



**St. Michael's Cathedral**  
Services  
for  
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Sunday, January 5, 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 Second Sunday after Christmas Day: YEAR C

**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 ~ 400**

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for men in all the earth;  
the gospel of a saviour's name;  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim:  
the word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save;  
in lonely suffering on the cross  
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
empty the tomb, for he was free;  
he broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified;  
he sends his Spirit on his church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him king:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
this gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

*Words: Edward Joseph Burns (1938-)  
Words © Edward Joseph Burns.*

Opening Sentence "*Christmas*" Page 97  
To us a child is born, to us a son is given: and his name will  
be called the Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

**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. Amen.

**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.**

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: “*Second Sunday after Christmas Day*” Page 159  
Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of Him who humbled Himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

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

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

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of the prophet Jeremiah, the thirty-first chapter, beginning at the seventh verse.

**T**hus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of  
the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of  
the earth,

among them the blind and the lame, those with  
child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not  
stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too  
strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of  
Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness  
of the LORD,

over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the  
herd;

their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the  
dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be  
merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness  
for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my  
bounty, says the LORD.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 84:1-8**

*Quam dilecta!*

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1 **H**ow dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of  
hosts!



My soul has a desire and longing for the courts  
of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her  
young;  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you!  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find  
it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of  
water.

6 They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God;  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

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: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

**Lector: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Gittens**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. John Moore**

A reading from the Word of God written in the Letter to the Ephesians, the first chapter, reading from the third to the sixth verse, and then from the fifteenth verse.

**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

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

### The Gradual **Hymn**

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

### ***Refrain***

*This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

### ***Refrain***

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, rich and poor, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

### ***Refrain***

*Words: William C. Dix*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**Gospeller:**

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

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

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

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

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the second chapter, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

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

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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

**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.** ~ Prof. Anne St. John, GCM

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

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.*

**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.

*A period of silence shall be kept.*

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

## FORM B

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**ALL:**

**Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. *Amen.***

## THE ABSOLUTION

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PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**ALL: Amen.**

**THE GREETING OF THE PEACE “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 ~ 311**

GOD is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,  
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing  
near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely  
be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the  
waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath  
trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of  
God,  
"Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the  
waters cover the sea."

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and  
increase  
the brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of  
peace?

What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall  
surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the  
waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of  
Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious Gospel of truth may shine  
throughout the world.  
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives  
free,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the  
waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the  
deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the  
seed;  
yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall  
surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the  
waters cover the sea.

Words: Arthur C. Ainger (1841-1919)

## 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 thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. *(Go to page 131)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**ALL:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might;**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**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”** Page 145

**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”** Page 145

**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** Page 147

**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 ~ 266 & 58**

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

**Hymn ~ 58**

A great and mighty wonder,  
a full and holy cure!  
The Virgin bears the Infant  
with virgin-honour pure:

***Refrain:***

*repeat the hymn again!*  
*'To God on high be glory,*  
*and peace on earth to men.'*

The Word becomes incarnate,  
and yet remains on high;  
and cherubim sing anthems  
to shepherds from the sky:

***Refrain***

While thus they sing your Monarch,  
those bright angelic bands,  
rejoice, ye vales and mountains,  
ye oceans, clap your hands:

***Refrain***

Since all he comes to ransom,  
by all be he adored,  
the infant born in Bethl'em,  
the Saviour and the Lord:

***Refrain***

*Words: Germanus, from Greek;  
translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
as in Hymns Ancient and Modern, revised, 1950*

**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 “Christmas”**      Page 149

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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 94**

Father, let me dedicate,  
all this year to thee,  
in whatever worldly state

thou wilt have me be:  
not from sorrow, pain or care,  
freedom dare I claim;  
this alone shall be my prayer,  
glorify thy name.

Can a child presume to choose  
where or how to live?  
Can a Father's love refuse  
all the best to give?  
More Thou givest every day  
than the best can claim  
nor withholdest aught that may  
glorify thy name.

If in mercy Thou wilt spare  
joys that yet are mine;  
if on life, serene and fair,  
brighter rays may shine;  
let my glad heart, while it sings,  
thee in all proclaim,  
and, whate'er the future brings,  
glorify thy name.

If thou callest to the cross,  
and its shadow come,  
turning all my gain to loss,  
shrouding heart and home;  
let me think how thy dear Son  
to his glory came,  
and in deepest woe pray on,  
“glorify thy name.”

## 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 Second Sunday after Christmas Day ~ Year C

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

**Comment:** “Joy as God’s scattered flock gathers”

The Hebrew Bible reading was originally composed as **a vision of hope, full of joy, for the restoration of the northern tribes of Israel.** The Lord will bring them all back from exile, including the weak and the infirm. As a father and a shepherd, he will comfort them and give them cause for great gladness.

