

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

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



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Saint Michael and All Angels
The Diocese of Barbados**

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**The Second Sunday of Advent
YEAR A**

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

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9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

The Introit/Opening **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

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translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866),
and Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern
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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
ADVENT 2 — PEACE

The Leader reads a sentence:

As the lighting comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of man.

(Matt.24:27)

He/She then lights the appropriate number of candles in silence

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

All: Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

After a short pause the Leader says:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader:

We bless you, Eternal Father, giver of all good things, for Jesus has come, humble and dependent, the babe in the manger. He will come again, glorious and resplendent for all humanity to see. Grant us in our daily living so to know Him that on that day we may rejoice to see Him, 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 Second Sunday of Advent” Page 157

PRESIDENT:

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

LECTORS:

7:00 A.M.: Ms. Mary Haynes, K.C.

9:00 A.M.: Mr. Samuel Maxwell, J.P.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Isaiah, the eleventh chapter, beginning at the first verse.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the
wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around
his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his
loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion
shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the
adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of
the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to
the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his
dwelling shall be glorious.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Deus, iudicium

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God,*
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously*
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the
people,*
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people;*
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,*
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown
field,*
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;*
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon
shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel,*
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!*
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.

**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 15:4-13

LECTORS:

7:00 A.M.: Ms. Renee Thomas

9:00 A.M.: Master Liam Francis-Thornhill

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

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance

with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the
Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 42** “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake, and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth’s own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,

whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749),
from Jordonis oras praevia, from Breviary, Paris, 1736, Latin;
translation: John Chandler (1806-1876), and
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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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 Matthew,
the third chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the

Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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.: Prof. Anne St. John, GCM

9:00 A.M.: Mr. John Moore (M.F)

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.

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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)

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** ~ “When Jesus came to Jordan”

When Jesus came to Jordan
To be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon.
But as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance
With all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence
With which good news begins.

He came to share temptation,
Our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation
To die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
On him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended,
The age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
To keep the vows we make,
This very day invade us,
And every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
The gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection
That leads to Pentecost.

Words by F.P. Green

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.

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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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 ~ 40** “Hark the glad sound! The
Saviour comes,”

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan’s bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

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 ~ 507** Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown”

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
when thou camest to earth for me;
but in Bethlehem’s home was there found no room
for thy holy Nativity:

Refrain:

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
there is room in my heart for thee.*

Heaven’s arches rang when the angels sang,
proclaiming thy royal degree;
but in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
and in great humility:

Refrain:

The foxes found rest, and the bird had its nest
in the shade of the cedar tree;
but thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God,
in the desert of Galilee:

Refrain:

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
that should set thy people free;
but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
they bore thee to Calvary:

Refrain:

When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing,
at thy coming to victory,
let thy voice call me home, saying, ‘Yet there is room,
there is room at my side for thee:’

Refrain:

Words: Emily Elizabeth Steele Elliot (1836-1897)

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 Second Sunday of Advent YEAR A

THEME FOR THE WEEK

**“The strength of our hope lies in our striving for peace
and justice.”**

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Comment “From David’s line, a ruler bringing justice and peace”In our lesson from the Hebrew Bible, **the prophet foresees a time when God will bring forth a righteous judge and a new spirit of peace in the world.**

The wise and faithful judge will come from the stump of Jesse--that is, from the line of the great King David, whose father was Jesse. The Spirit of the Lord will be his as he defends the humble and slays the wicked. The new age of peace will extend even to the animal kingdom.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Comment: “May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace” (Ps.72:7)

The psalm asks that God endow the king with compassionate justice and righteousness, and that his reign may extend over all nations and throughout all generations.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Comment: “Live in harmony, welcoming one another”

In this reading, **Paul points to several passages from the Hebrew scripture to show how God’s promise that the Gentile peoples should come to praise God was being fulfilled.** The new Roman converts, whom Paul hopes soon to visit, are urged to live in harmony and to recognise the manner in which Christ’s ministry has brought these prophecies to fruition. He is the root of Jesse, that is, the promised son of David, on whom their hope is to be set.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Comment: “A voice cries: Prepare the way of the Lord”

Our gospel lesson tells of **the ministry of John the Baptist, his message of repentance and his prophecy of the mighty one to come.** John himself is the messenger of preparation foretold by Isaiah. He baptises with water those who confess their sins and wish to change their ways, but he chastises those who do not show the fruits of repentance. Soon comes the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit and refining fire.

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.

NOVEMBER: GIFT MONTH - Assessment Appeal



The Cathedral parish is currently in arrears with the payment of Assessment to the Diocesan Fund. The Parochial Church Council at its October meeting decided that a direct appeal should be made to the congregation and to friends of the Cathedral for monetary

gifts during the month of November to address this dire situation. Towards that end, everyone is encouraged to contribute according to their means. Special envelopes have been provided to facilitate these donations, which will be received every Sunday, at each service. Thank you for your generosity. May God bless us, as together, we continue His work.

