



**St. Michael's Cathedral**  
Services  
for  
The Third Sunday of Advent  
Year C  
Sunday, December 15, 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***

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

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

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

**President: The Rev'd Stephanie Ann Wedderburn**

**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**

**Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**THE PREPARATION**

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn ~ 45**

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

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

Watch! 'Tis your Lord's command,  
and while we speak, he's near;  
mark the first signal of his hand,

and ready all appear.

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

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

*Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)*

## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

### **ADVENT 3 ~ JOY**

#### **The Leader reads a 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 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.**

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: **Zephaniah 3:14-20**

**Lectors: 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 Book of Zephaniah, the third chapter, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 9** ~ Isaiah 12:2-6 (*The First Song of Isaiah*)

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Saviour.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great  
things, \* and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy  
One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for  
ever. Amen.

*(Please sit)*

Second Lesson: **Philippians 4:4-7**

**Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Deidre Cox**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Harriett Blackman**

A reading from the Word of God, written in Paul's Letter to the Philippians, the fourth chapter, beginning at the fourth verse.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand, as able)*

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 538**

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: **Luke 3:7-18**

**Gospeller: 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 third chapter, beginning at the seventh verse.

**ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor

and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

**ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.**

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

*(Please stand, as able)*

**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.**

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS Form "H"**

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### **Intercessors:**

**7:00 A. M. ~ Mrs. Joyanne Blackman-Jarvis**

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

*(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 Alma, Eucille, Sylvester, Marilyn, Wyndeen and Gloria; 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 Mrs. Clarissa Carrington, Mrs. Celia Gill and Mrs. Hazel Norville; 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 John 1:8, 9)

*A period of silence shall be kept.*

**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, as able)*

## 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 ~ 367**

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,  
in every part with praise,  
that my whole being may proclaim  
thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,  
nor e'en the praising heart,  
I ask, but for a life made up  
of praise in every part:

Praise in the common things of life,  
its goings our and in;  
praise in each duty and deed,  
however small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise:  
let all my being speak  
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,  
poor though I be and weak.

So shalt thou, Lord, receive from me  
the praise and glory due;  
and so shall I begin on earth  
the song for ever new.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care,  
    be turnèd into song;  
and every winding of the way  
    the echo shall prolong.

So shall no part of day or night  
    unblest or common be;  
but all my life, in every step,  
    be fellowship with thee.

*Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889),  
alt. as in Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised, 1950*

## 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!**

*(Please sit or kneel, as able)*

**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 Hymns ~ 593 & 491**

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)*

## **Hymn ~ 491**

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)*

## **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.**



### *Refrain*

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound  
retreat,  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement  
seat;

O be swift, my soul, to answer him! Be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.

### *Refrain:*

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;  
as he died to make men holy, let us live to make all free,  
while God is marching on.

### *Refrain*

*Words: Julia W. Howe (1819-1910)*

## **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 Third Sunday of Advent ~ Year C

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

**Comment:** *“Rejoice, the Lord is in your midst”*

In the reading from the Hebrew Bible, **the prophet foretells a time when the judgement of Israel will be ended, and the mighty Lord will bring victory and renewal to God’s people.** The city of Jerusalem and its holy Mount Zion may rejoice and sing. All enemies will be defeated and the crippled healed. The fortunes of Israel will be restored, and the nation will be praised by all peoples.

**Canticle 9 ~ Isaiah 12:2-6** (*The First Song of Isaiah*)

A song of confidence and hope in God the Saviour, for the Holy One is in the midst of the people who joyfully proclaim the Lord’s deeds.

Second Reading (**The Epistle**): Philippians 4:4-7

**Comment:** *“Rejoice, the Lord is near”*

In this New Testament lesson, **Paul invites the new disciples at Philippi to exult in the Lord, who is near at hand.** In prayer and thanksgiving, they need have no anxiety. God’s peace, which is beyond human understanding, will keep their hearts and thoughts in Jesus. Even though Paul was experiencing his own troubles and may at this time have been in prison, this letter is often called “the epistle of joy.”

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

**Comment:** *“One more powerful is coming, baptising with fire”*

In our gospel, **John the Baptist preaches repentance to all**

**those who hear his call to baptism, and he tells them of the mighty one to come.** It is not sufficient to claim to be children of Abraham. All who are to escape judgement must learn to share with others and to be just in their daily work. John himself is not the Christ but the servant of the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit and a refining fire.

## **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.

**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.

**DIOCESAN CALENDARS:** The Diocesan Calendars for 2025 are available from the Cathedral Office during the week and on Sundays from the designated persons, at the price of \$7.00 each.

**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.



**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 15 to December 21, 2024**

- 15 Mrs. Alma Deane
- 16 Mrs. Eucille E. Hinds
- 17 Mr. Sylvester A. Jones
- Mrs. Marilyn Watkins-Ramdin
- 20 Mrs. Wyndeen M. Ward
- 21 Mrs. Gloria P. Collins



*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)
- Mrs. Celia Gill (New York)
- Mrs. Hazel Norville (St. George Parish Church)

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



## **CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

**The Third Sunday of Advent - Joy**

(Gaudete Sunday: Symbolic of joy and gladness in the promised Redemption)

**(Worshippers are asked to wear pink apparel)**

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

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



**Wednesday, December 18, 2024**  
**10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**



**Thursday, December 19, 2024**  
**8:00 P.M. ~ Festival of Nine Lessons and  
Carols**





**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings  
December 15 – 21, 2024**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning Readings</b>	<b>Evening Readings</b>
The Third Sunday of Advent	Psalms 63:1-8(9-11), 98 Isaiah 13:6-13 Hebrews 12:18-29	Psalm 103 Amos 9:11-15 John 3:22-30
Monday	Psalms 41, 52 Isaiah 8:16—9:1 2 Peter 1:1-11	Psalm 44 Zechariah 1:7-17 Luke 22:39-53
Tuesday	Psalm 45 Isaiah 9:1-7 2 Peter 1:12-21	Psalms 47, 48, Zechariah 2:1-13 Luke 22:54-69
Wednesday	Psalm 119:49-72 Isaiah 9:8-17 2 Peter 2:1-10a	Psalms 49, [53] Zechariah 3:1-10 Mark 1:1-8
Thursday	Psalm 50 Isaiah 9:18—10:4 2 Peter 2:10b-16	Psalms [59, 60] or 33 Zechariah 4:1-14 Matthew 3:1-12
Friday	Psalms 40, 54 Isaiah 10:5-19 2 Peter 2:17-22	Psalm 51 Zechariah 7:8—8:8 Matthew 11:2-15
Saturday	Psalms 23, 121 Job 42:1-6 1 Peter 1:3-9	Psalm 27 Isaiah 43:8-13 John 14:1-7



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES  
IN THE CATHEDRAL**

**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas**

**Tuesday, December 24, 2024**

**Christmas Eve**

**11:45 P.M. Sung Eucharist with Crib Devotions and the  
Lighting of the Christ Candle**



**Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25, 2024**

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

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



**Sunday, December 29, 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 31, 2024**

**11:00 P.M. Watch Night Service**

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