



St. Michael's Cathedral

Services

for

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany:

Sunday, January 26, 2025

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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany: YEAR C

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn** ~ 321

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748),
1719 and Edward Denny (1796-1889), alt.*

Opening Sentence “*Epiphany*” Page 98
God chose to make known how great among the nations are
the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you,
the hope of glory. *Colossians 1:27*

THE INVOCATION Page 101

PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name
and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace
to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim
and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your
world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins,
may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living
sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy
Sacrament.

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect:

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“Third Sunday after the Epiphany”

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvellous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Marcia Oxley

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Danita Layne

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

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before

the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

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1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the
firmament shows his handiwork.

- 2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then

shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

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 Corinthians 12:12-31a

**Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Merlene Barrow
9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Mary Weekes**

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

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If

all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 397**

Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying!

O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Gospellers:

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

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

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the
captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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

The sermon ends with the following prayer in which the congregation joins:

Let us pray.

God our Father, make us to think more of what we can give to life and less of what we can get out of it. May we be mindful that we hold our gifts, our talents, our possessions, our life itself, in trust for you and the service of humanity. Save us from thinking only of our own needs and desires; and help us to remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive, according to the teaching of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Presentation of The Initial Offering

The Hymn ~ 539 “Take my life, and let it be”

(The Initial Offering is collected during the singing of this hymn)

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

Afterwards, The Dean says:

We thank you, O Lord, for all your gifts, which we receive as tokens of your love to us. Accept these gifts which we now bring to you as tokens of our gratitude and use both them and us in the service of your kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake.

R. Amen.

V: All things come from you, O Lord!

R: And of your own do we give you!

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

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever.

Amen.

All say together:

O Heavenly Father, who by your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that all our possessions are in trust from you; help us to be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our treasure, and gladly to consecrate to your service all that you have given us; and may we have grace, O Lord, to give ourselves to you, as those who have been bought with a price; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

God our Father, in mercy accept these offerings which we have presented to you with thankful hearts, and grant that our gifts may be hallowed by your blessing and used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Intercessors:

7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donnah Russell, J.P.

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

LEADER:

INTERCESSION FORM “**B**”

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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 and special intentions offered.

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.

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.

FORM A

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ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed,

and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that may serve you in newness of life 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 “A”

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PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL:

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

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

The Offertory Hymn ~ 392

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair;
may Jesus Christ be praised.

Whene'er the sweet church bell
peals over hill and dell,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
O hark to what it sings,

as joyously it rings,
may Jesus Christ be praised.

My tongue shall never tire
of chanting with the choir,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
this song of sacred joy,
it never seems to cloy,
may Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this,
may Jesus Christ be praised.

*The night becomes as day,
when from the heart we say,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
the powers of darkness fear,
when this sweet chant they hear,
may Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
be this the eternal song
through ages all along,
may Jesus Christ be praised.

*Words: anonymous from Beim Frühen Morgenlicht,
in Katholisches Gesangbuch, Würzburg, c1744, German;
translation: Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

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:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in coming to dwell among us as man, He revealed the radiance of His glory, and brought us out of darkness into His own marvellous light.
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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 “A”

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PRESIDENT:

All Holy and glorious Father,
our Creator God,
we give you thanks
because in your loving wisdom
you brought all things into being,
and are truly worthy of praise
from every creature you have made.

Again and again
we have turned away from you;
yet in every age your steadfast love
has called us to return,
to live in union with you:

for it is your eternal purpose
to put new life into all things
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ
who took our human nature upon Him
you have redeemed the world
from the bondage of sin:
and by the power of your Holy Spirit
you have gathered a people to yourself,
to make known in every place
His perfect offering which He made
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night 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:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT:

And so, Heavenly Father,
rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation;
His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice
made once for all upon the Cross;
His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;
His Glorious Ascension into heaven;
and looking for His Coming in glory;
we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving;

and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood
of your Son, our great High Priest,
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.
Unite us with all Bishops,
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,
and with the whole people of God,
living and departed,
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,
that we may be found ready to join the company
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,
and all your saints,
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:
Forever giving you thanks and praise
through Him for whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father Almighty,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL:
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. 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 "A"

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PRESIDENT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

**Though we are many, we are one body, because
we all share in one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

The Invitation "A"

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PRESIDENT:

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His

Body, which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL:

Grant gracious Lord that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that 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 ~ 594 & 608**

O God, unseen yet ever near,
thy presence may we feel;
and, thus inspired with holy fear,
before thine altar kneel.

