# The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels

welcomes you to the celebration of

# The Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

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



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

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# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

# 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist President: President and Preacher: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

# 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight Preacher: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Judy King

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### THE PREPARATION

**Organ Prelude** 

#### Welcome

The Introit/Opening **Hymn** ~ 44 "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,"

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold, the King of Glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near, the Saviour of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest where Christ the ruler is confessed.

O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes.

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Come, Saviour, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide; thy Holy Spirit guide us on, until our glorious goal is won. *Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635) from Mach* 

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# LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ADVENT 3 — JOY

#### The Leader reads a sentence:

Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone, the day is at hand.

(Romans 13:11b, 12a) 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 have drawn us away from the darkness of sin and led us forward in the light of Christ. Grant us to purify ourselves as He is pure and to be found like Him when we see Him as He is, 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.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

(Please sit)

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

# First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

LECTORS:

7:00 A.M.: Ms. Alicia White

9:00 A.M.: Mrs. Mary Weekes

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of the prophet Isaiah, the thirty-fifth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness. and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not

even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

#### ALL: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 146:4-9

#### Lauda, anima mea

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \* whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*

who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \* and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \* the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

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8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \* he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \* your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

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: James 5:7-10

LECTORS: 7:00 A.M.: Mr. Daniel Greenidge 9:00 A.M.: Ms. Sandra Fields

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Letter of James, the fifth chapter, beginning at the seventh verse.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

#### ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn ~ 34 "Come, thou long-expected Jesus,"

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver; born a Child and yet a King; born to reign in us for ever; now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thy own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone: by thy all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

#### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

#### GOSPELLER: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.** 

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter, beginning at the second verse.

# ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

> 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

# The Sermon: The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

(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. Harriet Godding 9:00 A.M.: Ms. Danita Layne

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

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" Page 125

#### PRESIDENT:

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

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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 ~ 37 "

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin-birth: let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still the Word of God, in flesh arrayed, the Saviour, now to us displayed.

From God the Father he proceeds, to God the Father back he speeds; runs out his course to death and hell, returns on God's high throne to dwell.

\* O equal to thy Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now, the weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, and darkness glow with new-born light, no more shall night extinguish day, where love's bright beams their power display. O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee eternal praise and glory be, whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

> Words: Ambrose of Milan (339-397), from Veni redemptor gentium, Latin; translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

#### **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER "B"** Page 126

#### **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**Page 126

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)

#### 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"

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#### 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

- 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 ~ 572** "Be still, my soul! for God is near!"

Be still, my soul! for God is near! The great High Priest is with thee now; the Lord of life himself is near, before whose face the angels bow.

To make thy heart his lowly throne thy Saviour God in love draws nigh; he gives himself unto his own, for whom he once came down to die.

He pleads before the mercy-seat; he pleads with God; he pleads for thee; he gives thee bread from heaven to eat, his flesh and blood in mystery. I come, O Lord! For thou dost call to blend my pleading prayer with thine; to thee I give myself - my all, and feed on thee and make thee mine. Words: 1752 Katharina Von Schlegel/

#### 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 ~ 750** "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!"

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore!

> Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-), based on Luke 1:46-55. Words © 1962, renewal 1990 Hope Publishing Co

# 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 Third Sunday of Advent YEAR A

#### THEME FOR THE WEEK

# "All of our daily struggles are signs of the Kingdom of God growing within us."

#### First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Comment "The desert blooms as God's people return from exile"

In the reading from the Hebrew Bible, **the prophet envisions a time of abundance and healing for Israel.** As when the people were led out of Egypt into the Promised Land, so this new return will be in the power of God. Retribution will fall upon the Lord's enemies, but there will be water in the wilderness for the redeemed. In words that are later used by Jesus to describe what is taking place in his ministry, the prophet foretells an age when the blind and the dead, the lame and dumb will be healed.

### Psalm 146:4-9

# **Comment:** "The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down"

A hymn of praise to the Lord, who forms the world and rules in justice, who heals and cares for the needy.

