



# **St. Michael's Cathedral**

Services

for

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany:

The Presentation of our Lord

Sunday, February 2, 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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: **YEAR C**

**African Awareness Sunday**

**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: Mrs. Valdine Browne**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**THE PREPARATION**

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn** ~ 381

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him,  
praise him, angels, in the height;  
sun and moon, rejoice before him,  
praise him, all ye stars of light:  
praise the Lord! For he hath spoken,  
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
laws, which never shall be broken,  
for their guidance he hath made.

Praise the Lord! For he is glorious;  
never shall his promise fail;  
God hath made his saints victorious,

sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
hosts on high, his power proclaim;  
heaven and earth, and all creation,  
laud and magnify his name!

*Words: John Kemphorne (1775-1838), 1796*

Opening Sentence “*African Awareness*”

“So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship.” (Acts 8:27)

**THE INVOCATION**

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**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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*“The Presentation of our Lord”*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

**Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes, Q.C.**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Small**

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

**T**hus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant

in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 77:11-20**

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- 11 I will remember the works of the LORD, \* and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts \* and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; \* who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders \* and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, \* the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; \* the very depths were shaken.

- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; \*  
your arrows flashed to and fro;
- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lit up the world; \* the earth  
trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great  
waters, \* yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock \* by the hand of  
Moses and Aaron.

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: Hebrews 2:14-18

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

**9:00 A.M. ~ Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw**

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

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high



priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

### The Gradual **Hymn ~ 511**

Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with men,  
their pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart,  
and for his dwelling and his throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be;  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple meet for thee.

*Words: John Keble (1792-1866), with others*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

**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 second chapter, beginning at the twenty-second verse.

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in  
peace,  
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of  
all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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. Shaquan Pompey**

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.*

**A PRAYER FOR AFRICAN AWARENESS SUNDAY:**

**ALL:**

**Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race**

**and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

**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 ~ 559**

We shall overcome. We shall overcome,  
we shall overcome some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe.  
We shall overcome some day.

We'll walk hand in hand. We'll walk hand in hand,  
we' walk hand in hand today;  
oh, deep in my heart, I do believe.  
We'll walk hand in hand today.

God is on our side. God is on our side,  
God is on our side today;

oh, deep in my heart I do believe.  
God is on our side today.

We are not afraid We are not afraid,  
we are not afraid, today;  
oh, deep in my heart, I do believe.  
We are not afraid today.

We shall live in peace. We shall live in peace,  
we shall live in peace some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe.  
We shall live in peace some day.

*Words: African-American spiritual*

## **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 ~ 602

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture –  
in the body and the blood –  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of Light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high.

*Words: Liturgy of St James,  
from 5<sup>th</sup> century, Greek;  
Translation: Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)*

## Hymn ~ 495

Amazing grace - how sweet the sound -  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
’tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
than when we’ve first begun.

*Words: John Newton (1725-1807)*

**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.**

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 ~ 376**

*Refrain*

*O praise ye the Lord, O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary: O praise ye the Lord!  
O praise ye the Lord! O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary: O praise ye the Lord.*

In the firmament of his power, praise him!  
For his mighty acts, let us praise him!  
For his excellent greatness, praise him!  
O praise ye the Lord.

*Refrain*

With the sound of the trumpet, praise him!  
With the psaltery and harp, O praise him!  
With the dance and the timbrel, praise him!  
O praise ye the Lord.

*Refrain*

With stringed instruments, let us praise him!

And with organs, O let us praise him!  
With the high and loud cymbals, praise him!  
O praise ye the Lord.

*Coda:*

Let every thing that hath breath,  
Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord!

*Words: Noel Dexter (1938-). Paraphrase of Psalm 150  
Words © Caribbean Conference of Churches*

**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: Malachi 3:1-4

**Comment:** *“My messenger is a refiner and purifier”*

In our Hebrew Bible reading, **the prophet promises that, as the day of the Lord’s judgement nears, God will send a messenger to make ready the way.** The priest and temple servants who say they are waiting for the Lord need cleansing and purifying most of all.

