

*The Epiphany  
of the Lord*



They shall bring gold and  
incense; and they shall shew  
forth the praises of the LORD  
Isaiah 60:6

**St. Michael's Cathedral**

Services

for

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany:

Year C

Sunday, February 23, 2025

**8:00 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 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany: YEAR C

**8:00 A.M. ~ Holy 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 ~ 384**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
    all ye who hear,  
    now to his temple draw near,  
    joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously  
    reigneth,  
    shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting  
    sustaineth:  
    hast thou not seen  
    how thy heart's wishes have been  
    granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend  
    thee;  
    surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.

ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before  
him!

Let the amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him.

*Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680), from  
Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren, German.  
translation: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

Opening Sentence “African Heritage Month”

“Let bronze be brought from Egypt; let Ethiopia hasten to  
stretch out its hands to God.” (Psalm 68:31)

## **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.**

The Collect:

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*“The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany”*

Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our

hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

**Lector: Mrs. Marlene Barrow**

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Genesis, the forty-fifth chapter, beginning at the third verse.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your

children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42** *Noli aemulari*

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- 1 **D**o not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust  
in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the  
light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD \*  
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess  
the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not  
be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from  
the LORD; \*  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; \*  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver  
them,  
because they seek refuge in him.

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 15:35-38, 42-50

**Lector: Mrs. Valdine Browne**

A reading from the Word of God written in the First Letter  
of Paul to the Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter, beginning at  
the thirty-fifth verse.

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what  
kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not  
come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do



not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

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

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 268**

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,  
taught by thee, we covet most  
of thy gifts at Pentecost,  
holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long,  
love is meek, and thinks no wrong,  
love than death itself more strong;  
therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,  
melting in the light of day;  
love will ever with us stay;  
therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight;  
hope be emptied in delight;  
love in heaven will shine more bright;  
therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see  
joining hand in hand agree;  
but the greatest of the three,  
and the best, is love.  
From the overshadowing  
of thy gold and silver wing  
shed on us, who to thee sing,  
holy, heavenly love.

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885),  
based on 1 Corinthians 13 and Psalm 68:13*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

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

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

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

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter, beginning at the twenty-seventh verse.

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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**

**Intercessor: Ms. Donnah Russell, J. P.**

### **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 will be offered by the Dean.*

**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 ~ 453

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

#### ***Refrain:***

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive;  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Words: Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)*

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## 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 from 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**

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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 ~ “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”**

I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
When my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.



When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me;  
When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me;  
When my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*Traditional Harm. by J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1937.  
and Verolga Nix, 1933.*

## **Hymn ~ “Kum Ba Ya, My Lord,”**

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!  
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!  
O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!  
O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!  
O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!  
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!  
O Lord, kum ba yah!

**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”**

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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 ~ 451**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,

never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.*

## 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 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany: Year C**

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

**Comment:** *“Joseph forgives his brothers”*

Our Hebrew Bible lesson **relates a decisive moment in the story of Joseph as he reveals himself to his brothers, who then journey home to tell their father Jacob that his son is still alive.** The brothers are at first overwhelmed by the discovery that the brother they had sold into slavery is now Pharaoh’s right-hand officer. Joseph tells them not to be upset: this has all been part of God’s plan to preserve Israel during the coming time of famine.

**Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42**

A psalm of advice to the wise, instructing them to avoid evil and to wait patiently on the Lord in righteousness.

**Second Reading (The Epistle):** 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

**Comment:** *“The mystery of the resurrection of the body”*

In this passage, **Paul continues to discuss the question of resurrection from death.** Some of the Corinthians are not sure whether they believe in resurrection, especially if it involves a physical body. There will be some form of body, Paul tells them. In this sense individuality will continue, but it will be a body of a transformed nature. As we have lived in a body like that of the earthly Adam, so we will have a body like that of the heavenly Jesus.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

**Comment:** *“Love your enemies”*

In our Gospel reading, **Jesus calls his followers to a way of life that reaches beyond worldly understandings of what is good.** In acts of mercy and kindness, disciples are to show forth the character of their heavenly Father. This manner of

love extends even to enemies. It means learning to forgive and not judging others, for the measure given will be the measure dealt in return.

