

The Cathedral Church of
Saint Michael and All Angels

welcomes you to the celebration of

The Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

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



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

The Cathedral Church of

Saint Michael and All Angels
The Diocese of Barbados

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The Third Sunday of Advent: Joy
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: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

Welcome

The Introit/Opening **Hymn ~ 40** “Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,”

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.
He comes, the broken heart to bind,

the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ADVENT 3 – Joy

The Leader reads the sentence:

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

(Romans 13:11b, 12a)

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

Leader: Our Lord says, 'surely I come quickly.'

Response: Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

After a short pause the Leader says:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader:

We bless you, Eternal Father, giver of all good things; for you have drawn us away from the darkness of sin and led us forward in the light of Christ. Grant us to purify ourselves as He is pure and to be found like Him when we see Him as He is, Christ our King.

All: Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

THE KYRIES

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect: *“The Third Sunday of Advent”*

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Let us pray.

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

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

LECTOR: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Shernelle O’Neale

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Leighton Waterman

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

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;

I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with
them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring
up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,*
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,*
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations,*
" the Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 the Lord has done great things for us,*
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,*
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,*
will come again with joy, shouldering their
sheaves.

**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 Thessalonians 5:16-24

LECTOR: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Remech Matthais

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

A reading from the Word of God, written in the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians, the fifth chapter, beginning at the sixteenth verse.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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

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

Still let me prove thy perfect will,

my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

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

The Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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 John, the first chapter, beginning at the sixth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet

Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

(Please stand, as able)

The Nicene Creed

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

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

by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary,

and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered, died and was buried.

On the third day He rose again

in fulfilment of the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge

the living and the dead,

and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father.

With the Father and the Son

He is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic

and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism

for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. **Amen**

INTERCESSION FORM "B"

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INTERCESSORS:

7:00 A.M.: ~ Mrs. Joyann Blackman-Jarvis

9:00 A.M.: ~ Ms. Sandra Fields

The Bidding Prayer: The Dean

Lord, we pray for your Church. As we keep today this

Gaudete Sunday and hear again the command to rejoice, so we pray that all Christians would be filled with joy and hope as we await with eager hearts the coming of your Son.

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 ~ 779 “The great forerunner of the morn,”

The great forerunner of the morn,
the herald of the Word, is born:
and faithful hearts shall never fail
with thanks and praise his light to hail.

With heavenly message Gabriel came,
that John should be the herald's name,
and with prophetic utterance told
his actions great and manifold.

John, still unborn, yet gave aright
his witness to the coming light;
and Christ, the Sun of all the earth,
fulfilled that witness at his birth.

Of woman born shall never be
a greater prophet than was he,
whose mighty deeds exalt his fame
to greater than a prophet's name.

But why should mortal accents raise

the hymn of John the Baptist's praise?
Of whom, or e'er his course was run,
thus spake the Father to the Son?

'Behold, my herald, who shall go
before thy face thy way to show,
and shine, as with the Daystar's gleam,
before thine own eternal beam.'

All praise to God the Father be,
all praise, Eternal Son, to thee,
whom with the Spirit we adore
for ever and for evermore.

*Words: The Venerable Bede (673-735)
from Proecursor altus luminis, Latin; translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

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"

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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** ~ 491 “What a friend we have in
Jesus,”

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear -
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.
Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness -
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge!
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.

Words: Joseph Scriven (1820-1886)

Hymn ~ 589 “Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;”

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here faith would touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load;
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but thine; nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon:
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1855)

THE POST COMMUNION “C”

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ALL:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living

members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING “*Advent*”

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

ALL: Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional **Hymn** ~ **750** “Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!”

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

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

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

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

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-), based on Luke 1:46-55.
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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 Third Sunday of Advent
YEAR B**

THEME FOR THE WEEK

**The joy of Advent symbolized our perpetual waiting for
the Lord.**



First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Comment: “Righteousness and praise flourish like a garden.”

The principle of justice is to guide the nation of Israel, and they are to understand that it is none other than God who is an advocate for the poor, the oppressed, the downtrodden, and the brokenhearted. Written in the second half of the sixth century before Christ, Second Isaiah (as Isaiah 40-66 is known) envisions God’s formation of a faithful Servant of the Lord, sometimes seen as a repentant Israel and sometimes as a great prophet yet to arise, as in today’s lesson. The servant will bring Israel to a fulfillment of her original promise and potential, and to a time of joy and celebration. Christians perceive a foretelling of Christ’s ministry in these passages.

