

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

***The Holy Eucharist***

***First Sunday after the Epiphany***

***The Baptism of our Lord***

**January 8, 2023**

**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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**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**

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

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

**9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist**

**Presider: The Rev'd Canon George Knight**

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

**Eucharistic Minister: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw**

*ORDER OF WORSHIP*

**THE PREPARATION**

Organ Prelude

**Welcome**

Opening **Hymn ~ 387** "To God be the glory! Great things he hath done;"

To God be the glory! Great things he hath done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son;  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life Gate that all may go in.

**Refrain:**

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice:  
O come to the Father,  
through Jesus the Son  
and give him the glory;  
great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

**Refrain**

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

**Refrain**

*Words: Fanny J. Crosby (Frances van Alstyne (1820-1915))*

**Opening Sentence “Epiphany”**

God chose to make known how great among the nations are  
the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in  
you, the hope of glory. *Colossians 1:27*

**THE INVOCATION**

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THE PRESIDENT: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**ALL:** And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.  
**Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**ALL:** Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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

**THE KYRIES**

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Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One;  
you alone are the Lord:  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

The Collect: *“The Baptism of our Lord”*

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Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*(Please sit)*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 42:1-9

LECTORS:

**7:00 A.M.:** Ms. Mary Haynes, KC

**9:00 A.M.:** Mr. Michael Sabazan

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the forty-second chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29**

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*Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,\*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;\*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;\*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.



- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;\*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;\*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,\*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;\*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe\*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD\*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;\*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people;\*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of  
peace.

**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: Acts 10:34-43**

LECTORS:

**7:00 A.M.: Ms. Linda Springer**

**9:00 A.M.: Mr. Stephen White**

A Reading from the Word of God, written in The Acts of the Apostles, the tenth chapter, beginning at the thirty-fourth verse.

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn** ~ 671 “My God, accept my heart this day”

My God, accept my heart this day,  
and make it always thine,  
that I from thee no more may stray,  
no more from thee decline.

Before the cross of him who died,  
behold, I prostrate fall;  
let every sin be crucified,  
and Christ be all in all.

Anoint me with thy heavenly grace,  
and seal me for thine own;  
that I may see thy glorious face,  
and worship near thy throne.

Let every thought and work and word  
to thee be ever given:  
then life shall be thy service, Lord,  
and death the gate of heaven.

All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run.

*Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

**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 third chapter, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

**ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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.: Pro. Anne St. John, CGM**

**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:**

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

**THE ABSOLUTION**

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THE 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 “A”**

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We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

**ALL**

**Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.**

THE 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**

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

Tune - *OFFERTORIUM* adapted from a melody by M. Haydn

## **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER “B”**

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### **THE 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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**THE PRESIDENT:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** **And also with you.**

**THE PRESIDENT:** Lift up your hearts.

**ALL:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

THE PRESIDENT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in coming to dwell among us as man, He revealed the radiance of His glory, and brought us out of darkness into His own marvellous light.

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

**ALL:**

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

*(Please sit or kneel)*

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

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

Through your Son, Jesus Christ  
who took our human nature upon Him  
you have redeemed the world  
from the bondage of sin:  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you have gathered a people to yourself,  
to make known in every place  
His perfect offering which He made  
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be unto us His Body and Blood.

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

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

THE PRESIDENT:  
Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**ALL:**  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

THE PRESIDENT:  
And so, Heavenly Father, rejoicing in His Holy  
Incarnation;  
His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice  
made once for all upon the Cross;  
His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;

His Glorious Ascension into heaven;  
and looking for His Coming in glory;  
we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

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

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

Confirm us in holiness,  
that we may be found ready to join the company  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,  
and all your saints,  
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:  
Forever giving you thanks and praise  
through Him from whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father Almighty,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**ALL**

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**ALL:**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name;  
your kingdom come; your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD "A"**

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**THE PRESIDENT:**

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

**ALL:**

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



## **THE COMMUNION**

### **The Invitation “A”**

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#### **THE PRESIDENT:**

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

#### **ALL:**

**Grant gracious Lord, that we so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. *Amen.***

## **THE AGNUS DEI**

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

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

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



## The Administration of Communion/Spiritual Communion

Communion **Hymn** ~ **538** “O thou who camest from  
above”

O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart’s desire  
to work and speak and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire  
and still stir up the gift in me.

Still let me prove thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.*

**ALL:**

**Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live His risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your World, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING “*Epiphany*”

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with good news of His kingdom; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

**ALL: Amen.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional **Hymn ~ 104** “Songs of thankfulness and praise,”

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in thy birth at Bethlehem:

anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding-guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine:  
anthems be to thee address  
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
all will see his glorious sign;  
all will then the trumpet hear,  
all will see the Judge appear:  
thou by all wilt be confest,  
God in Man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
mirrored in thy holy word;  
may we imitate thee now,

and be pure as pure art thou;  
that we like to thee may be  
at thy great Epiphany;  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in Man made manifest.