# Second Reading: James 5:7-10

# Comment: "Patience until the coming of the Lord"

This lesson is an **exhortation to patient expectation in preparation for the coming of the Lord.** One may learn from the farmer, who must wait for the crop to ripen, or from the prophets, who bore suffering with patience. Such endurance excludes a grumbling blaming of one another. The Lord will come soon.

# The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

# Comment: "The forerunner of Christ"

In our gospel passage, Jesus responds to a question from John the Baptist about his mission and then describes John's ministry. Jesus' answer to John's question suggests that people make up their own minds about his role while observing the healings that are taking place in accordance with ancient prophecies. Those who hear Jesus are also to recognise that John is a prophet and more: he is the one who prepares for the Lord's coming.

# **CATHEDRAL NEWS**

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** Friends and well-wishers may write to: <u>stmichaelcathedral@caribsurf.com</u> 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 twelve thousand, three hundred and eighty-four seventy-five (\$12,384.75) 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, 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. Joanell 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 Sundays from the designated persons at the price of \$6.00 each.

**AWARD:** Heartiest congratulations to the following persons 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:

Mr. Lascelles Austin Mr. Glyne Bourne Sgt. Jerome Clarke Mr. Andre and Mrs. Shaunette Blackett Mrs. Julia Bourne-Pompey Mrs. Valdine Browne Ms. Angela Lewis Ms. Donnah Russell Ms. Sheila Forde

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

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

#### December 11 - 17, 2022

Master LaShawn X. Austin ~ 11 Ms. Angela Y. Greene ~ 11 Mr. Nicholas A. Smith ~ 11 Mrs. Anne-Marie Jennifer Small -11 The Rev'd Dr. Marcus Lashley ¬ 12 Mrs. Margaret D. Browne ~ 13 Mrs. Yvonne D. Rayside-Reid ~ 13 Mr. Clyde B. Collins ~ 14 Mrs. Alma Deane ~ 15 Mrs. Eucille E. Hinds ~ 16 Mr. Sylvester A. Jones ~ 17



#### 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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Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings							
(December 11 ~ 17, 2022)							
Day	Morning Readings	<b>Evening Readings</b>					
The Third Sunday of Advent	Psalms 63:1-8(9-11), 98 Isaiah 13:6-13 Hebrews 12:18-29	Psalm 103 Amos 9:11-15 John 3:22-30					
Monday	Psalms 41, 52 Isaiah 8:16—9:1 2 Peter 1:1-11	Psalm 44 Zechariah 1:7-17 Luke 22:39-53					
Tuesday	Psalm 45 Isaiah 9:1-7 2 Peter 1:12-21	Psalms 47, 48 Zechariah 2:1-13 Luke 22:54-69					
Wednesday	Psalm 119:49-72 Isaiah 9:8-17 2 Peter 2:1-10a	Psalms 49, (53) Zechariah 3:1-10 Mark 1:1-8					
Thursday	Psalm 50 Isaiah 9:18—10:4 2 Peter 2:10b-16	Psalms (59, 60) or 33 Zechariah 4:1-14 Matthew 3:1-12					
Friday	Psalms 40, 54 Isaiah 10:5:19 2 Peter 2:17-22	Psalm 51 Zechariah 7:8—8:8 Matthew 11:2-15					
Saturday	Psalm 55 Isaiah 10:20-27 Jude 17-25	Psalms 138, 139:1-17(18-23) Zechariah 8:9-17 Luke 3:1-9 Collect for 4 Advent					

# The Gifts that Jesus Brings

The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Matthew 11:5 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 11:2-11 (NIV).

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RAISED	SEE	LEPROSY	PRISON	JOHN
NEWS	CURED	SIGHT	WALK	HEAR

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#### **CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

Sunday, December 11, 2022 The Third Sunday of Advent 7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, December 14, 2022 10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Thursday, December 15, 2022 8:00 P.M. A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (Contribution \$30.00)



Sunday, December 18, 2022 The Fourth Sunday of Advent 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

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Sunday, December 25, 2022 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist

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Wednesday, December 28, 2022 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

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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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