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

GIFT TO DATE: Please note that so far the sum of ten thousand, seven hundred and twenty-seven dollars and thirty cents (\$10,727.30) 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, Olga Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Blair Murray, Clyde Outram, Sylvester “Blues” Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Rommel Simmons, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, and George Yearwood.



BEREAVEMENT: We extend sincere condolences to the family of the late Kenrick Deane, husband of Mrs. Alma Deane; and to the family of the late Mrs. Marie Prescott, mother of Mrs. Shernell Oxley-Worrell. May they experience the blessedness of those who mourn.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: The Annual Blue Christmas Service will be held today at 5:00 P.M. The idea behind the Blue Christmas Service is to create space for the acknowledgment of the heaviness often carried by the bereaved during this season, as well as to offer the hope that Jesus gives. All are welcome.

AWARDS: Heartiest congratulations to Ms. Donnah Russell, Mr. Andre and Mrs. Shaunette Blackett, Mr. Lascelles Austin, and Sgt. Jerome Clarke who were presented with Humanitarian Awards by the Government

of Barbados during a ceremony that was held at Kensington Oval on Sunday, November 20, 2022.

DIOCESAN CALENDARS: The Diocesan Calendars for 2023 are available from the Cathedral Office during the week or 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 4 - 10, 2022

Mr. Victor E. Gittens ~ 4

Ms. Muriel I. Oxley ~ 4

Mr. Glynnil M. Warner ~ 4

Ms. Orene L. Clarke ~ 5

Mrs. Sheila Garnes ~ 5

Ms. Joanne R. Griffith ~ 6

Mr. Henderson R. Downes ~ 6

Mrs. Shaunette Blackett ~ 7

Mr. Grantley E. Bonas ~ 8

Ms. Hyacinth Carter ~ 8

Ms. Gwendolyn D. Evelyn ~ 8

Mr. Martin L. Haynes ~ 8

Mrs. Mary Walcott ~ 8

Ms. Renee M. Thomas ~ 9



LOOKING AHEAD!

The Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols sung by the St. Michael's Cathedral Choir will be held in the Cathedral on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 8:00 P.M.

The contribution is \$30.00



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. Tickets are available from the Frank Collymore Hall.

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 4 ~ 10, 2022)**

| Day | Morning Readings | Evening Readings |
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| The Second Sunday of Advent | Psalms 148, 149, 150 Isaiah 5:1-7 2 Peter 3:11-18 | Psalms 114, 115 Amos 6:1-14 Luke 7:28-35 |
| Monday | Psalm 25 Isaiah 5:8-12, 18-23 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 | Psalms 9, 15 Amos 7:1-9 Luke 21:20-28 |
| Tuesday | Psalms 26, 28 Isaiah 5:13-17, 24-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 | Psalms 36, 39 Amos 7:10-17 Luke 21:29-38 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 38 Isaiah 6:1-13 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 | Psalm 119:25-48 Amos 8:1-14 John 7:53—8:11 |
| Thursday | Psalm 37:1-18 Isaiah 7:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 | Psalm 37:19-42 Amos 9:1-10 Luke 22:1-13 |
| Friday | Psalm 31 Isaiah 7:10-25 2 Thessalonians 2:13—3:5 | Psalm 35 Haggai 1:1-15 Luke 22:14-30 |
| Saturday | Psalms 30, 32 Isaiah 8:1-15 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 | Psalms 42, 43 Haggai 2:1-9 Luke 22:31-38 Collect for 3 Advent |

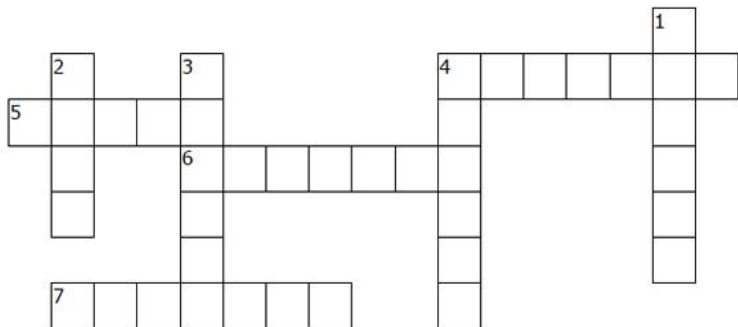
Ready for the Christ of Christmas

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew 3:1 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 3:1-12



JOHN THE BAPTIST
Matthew 3



ACROSS

4. One who speaks for God, or tells what will happen in the future
5. The sounds that are made when people speak or sing
6. To get ready for something that is going to happen
7. What John did to people in the Jordan River

DOWN

1. An area where there is little rain and not many plants
2. The man who preached that Jesus was coming
3. To be sorry for something bad you have done and make a change
4. To deliver a sermon

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| VOICE | PREPARE | DESERT | PROPHET |
| REPENT | JOHN | PREACH | BAPTIZE |

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Sunday, December 4, 2022
The Second Sunday of Advent
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist
5:00 P.M. A Blue Christmas Service



Wednesday, December 7, 2022
10:00 A.M. ~ A Public Service of Healing



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