

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

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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 Second 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 and Preacher:

The Rev'd Canon George Knight

Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Judy King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

The Introit/Opening **Hymn** ~ **34** “Come, thou long-expected Jesus,”

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

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

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

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

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ADVENT 2 — PEACE

The Leader reads a sentence:

As the light comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of man. (*Matt. 24:27*)

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

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

All: Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

After a short pause the Leader says:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader:

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

All: *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

THE KYRIES

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

PRESIDENT:

Let us pray.

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

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Valdine Browne

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

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our
God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lectors: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine* Page 579

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,*
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people*
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,*
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear
him,* that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together;* and
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,*
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,*
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him,*
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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 3:8-15a

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Master Daniel Greenidge

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Sharron Lucas-Blackman

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

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Lectors: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual **Hymn** ~ 37 “Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,”

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

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

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

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

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness glow with new-born light,
no more shall night extinguish day,
where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

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

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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 first chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

THE GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Sermon:

7:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev’d Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. ~ The Rev’d Canon George Knight

(Please stand, as able)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. **Amen**

INTERCESSION FORM “B”

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INTERCESSORS:

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donna Inniss

The Bidding Prayer:

Lord, we pray for your Church, that we would open our
eyes to your light in our world and open our hearts to be
eager for your coming kingdom.

Lord in your love,
ALL: Hear our prayer.

(Please sit or kneel)

LEADER:

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

ALL: That we all may be one.

LEADER:

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;

ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

LEADER:

We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;

ALL: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

LEADER:

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

ALL: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

LEADER:

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

ALL: That our works may find favour in your sight.

LEADER:

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEADER:

Give to the departed eternal rest.

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

LEADER:

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

LEADER:

Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

(Silence may be kept)

ALL:

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords to your will; and the good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

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THE PRESIDENT: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8, 9)*

(A period of silence shall be kept)

THE PRESIDENT: Let us therefore confess our sins.

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ALL: Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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PRESIDENT: Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

(Please stand)

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE “C”

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PRESIDENT:

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

ALL:

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

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God our Creator
Children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

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

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 ~ 42 “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”

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

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

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

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

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749),
from Jordonis oras praevia, from Breviary, Paris, 1736, Latin;
translation: John Chandler (1806-1876), and
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THE 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)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “C”

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PRESIDENT:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in
creation; in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and, above all, in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent Him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In Him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you,
In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

For, on the night that He was betrayed
He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you,

He broke it and gave it to His disciples
and said: “Take this, and eat it:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

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

PRESIDENT:

Therefore, Father, according to His command:

ALL:

**We remember His death;
We proclaim His resurrection;
We await His coming in glory.**

PRESIDENT:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the sacrament
of the Body of Christ
and His Blood of the New Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice
that we, made acceptable in Him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to 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” Page 145

PRESIDENT:

This is the true bread which comes from heaven

ALL: Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

THE COMMUNION

The Invitation “C”

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PRESIDENT:

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our
Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

ALL:

We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

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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 ~ 611** “O Food that weary pilgrims love,”

O Food that weary pilgrims love,
O Bread of angel-hosts above,
O Manna of the saints,
the hungry soul would feed on thee;
ne'er may the heart unsolaced be
which for thy sweetness faints.

O fount of love, O cleansing tide,
which from the Saviour's piercèd side
and sacred heart dost flow,
be ours to drink of thy pure rill,
which only can our spirits fill,
and all our need bestow.

Lord Jesu, whom, by power divine
now hidden 'neath the outward sign,
we worship and adore,
grant, when the veil away is rolled,
with open face we may behold
thyself for evermore.

*Words: anonymous, from
O esca viatorum, Gesangbuch, Mainz, 1661, Latin;
Translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866),
and Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern.*

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Hymn ~ 593 “I am not worthy, Holy Lord,”

I am not worthy, Holy Lord,
that thou shouldst come to me;
speak but the word; one gracious word
can set the sinner free.

I am not worthy; cold and bare
the lodging of my soul;
how canst thou deign to enter there?
Lord, speak, and make me whole.

I am not worthy; yet, my God,
how can I say thee nay;
thee, who didst give thy flesh and blood
my ransom-price to pay?

O come! In this sweet morning hour
feed me with food divine;
and fill with all thy love and power
this wavering heart of mine.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER “C” Page 148

ALL:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING “*Advent*”

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 48** “O come, O come, Emmanuel,”

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel;
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan’s tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o’er the grave.

