared his Holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
(Isaiah 52:10)

He/she then lights the appropriate number of candles in silence.

Leader: Our Lord says, ‘surely I come quickly.’

Response: Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

After a short pause the Leader says:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: We bless you, Eternal Father, giver of all good things; for you sent your Son into the world not to condemn, but that the world might be saved through him. Help us to celebrate His birth with joy and faith, that we may be drawn close to Him, God with us, Christ our King.

All: Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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ALL: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIES

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect: *“The Fourth Sunday of Advent”* Page 158

Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at His coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16

LECTORS:

7:00 A.M.: Mr. Victor Gittens

9:00 A.M.: Mrs. Margaret Fraser-Morrison

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of the prophet Isaiah, the seventh chapter, beginning at the tenth verse.

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Qui regis Israel

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;*
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,*
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts,*
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;*
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours,*
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,*
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you;*
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we
shall be saved.

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: Romans 1:1-7

LECTORS:

7:00 A.M.: Mrs. Helena Lyte

9:00 A.M.: Mrs. Lynette Francis-Thornhill

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, the first chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,

including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual **Hymn** ~ “Ye who own the faith of Jesus,”

Ye who own the faith of Jesus,
Sing the wonders that were done
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sin the victory won,
When he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son.

Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary full of grace.

Blessed were the chosen people
Out of whom the Lord did come;
Blessed was the land of promise
Fashioned for his earthly home;
But more blessed far the Mother,
She who bare him in her womb.

Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary full of grace.

Wherefore let all faithful people
Tell the honor of her name;
Let the Church, in her foreshadowed,
Part in her thanksgiving claim;

What Christ's mother sang in gladness
Let Christ's people sing the same.
Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary full of grace.

Let us weave our supplications,
She with us and we with her,
For th' advancement of the faithful,
For each faithful worshipper,
For the doubting, of the sinful,
For each heedless wanderer.
Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary full of grace.

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
Praise the everlasting Spirit,
Who hath made thee ark and throne;
O'er all creatures high exalted,
Lowly praise the Three in One.
Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary full of grace.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

GOSPELLERS:

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

9:00 A.M.: 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 Matthew,
the first chapter, beginning at the eighteenth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

THE GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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

(Please stand, as able)

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**

INTERCESSION FORM “B”

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INTERCESSORS:

7:00 A.M.: Ms. Shernelle O’Neal

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

The Bidding Prayer: Assisting Priest

Let us pray for the Church, the community and the world.

Lord in your love,
ALL: Hear our prayer.

(Please sit or kneel)

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.

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

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THE 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. (*1 John 1:8, 9*)

(A period of silence shall be kept)

THE PRESIDENT: Let us therefore confess our sins.

Form B

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ALL:

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

THE ABSOLUTION

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

ALL: Amen.

(Please stand as able)

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE “C”

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PRESIDENT:

The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL:

They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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 ~ 52** “The Advent of our King”

The Advent of our King
our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.

The Everlasting Son
incarnate deigns to be;
himself a servant’s form puts on,
to set his servants free.

Daughter of Sion, rise
to meet thy lowly King;
nor let thy faithless heart despise
the peace he comes to bring

As Judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
and his true members all unite
with him in heaven to reign.

Before the dawning day
let sin's dark deeds be gone;
the old man all be put away,
the new man all put on.

All glory to the Son
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever One,
through all eternity.

*Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749), from Instanti adventum Dei, Latin;
translation: John Chandler (1806-1876), and Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern.
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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:

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Him of eternal life; that when He shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold His appearing.

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

ALL:

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

(Please sit or kneel)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “C”

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PRESIDENT:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in
creation; in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and, above all, in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent Him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In Him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you,
In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

For, on the night that He was betrayed
He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples

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

PRESIDENT:

Therefore, Father, according to His command:

ALL:

We remember His death;
We proclaim His resurrection;
We await His coming in glory.

PRESIDENT:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the sacrament
of the Body of Christ

and His Blood of the New Covenant.
Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice
that we, made acceptable in Him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation:

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, now and ever.

ALL: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRESIDENT: As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:

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

**Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD “C” Page 145

PRESIDENT:

This is the true bread which comes from heaven

ALL:

Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

THE COMMUNION

The Invitation “C” Page 146

PRESIDENT:

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour
Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

ALL:

**We do not presume to come to this your table, most
merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but
only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy
to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are
the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore,
Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of
your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that**

with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.*

THE AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.



The Administration of Communion/Spiritual Communion

The Communion **Hymn ~ 751** “The God whom earth and sea and sky”

The God whom earth and sea and sky
adore and laud and magnify,
whose might they own, whose praise they tell,
in Mary's body deigned to dwell.

O mother blest, the chosen shrine
wherein the Architect divine,
whose hand contains the earth and sky,
vouchsafed in hidden guise to lie:

blest in the message Gabriel brought;
blest in the work the Spirit wrought;
most blest, to bring to human birth
the long-desired of all the earth.

O Lord, the virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Words: Venantius Fortunatus (530-600),
from *Quem terra, Pontus, aethera*, Latin;
translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.*

THE POST COMMUNION “C”

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ALL:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING “*Advent*”

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the Blessing of

God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 48** “O come, O come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel;
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan’s tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o’er the grave.

Refrain

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death’s dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Refrain

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

*Words: anonymous, from Veni, veni Emmanuel, 12th century, Latin;
translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866),
and Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern*

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THE DISMISSAL

THE PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

ALL: **And also with you.**

THE 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.

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR A**

THEME FOR THE WEEK

“The center of our life is the listening for the coming of the Saviour.”