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)*

## **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.*



**First Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Baptism of our Lord  
Year A**

**THEME FOR THE WEEK**

**“Through his revealing of himself, God reshapes our world.”**

**First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9**

**Comment – “The servant of the Lord brings justice”**

In our lection from the Hebrew Bible, we hear of **the mission of the Lord’s servant, the one whom God has chosen to bring forth justice and salvation.** This is the first of the “servant songs” that form a portion of the Book of Isaiah, written at the time when the exile in Babylon was ending and the city of Jerusalem had begun to be restored. The servant is sometimes thought to be an historical individual, or is understood as an idealization of Jesus. Christians see in the servant a prefiguration of the ministry of Jesus, who will become a light to the nations of the world.

**Psalm 29**

**Comment: “The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.”**

The majesty of God is described in the likeness of a mighty thunderstorm.

## **Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

**Comment: “Jesus’ ministry after his baptism.”**

In this reading, we learn how Peter recognises that the good news, which Jesus began to proclaim after his baptism, now extends to all people. At first Peter was slow to believe that God wanted him to bring the word to a non-Jew, but God has revealed this to Peter, and Peter gladly responds to Cornelius, a Roman centurion, together with his family and friends. Peter and the disciples are witnesses to Christ’s ministry, death, and resurrection and have been commanded to preach forgiveness of sins through Jesus’ name.

## **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

**Comment: “*Revelation of Christ as God’s servant.*”**

Our gospel is **the story of Jesus’ baptism**. John wonders why Jesus should come to him to receive a baptism for the remission of sins, but Jesus tells him that it is right and fitting. After he is baptised, the Holy Spirit is manifest. A voice from heaven proclaims who Jesus is, with words that echo ancient oracles concerning the king and the calling of the Lord’s chosen servant.

## CATHEDRAL NEWS

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** Friends and well-wishers may write to: [stmichaelcathedral@caribsurf.com](mailto: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.

**STEWARDSHIP:** The envelopes for 2023 are available for collection. Members are kindly asked to present their Initial Offering on Sunday, January 29, 2023.

**CONDOLENCES:** Sincere condolences are extended to the families of the late Ivan Newton, whose funeral will take place at the Cathedral, on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.; and the late Mrs. Myrna Corbin, wife of Mr. Edward Corbin and sister-in-law of Mr. Whitstanley Smith (St. Jude, Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.). May they be comforted by the faith they hold in our Incarnate Lord.

**GIFT APPEAL TO DATE:** Please note that so far the sum of fourteen thousand, seven hundred and eighty-two dollars and thirty-three cents (\$14,782.33) has been received. Members and friends who have not yet made their contribution are asked to do so as soon as possible. The gift box will remain in place. Thanks!





**SICK:** Please remember the sick and injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Margaret Browne, Elsie Brunson, Chesterfield A. Benjamin, Colleen Byer, Courtney Carrington, Darwin Clarke, Alice P. Hall, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Ernesta Mayers, Blair Murray, Clyde Outram, Sylvester “Blues” Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Kamilah Seales, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, and George Yearwood.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

**January 8-14, 2022**

***Ms. Ernesta Yarde ~ 8***  
***Ms. Beatrice R. Lavia ~ 9***  
***Ms. Rosemary Marshall ~ 10***  
***Mr. Harry T. Hutson ~ 12***  
***Mr. Keith K. Gill ~ 13***



LOOKING AHEAD

# Epiphany Carol Service

**Saint Michael's Cathedral  
Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023  
6:00 p.m.**



**No admission charge  
An offering will be taken.**

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

# 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  
(January 8 - 14, 2023)**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning Readings</b>	<b>Evening Readings</b>
First Sunday after the Epiphany - the Baptism of our Lord	Psalms 146, 147 Isaiah 40:1-11 Hebrews 1:1-12	Psalms 111, 112, 113 Genesis 1:1—2:3 John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34
Monday	Psalms 1, 2, 3 Isaiah 40:12-23 Ephesians 1:1-14	Psalms 4, 7 Genesis 2:4-9(10-15) 16-25 Mark 1:1-13
Tuesday	Psalms 5, 6 Isaiah 40:25-31 Ephesians 1:15-23	Psalms 10, 11 Genesis 3:1-24 Mark 1:14-28
Wednesday	Psalms 119:1-24 Isaiah 41:1-16 Ephesians 2:1-10	Psalms 12, 13, 14 Genesis 4:1-16 Mark 1:29-45
Thursday	Psalms 18:1-20 Isaiah 41:17-29 Ephesians 2:11-22	Psalms 18:21-50 Genesis 4:17-26 Mark 2:1-12
Special Devotion Friday	Psalms 16, 17 Isaiah 42:(1-9)10-17 Ephesians 3:1-13	Psalms 22 Genesis 6:1-8 Mark 2:13-22
Saturday	Psalms 20, 21:1-7 (8-14) Isaiah 43:1-13 Ephesians 3:14-21	Psalms 110:1-5(6-7), 116, 117 Genesis 6:9-22 Mark 2:23—3:6 Collect for 2 Epiphany

# The Baptism of Jesus

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 3:13-17



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GALILEE	HEAVEN	VOICE	LOVE	JESUS
OPENED	DOVE	JOHN	PLEASED	SON
JORDAN	WATER	FULLILL	BAPTIZED	SPIRIT

## **CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

**The First Sunday after The Epiphany:**

**The Baptism of our Lord**

**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**



**Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

**10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**

**President and Preacher:**

**The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**



**Sunday, January 15, 2023**

**The Second Sunday after The Epiphany**

**7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist**

**9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist**



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