Here may thy faithful people know
the blessings of thy love,
the streams that through the desert flow,

the manna from above.

We come, obedient to thy word,
to feast on heavenly food;
our meat the body of the Lord,
our drink his precious blood.

Thus may we all thy word obey,
for we, O God, are thine;
and go rejoicing on our way,
renewed with strength divine.

Words: Edward Osler (1798-1863)

Hymn ~ 608

My God, and is thy table spread,
and doth thy cup with love o'erflow?
Thither be all thy children led,
and let them all thy sweetness know.

Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes,
rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
Thrice happy he who here partakes
that sacred stream, that heavenly food.

Why are its dainties all in vain
before unwilling hearts displayed?
Was not for them the Victim slain?
Are they forbid the children's Bread?

O let thy table honoured be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;

and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the god whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER “A” Page 147

ALL:

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live His risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING “*Epiphany*” Page 150

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with good news of His kingdom; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional **Hymn** ~ 325

Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord, and King,
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours which cares for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts - let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and king for evermore.

*Words: James E. Seddon (1915-1983).
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THE DISMISSAL

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PRESIDENT:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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 after Epiphany: Year C

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Comment: *“Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people”*

Our first lesson **recalls a great day in the history of Israel: in the restored city of Jerusalem Ezra gathers the people together so that they may hear and understand the law of Moses.** It would seem that many of the people were unfamiliar with their traditions, and this reading may have taken place at a time when their laws and stories had been newly gathered together and edited. We note the people’s reverence for their scriptures, and the manner in which they are not only read but also expounded to them, probably in their own language of Aramaic, since the law was written in Hebrew.

Psalm 19

A hymn which glorifies the Creator God, with special praise for God’s law and a prayer for avoidance of sin.

Second Reading (**The Epistle**): 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Comment: *“You are the body of Christ”*

In this passage **Paul describes Christians as the body of Christ. Each individual is a necessary part of the body.**

Against any tendencies toward disunity, it must be remembered that all have been baptised into one body and have drunk of one Spirit. Just as there are different organs and limbs of the human body, so individuals have different abilities and ministries. But none can be dispensed with. They are all joined together to care for one another.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Comment: *“Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah”*

In our Gospel story, **Jesus returns to Galilee and enters the synagogue in Nazareth. Here he gives what has been called his inaugural sermon.** He reads from the book of the prophet Isaiah. These words offer hope and good news to the poor and tell of healing and freedom for the oppressed. This time, Jesus says, has begun.

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 who have made their Initial Offering today. This contribution serves to offset the cost of the purchase of the envelopes. May God bless everyone, as together, we work to be faithful stewards of His bounty.

“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 today Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
- iii. **PARISH OBSERVANCE:** To mark the arrival of the first Bishop of Barbados, The. Rt. 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 on Wednesday, January 29, at 10:00 A.M. The Rt. Rev’d Michael B. St. J. Maxwell will be the president and preacher. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**
- iv. **CATHEDRAL OPEN DOORS:** In celebration of the historic arrival of the first Bishop of Barbados, the Cathedral under the distinguished patronage of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Rufus T. Brome, G.C.M., LLD, 12th Bishop

of Barbados, will present “Cathedral Open Doors: A Pilgrimage in Faith”, from Thursday, January 30, to Friday, January 31, 2025 from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. and Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 P.M. The event will climax with Choral Evensong at 6:00 P.M. Parishioners, visitors to the island, Anglicans from across the Diocese and the public in general, are invited to visit the Cathedral during these times to draw on its spiritual capital. Refreshments will be on sale at various times.



Congratulations to all those celebrating their birthdays
this week January 26 to February 1, 2025.