## **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.

2. **INITIAL OFFERING:** A total of (\$2,922.00) has been received for the Initial Offering. Sincere thanks to all. Members who have not made their offering as yet are asked to do so as soon as possible.

**“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)**

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

- I. This campaign aims to revitalize the Cathedral's heritage; to strengthen congregational vitality; and to build the Church for tomorrow. All are invited to get involved and to recommend the programme to others, especially persons who were nurtured in this sacred place.
  
- II. **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.
  
- III. **MINISTRY:** Opportunities are available for members to serve the Cathedral as **Lay Eucharistic Ministers** (primarily to administer communion to the Shut-in); **Servers** (to prepare the Sanctuary for worship, maintaining and caring for the sacred vessels, altar linens, and vestments, and assisting the clergy; and **Audio Technicians** (to assist, set up and monitor the sound equipment during services). Interested persons are asked to contact The Dean. Please note that training will be provided for each ministry.



**BIRTHDAYS:** Congratulations to all those celebrating their birthdays this week February 23 to March 1, 2025.

24 Mr. Darwin Clarke

Mr. Kevin Yarde

25 Ms. Pauline O. Bynoe

25 Ms. Mary A. Haynes  
Mrs. Beverley Marshall  
27 Mrs. Charmaine R. Forde  
Ms. Ayodele Yarde  
29 Mr. David Scott  
1 Mrs. Ingrid Griffith  
Mr. David DaC. Murray



*May God bless and strengthen you.*



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**SICK:** Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Margaret Browne, Colleen Byer, Darwin Clarke, Heather Coward-Downes, Alice P. Hall, Martin Haynes, Beverley Hinds, 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, The Rev'd Stephanie-Ann Wedderburn, Ernesta Yarde and George Yearwood.

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



- Mr. Courtney Carrington (St. Leonard)
- Mr. Leonard Hunte (Husband of Mrs. Zida Hunte, whose funeral will take place at St. Barnabas, on February 26, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.)
- Mr. Trevor Marshall (Historian and Educator)

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

**May the bereaved families know the blessedness of those who mourn.**



**FLORAL DECORATION:** Sincere thanks to all those who have donated towards the purchase of flowers for this Sunday.



**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.**



**LOOKING AHEAD:**  
Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025





**THEME FOR THE WEEK**

*“The way of the Gospels rarely agrees with the way of the world.”*



**CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

**Today, The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

**8:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 A.M. ~ The Annual Parish Meeting**



**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

**10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**



**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

**The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

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



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings  
February 23 – March 1, 2025**

| <b>Day</b>                            | <b>Morning Readings</b>  | <b>Evening Readings</b>  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany | Psalm 118<br>Isaiah 66:7-14<br>1 John 3:4-10                         | Psalm 145<br>Proverbs 1:20-33<br>John 10:7-16                                      |
| Monday                                | Psalm 80<br>1 Samuel 16:1-13<br>1 John 2:18-25                       | Psalm 33<br>1 Samuel 12:1-5<br>Acts 20:17-35                                       |
| Tuesday                               | Psalms [120], 121, 122, 123<br>Ruth 1:12-22<br>2 Corinthians 1:12-22 | Psalms 124, 125, 126, [127]<br>Proverbs 4:1-27<br>Matthew 5:13-20                  |
| Wednesday                             | Psalms 119:145-176<br>Ruth 2:1-13<br>2 Corinthians 1:23—2:17         | Psalms 128, 129, 130<br>Proverbs 6:1-19<br>Matthew 5:21-26                         |
| Thursday                              | Psalms 131, 132, [133]<br>Ruth 2:14-23<br>2 Corinthians 3:1-18       | Psalms 134, 135<br>Proverbs 7:1-27<br>Matthew 5:27-37                              |
| Friday                                | Psalms 140, 142<br>Ruth 3:1-8<br>2 Corinthians 4:1-12                | Psalms 141, 143:1-11(12)<br>Proverbs 8:1-21<br>Matthew 5:38-48                     |
| Saturday                              | Psalms 137:1-6(7-9), 144<br>Ruth 4:1-17<br>2 Corinthians 4:13—5:10   | Psalm 104<br>Proverbs 8:22-36<br>Matthew 6:1-6<br><i>Collect for Last Epiphany</i> |

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