Psalm 126

Comment: “The Lord has done great things for us”

A psalm of joy and hope sung to the Lord, who restores the fortunes of the people.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Comment: “Kept in faith until the coming of Christ”

As he concludes his letter to the church in Thessalonians, Paul exhorts the new converts to live joyfully and prayerfully in readiness for the Lord’s coming. Although they are to test what they hear, the disciples are to expect to

discover the Spirit in prophecy. Trusting in a faithful God, the followers of Jesus are to seek to avoid all forms of evil and to become holy in every way.

The Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Comment: “A witness to the light”

In the opening passages of his gospel **the fourth evangelist firmly characterizes the mission of John the Baptist: he is the forerunner and witness to the Christ.** He bears testimony to the one who is the light of all human life. John is not the Christ or a figure for Elijah or one of the other prophets. He prepares the Lord’s way and baptizes, while even now the one whom John is unworthy to serve stands unknown in the midst.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

BICENTENNIAL GIFT: 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. Envelopes are available for everyone’s convenience. Thanks for your generous gift.

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, Blair Murray, 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:

- The Rev’d Joan Forde (The Church of the Glorious Christ, River Road, St. Michael)
- Mr. Theodore Hinds
- The Most Rev'd The Hon. Orland Lindsay, Retired Bishop of the North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba and Retired Archbishop of the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

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:

Since Advent Sunday, December 3, 2023, all baptized members of the Church, as inspired, may come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

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 31, 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 17-23, 2023:

- 17th Mr. Sylvester A. Jones
- 20th Mrs. Wyndeen M. Ward
- 21st Mrs. Gloria P. Collins
- 22nd Mrs. Lynette A. M. Francis-Thornhill
Miss. Cerys Francis-Thornhill
- 23rd Mr. Arlington DaC. Watson



MARRIAGE: Heartiest congratulations to Mr. Jerry and Mrs. Kimone Alleyne (Nee Phillips) who were married at a private place on Saturday, December 9, 2023. May God the Holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless them in their love and in their life together.

DIOCESAN CALENDARS: The Diocesan Calendars for 2024 are available from the Cathedral Office during the week and on Sundays from the designated persons, at the price of \$6.00 each.

St. Michael's Cathedral Blue Christmas Tree



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES, 2023

**The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24,
11:45 p.m. Blessing of the Crib and Sung Eucharist**

Christmas Day, December 25

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist

Wednesday, December 27,

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 31, 2023

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

11:00 P.M. WATCHNIGHT SERVICE



John 1:6-8, 19-28

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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 -17-23, 2023, Advent Sunday		
Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
Sunday	Psalms 63:1-8(9-11), 98 Amos 9:11-15 John 5:30-47	Psalm 103 Isaiah 13:6-13 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 13-17
Monday	Psalms 41, 52 Zechariah 1:7-17 Matthew 24:15-31	Psalm 44 Isaiah 8:16—9:1 Revelation 3:7-13

Tuesday	Psalm 45 Zechariah 2:1-13 Matthew 24:32-44	Psalms 47, 48 Isaiah 9:1-7 Revelation 3:14-22
Wednesday	Psalm 119:49-72 Zechariah 3:1-10 Matthew 24:45-51	Psalms 49, [53] Isaiah 9:8-17 Revelation 4:1-8
Thursday	Psalms 23, 121 Job 42:1-6 1 Peter 1:3-9	Psalm 27 Isaiah 43:8-13 John 14:1-7
Friday	Psalms 40, 54 Zechariah 7:8—8:8 Matthew 25:14-30	Psalm 51 Isaiah 10:5-19 Revelation 5:6-14
Saturday	Psalm 55 Zechariah 8:9-17 Matthew 25:31-46	Psalms 138, 139:1-17(18-23) Isaiah 10:20-27 Revelation 6:1-17 Collect for 4 Advent

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Sunday, December 17, 2023

The Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, December 20, 2023

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

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



Sunday, December 24, 2023
The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love
8:00 A.M. ~ Choral Matins with Communion

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