



St. Michael Cathedral
The First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 29, 2024
9:00 A.M.
Choral Matins with the Administration
of Holy Communion

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

The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels

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Mrs. Chloe Grant

Organ Prelude:

All stand as the Cathedral Choir & Clergy enter the Cathedral

Opening Hymn 91

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

‘Fear not,’ said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
‘Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

‘To you in David’s town this day
is born of David’s line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

‘The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.’

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

‘All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease.’

Words: Nahum Tate (1652-1715)

Versicles and Responses ~ (*settings by Ferial*)

V. O Lord open thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

V. O God make speed to save us.

R. O Lord make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost;

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be: world without end. Amen.**

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. The Lord’s Name be praised.

Venite (*Chant*)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth,
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it,
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world
without end. *Amen*

All sit

Psalm 147:13-21

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders;
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth,
and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool;
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;
 who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them;
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob,
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation;
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.
 Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world
without end. *Amen*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 61:10—62:3

Lector: **Mrs. Juno Burrows**

Here beginneth the tenth verse of the sixty-first Chapter of
the Book of Isaiah

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.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of
the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

READER: Here endeth the first lesson

All stand

Te Deum Laudamus ~ (*Benedicite Omnia Opera*)

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the
Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the
Powers therein.

To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world: doth
acknowledge thee;
The Father: of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true: and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not
abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: thou
didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the
Father.
We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast
redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory
everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage.
Govern them: and lift them up for ever.
Day by day: we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen

All sit

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 1:1-18

Lector: Mrs. Mary Weekes

Here beginneth the first verse of the first Chapter of the Gospel according to John

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

READER: Here endeth the second lesson

All stand

Jubilate Deo ~ (*Chant*)

O Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world
without end. *Amen*

The Apostles' Creed,

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.

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

Responses after The Creed

V. The Lord be with you

R. And with thy spirit

All kneel OR sit

V. Let us pray

R. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against
us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Responses after the Lord's Prayer

V. O Lord shew thy mercy upon us.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord save this Nation.

R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people

R. And bless thine inheritance.

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**R. Because there is none that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

V. O God make clean our hearts within us.

R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect ~ The First Sunday after Christmas

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Second Collect, for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Third Collect, for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the

Mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Hymn

Unto us is born a Son,
King of quires supernal:
See on earth his life begun,
Of lords the Lord eternal.
Of lords the Lord eternal.

Christ, from heaven descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their owner know,
Becradled in the manger.
Becradled in the manger.

This did Herod sore affray,
And grievously bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay,
And slew the little childer.
And slew the little childer.

Of his love and mercy mild
This the Christmas story;
And O that Mary's gentle Child
Might lead us up to glory,
Might lead us up to glory.

O and A, and A and O,

Cum cantibus in choro,
Let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino.
Benedicamus Domino.

Words from 15th Century Latin, translated by G.R. Woodward
Tune from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582 arranged by D. Willcocks

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

The Offertory Hymn: 83

Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

*At his word they were created;
he commanded; it was done:
heaven and earth and depths of ocean
in their threefold order one;
all that grows beneath the shining
of the light of moon and sun,
evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed!
When the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bare the Saviour of our race,

and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore him;
angel-hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King:
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers and sages
sang of old with one accord;
whom the writings of the Prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected:
let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore.

Hail, thou Judge of souls departed!
Hail, thou King of them that live!
On the Father's throne exalted
none in might with thee may strive;
who at last in judgement coming
sinners from thy face shalt drive,
evermore and evermore.

Now let old and young men's voices,
join with boys' thy name to sing,
matrons, virgins, little maidens
in glad chorus answering;

let their guileless songs re-echo,
and the heart its praises bring,
evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant, and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be,
honour, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore.

*Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius
(348-413), from Corde natus ex parentis,
Latin; translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866),
And Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)*

The Administration of Communion/Spiritual Communion

PRIEST:

The Church of Christ, of which we are members, has taken this bread and wine and given thanks according to the Lord's command. We now share together in the communion of His body and blood.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Lord 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.

PRIEST:

The gifts of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE:

Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

The Sacrament is then given with the following words:

The Body of Christ (*given for you*)

The Blood of Christ (*shed for you*).

The Communion Hymn ~ 81

O come, Redeemer of mankind, appear,
thee with full hearts the Virgin-born we greet;
let every age with rapt amazement hear
that wondrous birth which for our God is meet.

Not by the will of man, or mortal seed,
but by the Spirit's breathed mysterious grace
the Word of God became our flesh indeed,
and grew a tender plant of human race.

Lo! Mary's virgin womb its burthen bears;
nor less abides her virgin purity;

in the King's glory see our nature shares;
here in his temple God vouchsafes to be.

From His bright chamber, virtue's holy shrine,
the royal Bridegroom cometh to the day;
of twofold substance, human and divine,
as giant swift, rejoicing on his way.

Forth from His Father to the world he goes,
back to the Father's face his way regains,
far down to souls beneath his glory shows,
again at God's right hand victorious reigns.