### **Psalm 84:1-8**

A song of the pilgrims’ happiness as they come to worship in the house of the Lord.

Second Reading (**The Epistle**): Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

**Comment:** *“The will of God made known in Christ”*

This New Testament lesson opens with **praise to God for God’s blessings, together with thanksgiving and prayers that these spiritual graces may continue.** In the beloved Son, Christians have, since the beginning of the world, been given a destiny of holiness as God’s children. Paul prays for a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that the disciples’ hearts may be enlightened to perceive the glorious hope of the saints.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**Comment:** *“The slaughter of innocent children”*

Our Gospel is **the story of Joseph and Mary escaping to Egypt with the infant Jesus. They flee the jealous wrath of King Herod and are able to return to live in Nazareth only after his death.** These movements early in Jesus’ life are seen as the fulfillment of prophecy. As God’s Son, Jesus, is brought out of Egypt just as were the people of Israel. The prophecy concerning Nazareth could have several sources, but the evangelist understands all things to be taking place according to God’s plan.

## **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](mailto: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.

**“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. 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.



Wednesday, January 29, at 10:00 A.M. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

- iv. **PARISH LEADERS:** There will be a meeting for all leaders of organizations and ministries on Wednesday, January 15, at 5:30 P.M. in the Cathedral House. All are asked to make a special effort to attend.



***Congratulations to all those celebrating their birthdays this week January 5 to 11, 2025.***

- *5 Mr. Paul Blackman*
- *6 Mr. Ronaldo N. Grant*
- *Mrs. Monica Downes-Smith*
- *7 Mrs. Jennifer P. Rollock*
- *Ms. Sabrina P. Rollock*
- *8 Ms. Ernesta Yarde*
- *10 Ms. Rosemary Marshall*



***May God bless and strengthen you.***



**CITY OUTREACH:** The St. Michael Centre for Faith and Action (SMCFA) will host this annual event on Friday, January 24, 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 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:

- Mrs. Celia Gill (New York)
- Mrs. Yvonne Johnson (St. Leonard)
- Mrs. Marjorie Maxwell (St. Paul, January 10, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.)
- The Rev'd R. Roosevelt Taitt (General Licence)

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

**FLORAL DECORATIONS:** Sincere thanks to all who have donated towards the purchase of flowers at Christmas for the festival, for birthdays, and in memory of their loved ones.

**STEWARDSHIP:** The envelopes for 2025 are available for collection from today Sunday, January 5, 2025. The Initial Offering will be received on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This contribution serves to offset the cost of the purchase of the envelopes, which is \$4,136.72.

**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.



***THEME FOR THE WEEK***

*“Christ comes to us as our hope in the darkness of life.”*



**CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

**Today, Sunday, January 5, 2025**

**The Second Sunday after Christmas Day**

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

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



Wednesday, January 8, 2025

10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



**Next Sunday, January 12, 2025**  
**The First Sunday after the Epiphany:**  
**The Baptism of Our Lord**  
**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**  
**9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist**



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings  
January 5 – January 11, 2025**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning Readings</b>	<b>Evening Readings</b>
The Second Sunday after Christmas	Psalms 66, 67 Ecclesiasticus 3:3-9, 14-17 1 John 2:12-17 John 6:41-47	<i>Eve of the Epiphany</i> Psalms 29, 98 Isaiah 66:18-23 Romans 15:7-13
Monday <i>The Epiphany of our Lord</i>	Psalms 46, 97 Isaiah 52:7-10 Revelation 21:22-27	Psalms 96, 100 Isaiah 49:1-7 Matthew 12:14-21
Tuesday	Psalms 103 Isaiah 52:3-6 Revelation 2:1-7	Psalms 114, 115 Deuteronomy 8:1-3 John 2:1-11
Wednesday	Psalms 117, 118 Isaiah 59:15-21 Revelation 2:8-17	Psalms 112, 113 Exodus 17:1-7 John 4:46-54
Thursday	Psalms 121, 122, 123 Isaiah 63:1-5 Revelation 2:18-29	Psalms 131, 132 Isaiah 45:14-19 John 5:1-15
Friday	Psalms 138, 139:1-17(18-23) Isaiah 65:1-9 Revelation 3:1-6	Psalm 147 Jeremiah 23:1-8 John 6:1-14
Saturday	Psalms 148, 150 Isaiah 65:13-16 Revelation 3:7-13 John 6:15-27	<i>Eve of 1 Epiphany</i> Psalm 104 Isaiah 61:1-9 Galatians 3:23-29; 4:4-7 <i>Collect for 1 Epiphany</i>

# SERMON NOTES

Sermon

Text:.....  
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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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