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Comment “The sign of Emmanuel”

In the first lesson we hear that **the prophet Isaiah insists that king Ahaz of Judah will receive a sign from God, whether he wants it or not, the sign of a young woman bearing a son to be called Emmanuel.** Ahaz was more inclined to depend on political alliances than on the Lord, Isaiah prophesied that by the time the infant began to make his own choices, the Lord would destroy Judah’s immediate enemies. Christians have seen the ultimate fulfillment of these prophetic words in the birth of Jesus.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Comment: “Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved” (Ps.80:7)

A lament and a plea to the Lord, the shepherd of Israel, that God will turn away divine anger and restore the people.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Comment: “Paul’s greeting to the church at Rome”

Paul greets the new disciples in Rome and summarizes the gospel message. The prophecies concerning one to be descended from King David in human terms, and declared Son of God through the power of the Holy Spirit by resurrection from the dead, have been fulfilled. The Lord Jesus Christ has given grace and the commission of apostleship to bring peoples of all nations to faith and obedience.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Comment: “A God near at hand”

The gospel tells the story of **the birth of Jesus**. While she was betrothed to Joseph, Mary finds that she is bearing a child. But an angel tells Joseph not to fear: this is the work of the Holy Spirit. The baby is to be named Jesus, which means “The Lord saves.” The evangelist perceives this birth to be the fulfillment of an ancient prophecy which told of a virgin who would bear a son. The narrative makes clear the divine origin of this child who will save the people from their sins.

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 MONTH APPEAL TO DATE: Please note that so far the sum of thirteen thousand, four hundred and forty-two dollars and seventy-three cents (\$13,442.73) .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!

FLOWERS: As usual, there will be no floral arrangements during the Advent season; however, members are encouraged to make donations for the supply of flowers for Christmas. Contributions may be made in celebration of a personal event, in commemoration of a departed loved one, or to mark any other occasion in the life of a family. Thanks for your consideration.



SICK: Please remember the sick and injured of our Parish and wider community, especially 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, Winifred Trotman, and George Yearwood.



BEREAVEMENT: We extend sincere condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Marie Prescott, aunt of Mrs. Joanel Oxley-Worrell and Ms. Marcia Oxley and to the family of the late Mrs. Olga Holder, mother of Mrs. Dolores Hinds.

May they experience the blessedness of those who mourn.

DIOCESAN CALENDARS: The Diocesan Calendars for 2023 are available from the Cathedral Office during the week or on Sundays from the designated persons, at the price of \$6.00 each.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartiest congratulations to all persons who will be celebrating a birthday this week:

December 18 - 24, 2022

Mrs. Wyndeen M. Ward ~ 20

Mrs. Gloria P. Collins ~ 21

Mrs. Lynette A. M. Francis-Thornhill ~ 22

Mr. Arlington DaC. Watson ~ 23



LOOKING AHEAD!

A Christmas Concert will be held in the Frank Collymore Hall, Spry Street, Bridgetown on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. It will feature the Choirs of St. Michael's Cathedral, St. Barnabas and St. Mary; and The Myriad Singers of Barbados and The Barclay Singers. Free Tickets are available from the Frank Collymore Hall.



An Epiphany Carol Service will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.



SERMON NOTES

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Topic:.....
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Preacher:.....

Points to Ponder:

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What was God saying specifically to me during the Sermon?

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**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
(December 18-24, 2022)**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Fourth Sunday of Advent	Psalms 24, 29 Isaiah 42:1-12 Ephesians 6:10-20	Psalms 8, 84 Genesis 3:8-15 John 3:16-21
Monday	Psalms 61, 62 Isaiah 11:1-9 Revelation 20:1-10	Psalms 112, 115 Zephaniah 3:14-20 John 5:30-47
Tuesday	Psalms 66, 67 Isaiah 11:10-16 Revelation 20:11— 21:8	Psalms 116, 117 1 Samuel 2:1b-10 Luke 1:5-25
Wednesday Saint Thomas the Apostle	Psalms 23, 121 Job 42:1-6 1 Peter 1:3-9	Psalm 27 Isaiah 43:8-13 John 14:1-7
Thursday	Psalm 80 Isaiah 29:13-24 Revelation 21:22— 22:5	Psalms 146, 147 2 Samuel 7:18-29 Luke 1:39-48a (48b-56)
Friday	Psalms 93, 96 Isaiah 33:17-22 Revelation 22:6-11, 18-20	Psalms 148, 150 Baruch 4:21-29 Luke 1:57-66
Saturday	Psalms 45, 46 Isaiah 35:1-10 Revelation 22:12-17, 21 Luke 1:67-80	Psalm 89:1-29 Isaiah 59:15b-21 Philippians 2:5-11

An Angel Appears to Joseph

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. Matthew 1:24-25 (NIV)



Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

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

ANGEL
NAME
MARY

IMMANUEL
SON
JESUS

AFRAID
CHRIST
JOSEPH

DREAM
CHILD
VIRGIN

MARRY
BIRTH
HUSBAND

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Sunday, December 18, 2022
The Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, December 21, 2022
10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



The Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ: Christmas

Saturday, December 24, 2022
11:45 P.M. The Blessing of the Crib/Lighting of the
Christ Candle and Sung Eucharist



Sunday, December 25, 2022
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES IN THE CATHEDRAL

The Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ: Christmas

Saturday, December 24, 2022

**11:45 P.M. The Blessing of the Crib/Lighting of the
Christ Candle and Sung Eucharist**



Sunday, December 25, 2022

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, December 28, 2022

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

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