



**St. Michael's Cathedral**

Services

for

The First Sunday of Advent

Year C

Sunday, December 1, 2024

7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.

*To be a guiding light of Christ's grace, justice, freedom and love"*

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

*Diocesan Bishop*

**The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. John. Maxwell, M. A.**

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

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**Mrs. Chloe Grant**

The First Sunday of Advent: **YEAR C**  
A Season of Praise & Giving to God

**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist with the Blessing and  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**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 Rev'd Canon Charles Card-Reynolds**  
Vicar of St Bartholomew on Stamford Hill, Deanery of  
Hackney, Diocese of London and Commissary of the  
Diocese of the Windward Islands

**Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**THE PREPARATION**

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn ~ 41**

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 a 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.**

## **THE KYRIES**

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Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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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.*

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Paul Blackman**

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

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Jeremiah, thirty-third chapter, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

**LECTOR:** The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25:1-9** *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

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1 **T**O you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put  
my trust in you; let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the  
treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your  
paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are  
the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted  
all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my  
transgressions; remember me according to your  
love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he  
teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right and teaches  
his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his  
testimonies.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy  
Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be  
for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

**Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes, S. C.  
9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Jarad Nurse**

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

**H**ow can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**LECTOR:** The Word of the Lord.

**ALL:** **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 40**

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)*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

**Gospellers:**

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

**9:00 A.M. ~ The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn**

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

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

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter, beginning at the twenty-fifth verse.

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great

glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

**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 Charles Card-Reynolds**

**The Nicene Creed**

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

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

by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He was born of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered, died and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again  
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

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

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

**Intercessors:**

**7:00 A. M. ~ Prof. Anne St. John, GCM**

**9:00 A. M. ~ Mr. Darnley King**

*(Please sit or kneel as able)*

LEADER:

Lord, we pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.

*Silence*

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially Chloe, Yvonne, Ella, Stephen, Victor, Muriel, Maureen Glynnil, Orene, Jennifer, Sheila, Joanne, Shaunette and all who will celebrate a birthday this week, grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us.

*Silence*

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

LEADER:

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Clarissa Carrington and William ‘Monty’ Cumberbatch; and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

*Special intentions are offered by the Assistant Priest*

### **Concluding Collect**

PRESIDENT:

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your Kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at His coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

**ALL: Amen**

### **ACT OF PENITENCE**

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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 John1:8, 9)

*A period of silence shall be kept.*

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

### **Form B**

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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.**

## **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 love shared among us”**

*Let there be love shared among us*

*Let there be love in our eyes  
May now your love sweep this nation  
Cause us O Lord to arise  
Give us a fresh understanding  
Of neighbourly love that is real  
Let there be love shared among us  
Let there be love.*



## THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory **Hymn ~ 251**

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 comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.

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.

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!**

**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 and 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 Hymns ~ 43**

Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,  
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!  
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?  
Is it the music of his people's prayer?

Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices  
shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;  
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,  
glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!

This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?

This shall he do, and can we still despair?  
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,  
cast at his feet the burden of our care.

Yea, through life, death, through sorrow and through  
sinning,  
he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:  
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,  
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

*Words: Frederick William Henry Myers (1843-1901)*

## **Hymn 456**

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

### ***Refrain:***

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand -  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When weary in this earthly race,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every wild and stormy gale  
my anchor holds and will not fail.

### ***Refrain***

His vow, his covenant, and blood  
are my defence against the flood;



when earthly hopes are swept away  
he will uphold me on that day.

*Refrain*

When the last trumpet's voice shall sound,  
O may I then in him be found!  
Clothed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before his throne.

*Refrain*

*Words: Edward Mate (1797-1874), alt.  
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**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”**

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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 with you and remain with you always.

**ALL: Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 46**

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)*

## THE DISMISSAL

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

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.**

Organ Postlude

*(Worshippers are invited to sit silently and listen to the  
voluntary; however, those who wish to leave at this point  
may do so quietly.)*



## The First Sunday of Advent ~ Year C

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Comment:** *“A righteous branch springing up from David”*  
In this prophetic lesson from the Hebrew scriptures, **the Lord’s promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah is reaffirmed, foreseeing the arrival of a messianic figure, a righteous branch who will execute justice and save**

**the people.** This passage may have been added to the Book of Jeremiah a century or so later. A sure confidence in God's deliverance sounds forth, and Christians have interpreted the passage as a prophecy regarding Christ.

### **Psalm 25:1-9**

A prayer for forgiveness and guidance and an expression of trust in the Lord.