Suddenly the refiner will come to the temple, and then the offerings of the people will be pleasing to the Lord. On this day, Christians recognise that with the bringing of the child Jesus to the temple, the time of purifying judgement has begun.

### **Psalm 77:11-20**

The psalm asks that God endow the king with compassionate justice and righteousness and that his reign may extend over all nations and throughout all generations. To him shall kings from distant lands bring gifts.

Second Reading (**The Epistle**): Hebrews 2:14-18

**Comment:** *“Jesus shares human flesh and sufferings”*

In this lesson, we are reminded that **Jesus has now shared in all aspects of human life. By experiencing death himself, he has broken the power of death over humankind.** This was not done for angels but for the human descendants of Abraham. Made of flesh and blood, participating in our sufferings and temptations, our brother Jesus has become the perfect and merciful High Priest so that sins may be forgiven.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

**Comment:** *“The child is brought to the temple”*

In our gospel story, **the infant Jesus is brought to the temple to be presented to the Lord in accordance with the law.** The time of Mary’s purification is over, and the holy family comes to offer thanksgiving. Guided by the Spirit, a devout man named Simeon perceives that this is the hoped-for Messiah. In words which we have come to know as the *Nunc dimittis* (“Now let depart”), Simeon foresees that

this child will become the promised light to the Gentiles for the glory of Israel. But he also prophesies that Jesus will be a cause of division, sorrow, and judgement. The ancient prophetess Anna then adds her testimony.

## **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.

**“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.**

**1. 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.

**2. CATHEDRAL OPEN DOORS:** Thanks to all who supported the recently held “Cathedral Open Doors: A Pilgrimage in Faith.” Let us continue to work on congregational vitality, fostering spiritual growth, greater community engagement and promoting creativity and imagination in mission and ministry.



Congratulations to all those celebrating their birthdays  
this week February 2 to 8, 2025.

- 2 Ms. Elain N. Frank
- 3 Mr. Kyle W. Alleyne
- 4 Mr. Richard A. Rollock
- 8 Mrs. Phyllis Clarke-Hunte  
Ms. Harriett M. Godding  
Ms. Sandy J. Rowe



*May God bless and strengthen you.*



## **ST. MICHAEL CENTRE FOR FAITH AND ACTION (SMCFA)**

1. **THE ANNUAL DEAN’S LECTURE:** This event will be held this coming Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in the Courtney Blackman Grand Salle, the Central Bank of Barbados. The lecture will be

delivered by The Venerable Isaiah E. Phillip, M.Phil. Archdeacon of St. Kitts, the Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba (NECA). His topic will be **“Confirmation for What? Confirmation as a Pathway for Full Engagement in Ministry and Mission.”** ALL ARE WELCOME.

- 2. 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.



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**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.

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





- Ms. Lucille Barrow
- Mrs. Emeline Cumberbatch
- Ms. Muriel Y. Foster
- Mr. Leonard Hunte (Husband of Mrs. Zida Hunte)
- Mr. Clarence T. Shorey
- Mrs. Kathleen A. Vaughn, nee Springer (Florida, U.S.A.)

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 Worship at 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 lives.”***



**CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**  
**Today Sunday, February 2, 2025**  
**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: YEAR C**  
**The Presentation of Our Lord - African Awareness**  
**Sunday**

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

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



**Wednesday, February 5, 2025**  
**10:00 A.M. ~ A Service of Public Healing**



**Thursday, February 6, 2025**  
**7:00 P.M. The Annual Dean's Lecture**  
**Lecturer: The Ven. Isaiah E. Phillip,**  
**“Confirmation for What? Confirmation as a Pathway**  
**for Full Engagement in Ministry and Mission.”**



**Sunday, February 9, 2025**  
**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**  
**9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist**  
**4:30 P.M. ~ Barbados Mothers' Union Service**



