The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 19, 2023

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

"GOD IS KING"



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

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The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight

The Introduction of the Guest Speaker – Mrs. Mary Weekes

Speaker: Mr. Rodney Grant, J.P. Artistic Director, Pinelands Creative Workshop Topic: "Rediscovering our Ancestral Dignity"

Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Opening $Hymn \sim 433$ "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;"

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword, his truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps, they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps, his day is marching on.

Refrain

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat, he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat; O be swift, my soul, to answer him! Be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on.

Refrain:

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me; as he died to make men holy, let us live to make all free, while God is marching on.

Refrain

Words: Julia W. Howe (1819-1910)

Opening Sentence "African Heritage Month"

"Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; Philistia too, and Tyre, with Ethiopia — 'This one was born there,' they say. (Psalm 87:4)

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; and to affirm the African Presence among us. 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.

The President says,

I remember and acknowledge the energies of this land's original inhabitants the Ciboney, the Kalinagos and the Tainos, all those elevated energies who were born in this place, those who made it across the deep waters, those who may still be found in the waters. We also give thanks for those on the continent who are connected with us. I acknowledge you and all that you come with, and I greet all of you in peace.

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.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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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 Last Sunday after the Epiphany"
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Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

LECTORS:

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

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

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Exodus, the twenty-fourth chapter, beginning at the twelfth verse.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord. **ALL:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2 Page 471

Quare fremuerunt gentes?

1 Why are the nations in an uproar?*
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,* against the LORD and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say;*
 "let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing;* the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath,* and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king* upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD:* he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance* and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod* and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise;* be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear,* and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish;* for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all* who take refuge in him!

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: 2 Peter 1:16-21

LECTORS:

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

9:00 A.M.: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Second Letter of Peter, the first chapter, beginning at the sixteenth verse.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 525** "I am weak but thou art strong;"

I am weak but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong: I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain

Words: American folk song

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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 seventeenth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

THE GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Sermon:

7:00 A.M. The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

9:00 A.M. The Introduction of the Guest Speaker – Mrs. Mary Weekes

The Address: Mr. Rodney Grant, J.P. Artistic Director, Pinelands Creative Workshop Topic: "Rediscovering our Ancestral Dignity"

Dance by Pinelands Creative Workshop

(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**

INTERCESSORS:

7:00 A.M.: Ms. Shernelle O'Neal 9:00 A.M.: Mr. Shaquan Pompey

The Bidding Prayer: Assisting Priest

Lord, we pray for your Church. On this day when we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord, we pray that, filled with his light, we may know his glory and share his truth with our 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)

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH PRAYER:

ALL: Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with

you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

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

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. *Amen*.

(Please stand as able)

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE "A" Page 124

Form A

THE PRESIDENT: 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

(During the singing of this hymn, if worshippers have not already done so, they are asked to place their offering in the wooden boxes provided on the tables in the aisle)

Offertory **Hymn ~ 529** "Lord, the light of your love is shining"

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, River flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your word, Lord and let there be light!

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;

by your blood I may enter your brightness: search me, try me, consume all my darkness shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory: mirrored here, may our lives tell your story shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

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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)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING "A"

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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" Page 145

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** ~ **522** "I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice"

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessèd Lord, to the cross where thou hast died, draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessèd Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.

Refrain

Oh, the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! *Refrain*

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.

Refrain

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

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN – **549** "Every night before I sleep"

Refrain:

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; hear, O Lord, and have mercy. My soul is longing for the glory of you. O hear, O Lord, and answer me.

Every night before I sleep I pray my soul to take, or else I pray that loneliness is gone when I awake *Refrain*

Why do I no longer feel like I've a place to stay? O take me where someone will care, so fear will go away. *Refrain*

In you, O Lord, I place my cares and all my troubles, too.
O grant, dear Lord, that someday soon I'll live in peace with you.

Refrain

Words: Author: Ray Repp

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER "A" Page 148

ALL:

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

THE BLESSING "African Heritage Month"

"Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of The Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury." The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional **Hymn ~ 515** "Come, we that love the Lord"

Come, we that love the Lord and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

Refrain

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

Refrain

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Immanuel's ground, we're marching through Immanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

Refrain

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748

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 Last Sunday after the Epiphany Year A

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Living according to Jesus' teachings will transfigure our lives and values."

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Comment: "Moses enters the cloud of God's glory on Mount Sinai"

In the Hebrew scripture lesson, Moses is called up to Mount Sinai, and the glory of the Lord appears. There he is to receive the commandments written on stone tablets. The Lord's presence is essentially indescribable, but it is known in the cloud and fire. The cloud both hides and reveals the Lord's glory, and the scene suggests the awesome majesty of a volcanic mountain.

Psalm 2

Comment: "You are my son; this day I have begotten you."

God is sovereign in all the earth and shall prevail. The one who rules from Zion will be God's own Son..

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Comment: "The apostle's message confirmed on the mount of transfiguration."

This lesson presents the apostle Peter as he recalls his vision of Jesus in majesty on the holy mountain and the heavenly voice that announced this was God's beloved Son. Peter was among those who were eyewitnesses to this revelation. It makes more sure the prophetic message that is like a lamp for us. But no one should make this prophecy a matter solely of their own interpretation, for it has come through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Comment: "Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son."