Second Reading (**The Epistle**): 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

**Comment:** *“Strengthen hearts of holiness for the  
the coming of the Lord”*

In this New Testament reading, **the apostle Paul expresses gratitude to God for his disciples in Thessalonica and tells these followers of his prayers for them.** He has heard a good report of their faith and love and their concern for him. He prays that he will soon see them again, and asks that they may grow in love and be established in holiness, in preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

**Comment:** *“Be alert for the coming of the Son of Man”*

In our gospel lesson, **Jesus tells his disciples of the awe-inspiring crisis to come, which they may also recognise as the beginning of the time of their redemption.** The heavens and earth will bear fearsome witness before the appearance of the heavenly judge, the Son of Man. As the budding fig tree fortells the advance of summer, so can all this calamity be recognised as a preparation for the drawing near of the kingdom of God. The believer is to be alert, fixed on Christ's words and teachings and prepared for the coming of the Lord.

## CATHEDRAL NEWS

**BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS - CATHEDRAL REVITALIZATION 2024 and BEYOND: Mission – Ministry - Maintenance - Money.**

**DONATION CARDS:** Please note that Cards are still available for members to solicit donations from family, friends and well-wishers to support the Cathedral. Your continued generosity and kind cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

**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 any other occasion in the life of a family. Thanks for your consideration.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** Next Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Cathedral will host a Blue Christmas Service at 5:00 P.M. Anyone who experienced a bereavement during the year and for whom this would be the first Christmas without their loved ones, is invited to attend. The service is designed to offer comfort and hope at Christmas time; and to affirm the presence of God as revealed in Christ, in the midst of grief.

**PERSONS WISHING TO SPONSOR FUTURE EVENTS:**

Donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606. All donations are appreciated.

**FLEA MARKET:** Please note that Armel Marshall will be coordinating a Flea Market on Saturday, December 7, 2024, starting at 8:00 a.m. Donations of salt fish, not bits, would be appreciated. Members are asked to inform Ms. Marshall about their contributions at Tel: 438-2695.

***THEME FOR THE WEEK***

*“Our expectancy of the Lord’s coming is what keeps life interesting.”*



**Congratulations to all those persons celebrating  
birthdays this week December 1 to December 7, 2024**

- 1 Mrs. Chloe Grant
- 2 Ms. Yvonne V. Blenman
- 3 Ms. Ella K. Russell  
Mr. Stephen L. White
- 4 Mr. Victor E. Gittens
- 4 Ms. Muriel I. Oxley  
Ms. Maureen Ward  
Mr. Glynnil M. Warner
- 5 Ms. Orene L. Clarke  
Ms. Jennifer Edwards  
Mrs. Sheila Garnes
- 6 Ms. Joanne R. Griffith
- 7 Mrs. Shaunette Blackett



*May God bless and strengthen you.*





**SICK:** Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Margaret Browne, Colleen Byer, Courtney Carrington, Darwin Clarke, Heather Howard-Downes, Alice P. Hall, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Jeffrey Mascoll, Marlene Moore, Blair Murray, Clyde Outram, Sylvester (Blues) Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Claudette Sealy, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, Ernesta Yarde and George Yearwood.



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



- Mrs. Clarissa Carrington (Shut-In)
- Mr. William ‘Monty’ Cumberbatch
- Mrs. Celia Gill
- Mrs. Hazel Norville


*May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.*

### **CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**


**Today, Sunday, December 1, 2024**  
**The First Sunday of Advent: Year C**  
**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**  
**9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist**  
**6:00 P.M. ~ An Advent Carol Service**  
**(Please bring a Candle or Torchlight)**




**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**  
**10:00 A.M. ~ A Public Service of Healing**



**Sunday, December 8, 2024**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist  
9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist  
**5:00 P.M. ~ A Blue Christmas**



**TICKETS:** Members are asked to note that tickets for the **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, to be held on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 8:00 P.M., are now available at \$30.00 each** and can be purchased from the Administrative Office during office hours.





**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings  
December 1 – 7, 2024**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning Readings</b>	<b>Evening Readings</b>
The First Sunday of Advent	Psalms 146, 147 Isaiah 1:1-9 2 Peter 3:1-10	Psalms 111, 112, 113 Amos 1:1-5, 13—2:8 Matthew 25:1-13
Monday	Psalms 1, 2, 3 Isaiah 1:10-20 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Psalms 4, 7 Amos 2:6-16 Luke 20:1-8
Tuesday	Psalms 5, 6 Isaiah 1:21-31 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12	Psalms 10, 11 Amos 3:1-11 Luke 20:9-18
Wednesday	Psalms 119:1-24 Isaiah 2:1-11 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20	Psalms 12, 13, 14 Amos 3:12—4:5 Luke 20:19-26
Thursday	Psalm 18:1-20 Isaiah 2:12-22 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13	Psalm 18:21-50 Amos 4:6-13 Luke 20:27-40
Friday	Psalms 16, 17 Isaiah 3:8-15 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12	Psalm 22 Amos 5:1-17 Luke 20:41—21:4
Saturday	Psalms 20, 21:1-7(8-14) Isaiah 4:2-6 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Psalms 110:5(6-7), 116, 117 Amos 5:18-27 Luke 21:5-19 <i>Collect for 2 Advent</i>

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# Sermon Notes

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Points to Ponder:  
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What was God saying specifically to me during the  
Sermon?  
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