

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

*The Holy Eucharist*

**The First Sunday of Advent**

**December 3, 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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**The First Sunday of Advent  
YEAR B**

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

**President and Preacher:**

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

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

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

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

**Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**THE PREPARATION**

Organ Prelude

**Welcome**

The Introit/Opening **Hymn ~ 41** “Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding”

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding;  
‘Christ is nigh’, it seems to say;  
‘Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!’

Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;

Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven;

That when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
with his mercy he may shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.

*Words: anonymous, from Vox clara ecce intronat, 6<sup>th</sup>  
century, Latin; translation: Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

**7:00 A.M.** ~ The Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**9:00 A.M.** ~ Lighting of the Advent Wreath

## **ADVENT 1 — HOPE**

**The Leader reads the sentence:**

The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand.

*(Mark 1:15)*

*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 in the coming of your Son into the World, Your kingdom has begun, and at His second coming in glory it will be complete. Grant us true repentance and a living faith in this good news, that on that day we may be found acceptable servants of 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.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**The Collect: “The First Sunday of Advent”** Page 157

PRESIDENT:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*(Please sit)*

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9**

**LECTOR: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes, S.C.**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Christopher Burnett**

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Isaiah, the sixty-fourth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come  
down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your  
presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your  
presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your  
presence.

From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.



There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our  
iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**    *Qui regis Israel*    Page 573

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a  
flock;\* shine forth, you that are enthroned upon  
the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and  
Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

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

4 O Lord God of hosts,\* how long will you be  
angered  
despite the prayers of your people?

- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;\*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours,\*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;\* show the light of  
your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right  
hand,\*  
the son of man you have made so strong for  
yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you;\*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;\* show the light  
of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be forever. *Amen***

**Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

**LECTOR: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Gittens  
9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. John Moore**

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, the first chapter, beginning at the third verse.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 45** “Ye servants of the Lord,”

Ye servants of the Lord,  
each in his office wait,  
observant of his heavenly word,  
and watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,  
and trim the golden flame;  
gird up your loins as in his sight,  
for awful is his name.

Watch! ‘Tis your Lord’s command,  
and while we speak, he’s near;

mark the first signal of his hand,  
and ready all appear.

O happy servant he,  
in such a posture found!  
He shall his Lord with rapture see,  
and be with honour crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread  
with his own royal hand,  
and raise that faithful servant's head  
amid the angelic band.

*Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)*

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37**

**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 Mark, the thirteenth chapter, beginning at the twenty-fourth verse.

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

**The Sermon: The Very Rev’d Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

*(Please stand, as able)*

**THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS** Page 264ff

PRESIDENT:

Do you declare and promise that you will, with the help of God, live your life in the faith of Christ into which you were baptised?

**PEOPLE: I do.**

PRESIDENT:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**PEOPLE: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

PRESIDENT:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**PEOPLE:**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the  
Holy Spirit and  
born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered unto Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

PRESIDENT: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**PEOPLE:**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRESIDENT:

Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

**PEOPLE: I will.**

PRESIDENT:

Will you persevere in resisting evil and repent whenever you fall into sin?

**PEOPLE: I will.**

PRESIDENT:

Will you be a witness in your daily life to God's saving work in Christ?

**PEOPLE: I will.**

PRESIDENT:

Will you seek and serve Christ by loving your neighbour as yourself remembering that every person is loved and valued by God?

**PEOPLE: I will**

**PRESIDENT:**

Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

**PEOPLE: I do, and with God's help I will follow Christ as my Saviour and Lord.**

**PRESIDENT:**

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May He keep us faithful to our calling, now and forever. **Amen**

**THE GREETING OF THE PEACE "C"**

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**PRESIDENT:**

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

**ALL:**

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

**PRESIDENT:**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**



## **HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP: “Let there be peace on earth”**

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God our Creator  
Children all are we  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
In peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.

*Words: Jill Jackson; Melody: Sy Miller (1945)*

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*(During the singing of this hymn, an offering will be collected. The Ushers will begin their collection from the west end of the Cathedral and move towards the altar, where the offering will be received by a server. The cooperation of everyone is requested.)*

**The Offertory Hymn ~ 251 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”**  
(Verse 2 omitted)

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

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

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

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

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)*

## **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER "B"**

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### **PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:**

**Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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

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

**PRESIDENT:** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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

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Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Him of eternal life; that when He shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold His appearing. (*Go to page 131*)

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 the 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”**

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**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**

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

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



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



**The Administration of Communion/Spiritual  
Communion**

The Communion **Hymn** ~ **590** “Hosanna to the living  
Lord!”