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings  
February 2 - 8, 2025**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning Readings</b>	<b>Evening Readings</b>
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany <i>The Presentation of our Lord</i>	Psalms 42, 43 1 Samuel 2:1-10 John 8:31-36	Psalms 48, 87 Haggai 2:1-9 1 John 3:1-8
<b>Monday</b>	Psalms 56, 57, [58] Isaiah 51:17-23 Galatians 4:1-11	Psalms 64, 65 Genesis 19:1-17(18- 23) 24-29 Mark 7:24-37
<b>Tuesday</b>	Psalms 61, 62 Isaiah 52:1-12 Galatians 4:12-20	Psalms 68:1-20(21-23) 24-36 Genesis 21:1-21 Mark 8:1-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	Psalm 72 Isaiah 54:1-10 (11-17) Galatians 4:21-31	Psalm 119:73-96 Genesis 22:1-18 Mark 8:11-26
<b>Thursday</b>	Psalms [70], 71 Isaiah 55:1-13 Galatians 5:1-15	Psalm 74 Genesis 23:1-20 Mark 8:27—9:1
<b>Friday</b>	Psalm 69:1-23(24-30) 31- 38 Isaiah 56:1-8 Galatians 5:16-24	Psalm 73 Genesis 24:1-27 Mark 9:2-13
<b>Saturday</b>	Psalms 75, 76 Isaiah 57:3-13 Galatians 5:25—6:10	Psalms 23, 27 Genesis 24:28-38, 49- 51 Mark 9:14-29 <i>Collect for 5 Epiphany</i>

# SERMON NOTES

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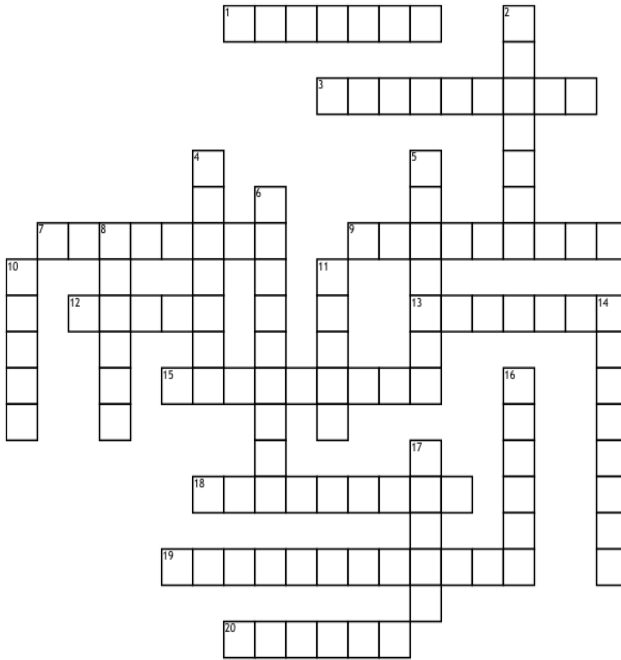
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Points to Ponder:  
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# Luke



**Across**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- 3. a personal follower of Jesus during his life, especially one of the twelve Apostles.
- 7. the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.
- 9. "Then they arrived at the country of the \_\_\_\_\_" (Luke 8:26)
- 12. the son of God
- 13. a symbolic action that signifies the new life God gives us as we join the church community

15. building where a Jewish assembly or congregation meets for religious worship and instruction.

- 18. a charitable or helpful person
- 19. rising from the dead
- 20. a request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God or an object of worship.

**Down**

2. Garasenes is opposite to \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 8:26)

- 4. free of deceit and untruthfulness; sincere.
- 5. Simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.

6. the capital of the ancient kingdom of Judah and of the modern state of Israel.

- 8. there are \_\_\_\_\_ apostles
- 10. an evil spirit or devil, especially one thought to possess a person or act as a tormentor
- 11. a woman whose spouse has died
- 14. the legally or formally recognized union of a man and a woman
- 16. a place of God, and spiritual afterlife
- 17. complete trust or confidence in someone or something.

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