



FIRST SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

Year A

**St. Michael's Cathedral**

Service

for

Sunday, November 30, 2025

at 7:00 A.M.

**Morning Prayer with Communion**

*"To be a guiding light of Christ's grace, justice, freedom and love"*

**Morning Prayer with the Administration of  
Communion**

**Officiant: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne, B.A., MSc.**

**Preacher: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White, B.A.**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Organ Prelude:**

*All stand as the Clergy enter the Cathedral*

**ADVENT 1 — HOPE**

**The Leader reads a sentence:**

The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand.

*(Mark 1:15)*

*He/She then lights the appropriate number of candles in  
silence*

**Leader:** Our Lord says, 'surely I come quickly.'

**Response:** Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

*After a short pause the Leader says:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Response:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Leader:**

We bless you, Eternal Father, giver of all good things; for in the coming of your Son into the World. Your kingdom has begun, and at His second coming in glory it will be complete. Grant us true repentance and a living faith in this good news, that on that day we may be found acceptable servants of Christ our King.

**All: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn ~ 41**

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding;  
‘Christ is nigh’, it seems to say;  
‘Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!’

Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven;

That when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapp'd in fear,  
with his mercy he may shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.

*Words: anonymous, from Vox clara ecce intronat, 6<sup>th</sup> century, Latin;  
translation: Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together. (*Isaiah 40:5*)

Versicles & Responses

V. Blessed be the Lord our God,  
**R. By whose grace we are yet alive.**

V. Blessed be His Son Jesus Christ.  
**V. By whose rising we are set free.**

V. Blessed be the Spirit of God,  
**R. In whom is our hope and our joy.**

V. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
**R. As it was in the beginning is now: and shall be forever. Amen.**

Prayer of Intent

Let us pray

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

*(A Call to Give Thanks)*

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth: \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before His face with songs of joy.

Know that the Lord He is God; \*  
it is He who has made us and we are His;  
we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Come into His gates with thanksgiving;  
and into His courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to Him and bless His holy Name.

For the Lord is good,  
His loving mercy is forever: \*  
His faithfulness throughout all generations.

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

The Confession

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DEACON says:  
Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

***Silence may be kept.***

***Deacon and people, all kneeling as able, together say:***  
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your  
compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things

done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**All:**

**Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen**

Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

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- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

**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.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

**Lector: Mr. Victor Gittens**

**A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Isaiah, the second chapter, beginning at the first verse.**

The word that Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand, as able to recite*

**The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus* Page 40  
*Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed are you, the Lord God of Israel; \*  
You have come to your people and set them free.  
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, \*  
born of the house of your servant David.  
Through his holy prophets  
You promised of old to save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
To show mercy to our forebears \*  
and to remember your holy covenant.  
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship you without fear, \*  
holy and righteous before you  
all the days of our life.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most  
High, \*

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
To give God's people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

The Second Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44  
**Lector: Mr. Victor Small**

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter, beginning at the thirty-sixth verse.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in

what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand, as able to recite.*

A Song to the Lamb

*Dignus es*

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Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendour and honour and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to Him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendour, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

Hymn ~ 53

Thy kingdom come, O God,  
thy rule, O Christ, begin;  
break with thine iron rod

the tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace  
and purity and love?  
When shall all hatred cease,  
as in the realms above?

When comes the promised time  
that war shall be no more,  
and lust, oppression, crime  
shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee, Lord, arise,  
and come in thy great might;  
revive our longing eyes,  
which languish for thy sight.

Men scorn thy sacred name,  
and wolves devour thy fold;  
by many deeds of shame  
we learn that love grows cold.

O'er heathen lands afar  
thick darkness broodeth yet:  
arise, O morning star,  
arise, and never set!

*Words: Lewis Hensley (1824-1905)*

**The Sermon: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White**

**Prayer of Dedication**

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**Almighty God, we thank you  
for the gift of your Holy Word.  
May it be a lantern to our feet,  
A light to our paths,  
And a strength to our lives.  
Take us and use us to love  
and serve all persons in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the Name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

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V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And also with you.**

*The Deacon shall say:*

*Let us 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 SUFFRAGES "A"**

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V. Lord, reveal your love among us;

**R. That we may know the joy of your salvation.**

V. Grant peace within and among all nations;

**R. And teach our leaders wisdom.**

V. Endow your Church with faithfulness;

**R. And her servants with knowledge and true godliness.**

V. Defend, O Lord, the rights of the poor and the oppressed;

**R. That your justice may be known among all people.**

V. Lord, renew your Spirit within us;

**R. That in us and through us your will may be done.**

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Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Prayers Page 45

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**Hymn ~ 46**

*(A collection will be taken and the Altar prepared during the singing of this hymn)*

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what  
rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

*Words: John Cennick (1718-1755), and Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## **(Preparation of the Altar)**

### **THE COMMUNION**

#### ***The Administration of Communion from the Reserved Sacrament***

**DEACON:** The Church of Christ, of which we are members, has taken this bread and wine and given thanks according to the Lord's command. We now share together in the communion of His Body and Blood.