Hosanna to the living Lord!  
Hosanna to the Incarnate Word,  
to Christ, Creator, Saviour, King,  
let earth, let heaven hosanna sing,  
hosanna in the highest!

O Saviour, with protecting care  
abide in this thy house of prayer,  
where we thy parting promise claim,  
assembled in thy sacred name.  
Hosanna in the highest!

But, chiefest, in our cleansèd breast,  
Eternal, bid thy Spirit rest;  
and make our secret soul to be  
a temple pure and worthy thee.  
Hosanna in the highest!

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
be honour, praise, and glory given  
by all on earth and all in heaven.  
Hosanna in the highest!

*Words: Reginald Heber (1827)*

**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.**

**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

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 46** “Lo, he comes with clouds descending,”

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:

with what rapture, with what rapture,  
with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

*Words: John Cennick (1718-1755), and Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

***Thank you most sincerely for worshipping at the Cathedral  
this morning.***

**The First Sunday of Advent  
YEAR A**

**THEME FOR THE WEEK**

**“Watchfulness in prayer enriches our knowledge of the  
ways of the Lord.”**



**First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9**

**Comment: Prayer that God would come with power and  
compassion.”**

The Hebrew Bible lesson presents **a contrite plea to God  
for merciful justice.** The prophet recalls earlier times

when the Lord's presence made the very mountains quake. Now the people have sinned grievously and are suffering for their wrongs. They can only pray that the Lord will remember them as God's children, God's creatures, and temper divine anger.

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

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

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

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

**Comment: "Gifts of grace sustain those who wait for the end."**

In this reading **Paul greets the new disciples in Corinth, telling them of his gratitude to God on their behalf and offering comfort and assurance.** Because they are sanctified in Christ, these converts, together with those everywhere who call upon Jesus, have a vocation as saints. They are rich in spiritual gifts. Trusting in a faithful God, they wait for the great revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37**

**Comment: "The sudden coming of the Son of Man."**

In this gospel lesson, **Jesus presents his disciples with a vision of the end of human history and repeatedly urges**

**them to be on watch.** The universe itself will reflect this transformation as the Son of Man comes. That time is near, but no one knows it exactly. Disciples must live expectantly and be on the alert for their Lord's coming.

### CATHEDRAL NEWS

**GIFT MONTH:** In recent years the month of November has been observed as Gift Month. Members, well-wishers and friends are asked to make a donation to the ministry, mission and maintenance of the Cathedral. Envelopes are available to facilitate this contribution. As the Anglican Church in Barbados prepares to celebrate its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024, so too will the St. Michael Parish Church celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its designation as the Cathedral of the Diocese. Gifts in celebration of this significant milestone would be greatly appreciated.

**DEACONS' CUPBOARD:** Members are reminded to support the Deacons' Cupboard ministry, through which the Cathedral is able to provide relief to persons in need of food. Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for the cupboard. Monetary donations would also be appreciated. Please help those in need. Sincere thanks to all.



**SICK:** Please remember the sick and injured of our parish and wider community, especially Margaret Browne, Elsie Brunson, Colleen Byer, Courtney Carrington, Darwin Clarke, Henderson Downes, Alice P. Hall, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Helena

Lyte, Jeffrey Mascoll, Marlene Moore, Roland McCollin, Clyde Outram, Veronica Sandals (USA), Sylvester “Blues” Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, The Rev’d Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn, Ernesta Yarde and George Yearwood.