- 26 Ms. Janis A. Griffith
- 27 Ms. Danita V. Layne
 Ms. Shernelle O’Neale
- 28 Mrs. Roslyn Sealy
- 29 Mrs. Judith A. Parris
 Mrs. Margaret A. Watson
- 30 Mrs. Margot Crichlow
- 31 Mrs. Juno C. Burrows
- 1 Mrs. Mary Weekes



May God bless and strengthen you.



CITY OUTREACH: The St. Michael Centre for Faith and Action (SMCFA) will host this annual event on Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14, 2025 at 12:00 noon in the Cathedral House. The specially invited participants will be served a meal and be given care packages. Cash donations are invited and persons may also contribute to this appeal by use of Pledge Cards, which are available from the Trustees of the Centre. In addition, members of the Cathedral are asked to volunteer to assist with the hosting of this social service.



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, 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:



- Ms. Lucille Barrow
- Mrs. Celia Gill (New York)
- Mrs. Emeline Cumberbatch
- Mr. Leonard Hunte (Husband of Mrs. Zida Hunte)
- Mrs. Kathleen A. Vaughn, nee Springer (Florida, U.S.A.)

- Dr. Karl S. Watson, GCM (Retired Senior Lecturer, Department of History, U.W.I., Cave Hill Campus, Archaeologist and Naturalist).
- Ina Lady Wood (wife of The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Wilfred D. Wood, K.A., St. Lawrence)

We thank God for their lives, work, and witness among us.
May the bereaved families know the blessedness of those who mourn.



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 of the Cathedral; the Custodial Care of the Cathedral and its environs; and other related duties. Applications should be addressed to The Dean, Cathedral House, Spry Street, Bridgetown, St. Michael by **February 28, 2025.**



THEME FOR THE WEEK

“The Word of the Lord touches our hearts and judges our life.”



CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday, January 26, 2025

The Third Sunday after Epiphany: YEAR C

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

6:00 P.M. ~ Epiphany Carol Service

Officiant: The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

(Service to mark the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Rt. Rev'd William Hart Coleridge, the First Bishop of Barbados and the Leeward Islands)

President and Preacher:

The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell

Thursday, January 30, 2025

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. ~ Cathedral Open Doors

Friday, January 31, 2025

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. ~ Cathedral Open Doors

Saturday, February 1, 2025

12:00 Noon to 5:00 P.M. ~ Cathedral Open Doors

6:00 P.M.~ Choral Evensong

Sunday, February 2, 2025

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: YEAR C

The Presentation of Our Lord

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
January 26 – February 1, 2025**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Psalms 63:1-8(9-11), 98 Isaiah 47:1-15 Hebrews 10:19-31	Psalm 103 Genesis 13:2-18 John 5:2-18
Monday	Psalms 41, 52 Isaiah 48:1-11 Galatians 1:1-17	Psalm 44 Genesis 14:(1-7) 8-24 Mark 5:21-43
Tuesday	Psalm 45 Isaiah 48:12-21 Galatians 1:18—2:10	Psalms 47, 48 Genesis 15:1-11, 17-21 Mark 6:1-13
Wednesday	Psalm 119:49-72 Isaiah 49:1-12 Galatians 2:11-21	Psalms 49, [53] Genesis 16:1-14 Mark 6:13-29
Thursday	Psalm 50 Isaiah 49:13-23 Galatians 3:1-14	Psalms [59,60] or 118 Genesis 16:15—17:14 Mark 6:30-46
Friday	Psalms 40, 54 Isaiah 50:1-11 Galatians 3:15-22	Psalm 51 Genesis 17:15-27 Mark 6:47-56
Saturday <i>The Conversion of Saint Paul</i>	Psalm 55 Isaiah 51:1-8 Galatians 3: 23-29 Mark 7:1-23	<i>Eve of the Presentation</i> Psalms 113, 122 1 Samuel 1:20-28a Romans 8:14-21 <i>Collect for the Presentation</i>

SERMON NOTES

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Preacher:
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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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Ezra Read the Law Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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