Refrain

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Refrain

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

*Words: anonymous, from Veni, veni Emmanuel, 12th century, Latin;
translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866),
and Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern
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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

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

**The Second Sunday of Advent
YEAR B**

THEME FOR THE WEEK

**“The Advent of our lives are always times of comfort
and healing.”**



First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comment: “Good news of God’s coming to a people in exile.”

The first reading is **a message of comfort and new hope to God’s people**. The time of exile in Babylon is coming to an end. A new way is made through the desert, and the mighty Lord comes, bringing peace and pardon to Jerusalem. Though all human powers fail, the Lord’s word will stand. Like a shepherd, God will care for the people.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Comment: “Righteousness shall prepare a pathway for God.” (*Ps.85:13*)

The psalm both celebrates and prays for the Lord’s gracious favour, for God’s forgiveness, deliverance, and justice.

Second Reading: **2 Peter 3:8-15a**

Comment: “Waiting for and hastening the day of God.”

This lesson is a reminder that **the divine perspective on time can be very different from that of human beings.** Many wonder why the Lord seems slow to fulfill the promises of salvation and judgment. God, however, is patient and has divine purposes. Still, the day of the Lord will come suddenly, bringing a new heaven and earth. Christians must live both in patience and with a zeal for righteousness and peace in readiness for that judgment.

The Holy Gospel: **Mark 1:1-8**

Comment: “John appears from the wilderness.”

The Gospel of **Mark begins with the ministry of John the Baptist.** He is the messenger spoken of in the scriptures, the voice that cries aloud in the wilderness. He is sent to prepare the way of the Lord through his call for repentance and baptism in water for the forgiveness of sins. The people flock to him, but he tells of a mightier one still to come who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

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 200th anniversary in 2024, so too will the St. Michael Parish Church celebrate the 200th anniversary of its designation as the Cathedral of the Diocese. Gifts in celebration of this significant milestone would be greatly appreciated. It would be appreciated if your envelopes could be returned by December 17th, 2023.

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:

- Mrs. Naomi Claridge (The Bahamas)
- Dr. Desmond Clarke

- The Rev'd Joan Forde (The Church of the Glorious Christ, River Road, St. Michael)
- Ms. Daphne Reid
- Mr. Theodore Hinds

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

LOOKING AHEAD, DECEMBER 2023!

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS: The Cathedral will be hosting **A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols** on Thursday, December 14, at the Church, St. Michael's Row, the City at 8:00 p.m. Guest performers include **The Band of The Barbados Police Service**. Tickets are available from members and the Cathedral's Office 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 10-16, 2023:

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



MARRIAGE: Heartiest congratulations to Mr. Ashton and Mrs. Margaret Austin (nee King) who were married in the Cathedral on Saturday, December 2, 2023. May God the Holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless them in their love and in their life together.

Preparing the Way

"A voice calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" Mark 1:3

The puzzle is based on Mark 1:1-8



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**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
December 10-16, 2023, Advent Sunday**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
Sunday	Psalms 148, 149, 150 Amos 6:1-14 Luke 1:57-68	Psalms 114, 115, Isaiah 5:1-7 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12
Monday	Psalm 25 Amos 7:1-9 Matthew 22:23-33	Psalms 9, 15 Isaiah 5:8-12, 18-23 Revelation 1:1-8
Tuesday	Psalms 26, 28 Amos 7:10-17 Matthew 22:34-46	Psalms 36, 39 Isaiah 5:13-17, 24-25 Revelation 1:9-16
Wednesday	Psalm 38 Amos 8:1-14 Matthew 23:1-12	Psalm 119:25-48 Isaiah 6:1-13 Revelation 1:17—2:7
Thursday	Psalm 37:1-18 Amos 9:1-10 Matthew 23:13-26	Psalm 37:19-42 Isaiah 7:1-9 Revelation 2:8-17
Friday	Psalm 31 Haggai 1:1-15 Matthew 23:27-39	Psalm 35 Isaiah 7:10-25 Revelation 2:18-29
Saturday	Psalms 30, 32 Haggai 2:1-9 Matthew 24:1-14	Psalms 42, 43 Isaiah 8:1-15 Revelation 3:1-6 Collect for 3 Advent

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Sunday, December 10, 2023

The Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

12:00 Noon ~ 105th Anniversary Service

The Girl Guides of Barbados

5:00 P.M. A Blue Christmas Service

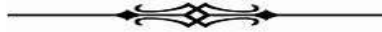


Wednesday, December 13, 2023

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

(The Feast of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr)

The Canon Rev'd George Knight



Sunday, December 17, 2023

The Third Sunday of Advent

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

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