**BEREAVEMENT:** We extend sincere condolences to the families of the late:

- Lady R.J. Yvonne Nicholls
- Mr. Lawrence Carrington
- Mrs. Naomi Claridge (The Bahamas)

May the deceased rest in peace. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” (*Matthew 5:4*)

**LOOKING AHEAD, DECEMBER 2023!**

**BAPTISM: THE GATEWAY TO HOLY COMMUNION:** From today, the First Sunday of Advent, 2023 the Church in the Province of the West Indies admits to Holy Communion, all baptized persons. Consequently, parents, guardians and the Church in general, are required to train all children so that they may be fully integrated into the Communicant life of the Cathedral. In the future, the sacrament of Confirmation will be administered for persons who would like to make a public affirmation of their faith. More information is available at the Province’s Website [www.cpwianglicans.org](http://www.cpwianglicans.org)

**ADVENT CAROLS:** The Annual Service of Advent Carols will be held on Advent Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. A collection will be taken; patrons are asked to give generously.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS:** The Annual Blue Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. This service is held in remembrance of deceased persons and as a source of comfort and inspiration for their families. Families who attend are invited to hang a white paper dove on the tree in remembrance of their loved ones who have passed in recent time. A dove will be provided.

**NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS:** The Cathedral will present the Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are now available at \$30.00 each. Everyone's support is needed to make this a financially successful event.

**VACANCY:** The Cathedral is in need of someone to serve as Assistant Verger. The successful candidate will be expected to assist the Verger with the Worship, the Custodial Care, and other related duties in the Cathedral. Applications should be addressed to The Dean, Cathedral House, Spry Street, Bridgetown, St. Michael by December 15, 2023.

**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.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Congratulations to all those celebrating their birthday this week: December 3-10, 2023:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ms. Ella K. Russell, Mr. Stephen L. White
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mr. Victor E. Gittens, Ms. Muriel I. Oxley, Mr. Glynnil M. Warner
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ms. Orene L. Clarke, Ms. Jennifer Edwards, Mrs. Sheila Garnes
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ms. Joanne R. Griffith, Mr. Henderson R. Downes
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Shaunette Blackett
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mr. Grantley E. Bonas, Ms. Hyacinth Carter, Ms. Gwendolyn D. Evelyn, Mr. Martin L. Haynes, Mrs. Mary Walcott
- 9<sup>th</sup> Ms. Renee M. Thomas



## SERMON NOTES

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Topic:.....

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Preacher:.....

Points to Ponder:

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What was God saying specifically to me during the Sermon?

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**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings  
December -9, 2023, Advent Sunday**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning Readings</b>	<b>Evening Readings</b>
Sunday	Psalms 146, 147 Amos 1:1-5, 13—2:8 Luke 21:5-19	Psalms 111, 112, 113 Isaiah 1:1-9 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Monday	Psalms 1, 2, 3 Amos 2:6-12 Matthew 21:1-11	Psalms 4, 7 Isaiah 1:10-20 2 Peter 1:1-11
Tuesday	Psalms 5, 6 Amos 3:1-11 Matthew 21:12-22	Psalms 10, 11 Isaiah 1:21-31 2 Peter 1:12-21
Wednesday	Psalms 119:1-24 Amos 3:12—4:5 Matthew 21:23-32	Psalms 12, 13, 14 Isaiah 2:1-11 2 Peter 3:1-10
Thursday	Psalms 18:1-20 Amos 4:6-13 Matthew 21:33-46	Psalms 18:21-50 Isaiah 2:12-22 2 Peter 3:11-18
Friday	Psalms 16, 17 Amos 5:1-17 Matthew 22:1-14	Psalms 22 Isaiah 3:8-15 Jude 1-16
Saturday	Psalms 20, 21:1-7 (8-14) Amos 5:18-27 Matthew 22:15-22	Psalms 110:1-5(6-7), 116, 117 Isaiah 4:2-6 Jude 17-25 Collect for 2 Advent

## Ready for His Return

"Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come." Mark 13:33 (NIV)

Based on Mark 13:32-37 (NIV)



What time is it?

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

GUARD	DOOR	HOUR	ALERT	HOUSE
HEAVEN	SON	WATCH	ANGELS	CROWS
MIDNIGHT	FATHER	DAWN	ROOSTER	EVENING
DAY	TIME	SLEEPING	SERVANTS	KNOW

## **CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**  
**9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist**  
**6:00 P.M. An Advent Carol Service**



**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**  
**10:00 A.M. A Public Service of Healing**  
**Preacher: The Rev'd Roosevelt Taitt**



**Thursday, December 7, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M. SMCFA Annual General Meeting**



**Sunday, December 10, 2023**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**  
**9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist**  
**12:00 ~ Noon 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service**  
**The Girl Guides of Barbados**  
**5:00 P.M. A Blue Christmas Service**

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