Our gospel is **the story of Jesus' transfiguration.** The narrative is richly woven with themes and symbols drawn from Israel's past and its hopes for the future. Moses and Elijah represent the law and the prophets, whose promises Jesus fulfills. The chosen disciples see divine glory reflected in Jesus' human person. They hear a voice from the cloud declaring that he is the beloved Son.

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.



CONDOLENCES: The deaths are announced of the late Mr. Erwin Brathwaite, retired Principal of the Alexandra Secondary School and Music Director of St. Peter's Parish Church, father of

Stephen Brathwaite, chorister, Ms. Yolande Bowen and Ms. Katrina Brathwaite; and the late Ms. Marcelle Rayside, mother of Jamal and sister of Yvonne, June, Marva, Sharon and Trevor. Sincere condolences to all the families. May they experience the blessedness of those who mourn.

ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Meeting of the Cathedral will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. All Communicant members in good standing who have attained the age of eighteen years are entitled to participate in the meeting and to be eligible for nomination to serve on the Parochial Church Council. As a result, there will be ONE SERVICE ONLY on that day - a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8:00 A.M.

SICK: Please remember the sick and injured of our parish and wider community, especially Margaret Browne, Elsie Brunson, Chesterfield A. Benjamin, Colleen Byer, Grace Catlyn, Courtney Carrington, Darwin Clarke, Alice P. Hall, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Ernesta Mayers, Blair Murray, Clyde Outram,

Sylvester "Blues" Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, and George Yearwood.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays this week.

February 19 - 25, 2023

Ms. Muriel Hutson ~ 19
Ms. Sheila M. E. Griffith ~ 20
Ms. Sandra A. Lewis ~ 21
Mr. Darwin E. Clarke ~ 24
Ms. Pauline O. Bynoe ~ 25
Ms. Mary A. Haynes, KC ~ 25
Mrs. Beverley Marshall ~ 25



INITIAL OFFERING: The cost of this year's Stewardship envelopes is (\$3,678.88). A hearty thank you is extended to all members who have made Initial Offering. So far the total amount collected is \$2,837.00. We encourage persons who have not made their contribution as yet, to do so as soon as possible.

WEEKLY BULLETIN ELECTRONICALLY:

At a recently held meeting of the Parochial Church Council, the decision was made to produce the weekly bulletin electronically from March 5, 2023. Members are encouraged to use the digital format or the CPWI Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal. To facilitate the smooth transition of this process we need members to update their records - both email addresses and Whatsapp numbers - with the Administrative Assistant at The Cathedral Office. Thank you for your kind consideration and cooperation.

SERMON NOTES

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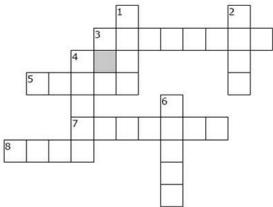
Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings (February 19 - 25, 2023)					
Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings			
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany	Psalms 148, 149, 150 Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Hebrews 12:18-29	Psalms 114, 115 Ecclesiasticus 48:1-11 John 12:24-32			
Monday	Psalm 25 Deuteronomy 6:10-15 Hebrews 1:1-14	Psalms 9, 15 Proverbs 27:1-6,10-12 John 1:1-18			
Tuesday	Psalms 26, 28 Deuteronomy 6:16-25 Hebrews 2:1-10	Psalms 36, 39 Proverbs 30:1-4, 24-33 John 1:19-28			
Ash Wednesday	Psalms 95 (Invitatory) & 32, 143 Jonah 3:1—4:11 Hebrews 12:1-14	Psalms 102, 130 Amos 5:6-15 Luke 18:9-14			
Thursday	Psalm 37:1-18 Deuteronomy 7:6-11 Titus 1:1-16	Psalm 37:19-42 Habakkuk 3:1-10(11- 15)16-18 John 1:29-34			
St. Matthias	Psalm 80	Psalm 33			
The Apostle Friday	1 Samuel 16:1-13 1 John 2:18-25	1 Samuel 12:1-5 Acts 20:17-35			
Saturday	Psalms 30, 32 Deuteronomy 7:17-26 Titus 3:1-15	Psalms 42, 43 Ezekiel 39:21-29 John 1:43-51 Collect for 1 Lent			

The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 17:1-9





ACROSS

- A raised part of the earth's surface, larger than a hill
- A white or gray mass of very small drops of water that floats in the sky
- Articles of apparel such as pants, shirts, dresses, etc.
- To have a strong feeling of affection for someone

DOWN

- 1. Something that is pleasing, enjoyable, or of high quality
- 2. Having a great distance from top to bottom
- The sound produced by the vocal organs; what we use to speak
- 6. The color of snow or milk

HIGH	CLOUD	WHITE	MOUNTAIN
VOICE	GOOD	LOVE	CLOTHES

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CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Sunday, February 19, 2023
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany:
 African Heritage Month
7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
 President and Preacher:
The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn

9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist
President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight
Guest Speaker: Mr. Rodney Grant, J.P.
Director, Pinelands Creative Workshop
Topic: "Rediscovering our Ancestral Dignity"

9:00 A.M. Sunday School



Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Ash Wednesday
10:00 A.M.; 12:00 Noon & 7:00 P.M.
Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes



Sunday, February 26, 2023
The First Sunday in Lent
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:30 A.M. The Annual Parish Meeting

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