With the Eternal Father equal, thou
girt with our flesh dost triumph evermore,
strengthening our feeble bodies here below
with endless grace from thine own living store.

How doth thy lowly manger radiant shine!
On the sweet breath of night new splendor grows;
so may our spirits glow with faith Divine,
where no dark cloud of sin shall interpose.

All praise and glory to the Father be,
all praise and glory to his only son,
all praise and glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
both now, and while eternal ages run.

*Words: Ambrose of Milan (339-397),
From Veni Redemptor gentium, Latin;*

Translation: David Thomas Morgan (1809-1886)

The Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All kneel OR sit

THE BLESSING “Christmas”

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Christ, who by His incarnation gathered into one, all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with His joy and peace; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

Closing Hymn ~ 60

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,

yonder shines the infant Light:

Refrain

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of Nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

Refrain

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in the temple shall appear.

Refrain

Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:

Refrain

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

All stand as the Cathedral Choir & Clergy depart.

Organ Postlude

CATHEDRAL NEWS

1. FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

The ministry, mission and maintenance of the Cathedral is supported primarily by its members' contributions weekly and monthly. However, contributions are appreciated from anyone. An invitation is extended to all visitors and well-wishers to support the financial needs of this sacred place. Please donate to St. Michael's Cathedral, Bridgetown, St. Michael. Friends and well-wishers may write to stmichaelcathedral@caribsurf.com or call 1 246-427-0790 for more details. Meantime, donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606.

Sincere thanks to all for their generosity; and may God bless everyone, as together, we work to be faithful stewards of His bounty. Let us strive to make proportionate giving a reality, using the Biblical Tithe (10 %) as an example.

Meantime, the 2025 Stewardship Envelopes are available for collection. The Initial Offering will be received on Sunday, January 26th, 2025. This contribution serves to offset the cost of the purchase of the envelopes, which is \$4,136.72.

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

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

- i. 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.
- ii. Epiphany Carol Service:** This celebration will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
- iii. Parish Observance:** To mark the arrival of the first Bishop of Barbados, The. Rev'd William Hart Coleridge, DD in the Parish Church of St. Michael on January 29, 1825, the midweek service in the Cathedral will be dedicated to this event. Wednesday, January 29, 10:00 A.M. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**



THEME FOR THE WEEK

“God reveals himself as he reveals his will for us”.



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week December 29, 2024 to January 4, 2025

30 Ms. Olga E. Marshall
31 Mr. Wilbur Belle
 Mrs. Jeanette Rollock
1 Ms. Sandra I. Daniel
2 Ms. Merlene O. Barrow
 Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw
3 Ms. Alson M. Gittens



May God bless and strengthen you.



The Sick:



Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Margaret Browne, Colleen Byer, Courtney Carrington, Darwin Clarke, Heather Coward-Downes, Alice P. Hall, Jonathan Holder, Olga Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Blair Murray, Clyde Outram, Claudette Sealy, Eleanor Small, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, Ernesta Yarde, and George Yearwood.





Bereavement: We extend sincere condolences to the families of the late:

- Mrs. Celia Gill (New York)
- Mrs. Marjorie Maxwell (St. Paul)
- The Rev'd R. Roosevelt Taitt (General Licence)

We thank God for their lives, work, and witness among us.

May the families know the blessedness of those who mourn.



CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday December 29th, 2024

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

**9:00 A.M. ~ Choral Matins with the Administration of
Holy Communion**



Tuesday, December 31st, 2024

11:00 P.M. ~ Watchnight Service



Sunday January 5, 2025
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
December 29, 2024 – January 4, 2025

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The First Sunday after Christmas	Psalms 93, 96 Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12 Hebrews 2:10-18	Psalm 34 1 Samuel 1:1-2, 7b-28 Matthew 1:18-25
Monday	Psalms 20, 21:1-7(8-14) Isaiah 25:1-9 Revelation 1:9-20	Psalms 23, 27 1 Kings 17:17-24 John 7:53—8:11
Tuesday	Psalms 46, 48 Isaiah 26:1-9 2 Corinthians 5:16—6:2	Eve of The Holy Name Psalm 90 Isaiah 65:15B-25 Revelation 21:1-6
Wednesday <i>The Holy Name of our Lord</i>	Psalm 103 Genesis 17:1-12a, 15-16 Colossians 2:6-12	Psalm 148 Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12 John 16:23b-30
Thursday	Psalm 34 Genesis 12:1-17 Hebrews 11:1-12	Psalm 33 1 Kings 19:1-8 John 6:35-42, 48-51
Friday	Psalm 68 Genesis 28 [”] 10-22 Hebrews 11:13-22	Psalm 72 1 Kings 19:9-18 John 10:7-17
Saturday	Psalms 85, 87 Exodus 3:1-13 Hebrews 11:23-31	Psalm 136 Joshua 3:14—4:7 John 14:6-14 <i>Collect for the Second Sunday after Christmas</i>

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