#### **THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Lord trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.**

**The invitation “B”**

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**DEACON:**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**ALL:**

**Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing  
glad songs of praise to Him.**

**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**

Hymns ~ 590

Hosanna to the living Lord!  
Hosanna to the Incarnate Word,  
to Christ, Creator, Saviour, King,  
let earth, let heaven hosanna sing,  
hosanna in the highest!

O Saviour, with protecting care  
abide in this thy house of prayer,  
where we thy parting promise claim,  
assembled in thy sacred name.  
Hosanna in the highest!

But, chiefest, in our cleansèd breast,  
Eternal, bid thy Spirit rest;  
and make our secret soul to be  
a temple pure and worthy thee.  
Hosanna in the highest!

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
be honour, praise, and glory given  
by all on earth and all in heaven.  
Hosanna in the highest!

*Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), 1811*

Hymn ~ **591**

How glorious is the life above,  
which in this ordinance we taste;  
that fullness of celestial love,  
that joy which shall for ever last.

That heavenly life in Christ concealed  
these earthen vessels could not bear;  
the part which now we find revealed  
no tongue of angels can declare.

The light of life eternal darts  
into our souls a dazzling ray;  
a drop of heaven o'erflows our hearts,  
and deluges the house of clay.

Sure pledge of ecstasies unknown  
shall this divine Communion be;  
the ray shall rise into a sun,

the drop shall swell into a sea.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

Let us pray.

**Gracious Father**, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving for National Life For the Nation**

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

**PEOPLE: Heal us.**

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

**PEOPLE: Forgive us.**

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

**PEOPLE: Inspire us.**

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

**ALL: Enlighten us.**

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

**ALL: Renew us.**

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

DEACON:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. Amen.

DEACON: The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE: And also with you.**

V. Let us bless the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn ~ 742

I vow to thee, my country,  
all earthly things above,  
entire and whole and perfect,  
the service of my love:  
the love that asks no question,  
the love that stands the test,  
that lays upon the altar  
the dearest and the best;  
the love that never falters,  
the love that pays the price,  
the love that makes undaunted  
the final sacrifice.

And there's another country,  
I've heard of long ago,  
most dear to them that love her,  
most great to them that know;  
we may not count her armies,  
we may not see her King;  
her fortress is a faithful heart,  
her pride is suffering;  
and soul by soul and silently  
her shining bounds increase,  
and her ways are ways of gentleness  
and all her paths are peace.

*Words: Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)*

## **The National Anthem**

In plenty and in time of need,  
When this fair land was young,  
Our brave forefathers sowed the seed  
From which our pride has sprung:  
A pride that makes no wanton boast  
Of what it has withstood;  
That binds our hearts from coast to coast.  
The pride of nationhood.

#### Chorus

We loyal sons and daughters all  
Do hereby make it known:  
These fields and hills beyond recall  
Are now our very own.  
We write our names on history's page  
With expectations great;  
Strict guardians of our heritage  
Firm craftsmen of our fate.

The Lord has been the people's guide  
For past three hundred years.  
With Him still on the people's side  
We have no doubts or fears.  
Upward and onward we shall go,  
Inspired, exulting, free,  
And greater will our nation grow  
In strength and unity.

*Words by Mr. Irving Burgie, (1924-2019)  
Music by Mr. C. Van Roland Edwards*

## CATHEDRAL NEWS

**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.

## **1. 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. Further to a recent meeting of the Parochial Church Council, members are asked to consider the following projects in pursuance of our goals. They are as follows:
  - 1) Streaming Equipment Foundational Setup - \$35,000.00
  
  - 2) Repairs to the Southern Balcony - \$59,400.00
  
  - 3) Repairs to the Chapter Room - \$12,750.00
  
  - 4) Purchase of a Photocopier - \$18,346.45 (acquired)

- 5) Ceiling Light fittings for the Southern Balcony  
– (\$2,000.00)

Thanks to all who have made donations towards the window appeal. Members would be pleased to know that work on the five windows has been completed.



**FLOWERS:** As usual, there will be no floral arrangements during the Advent season; however, members are encouraged to make donations for the supply of flowers for Christmas. Contributions may be made in celebration of a personal event, in commemoration of a departed loved one, or any other occasion in the life of a family. Thanks for your consideration.



**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** On Sunday, December 14, 2025, the Cathedral will host a Blue Christmas Service at **5:00 P.M.** Anyone who experienced a bereavement during the year and for whom this would be the first Christmas without their loved ones, is invited to attend. The service is designed to offer comfort and hope at Christmas time; and to affirm the presence of God as revealed in Christ, in the midst of grief.



***THEME FOR THE WEEK***

***“The call of the Lord is fundamentally a call to newness of life.”***



**Congratulations to all those persons celebrating  
birthdays this week November 30 to December 6, 2025**

*30 Mr. J'Andre Austin*

*Ms. Faye A. Tudor*

*1 Mrs. Chloe Grant*

*2 Ms. Yvonne V. Blenman*

*3 Ms. Ella K. Russell*

*Mr. Stephen L. White*

*4 Mr. Victor E. Gittens*

*4 Ms. Muriel I. Oxley*

*Ms. Maureen Ward*

*Mr. Glynnil M. Warner*

*5 Ms. Orene L. Clarke*

*Ms. Jennifer Edwards*

*Mrs. Sheila Garnes*

*6 Ms. Joanne R. Griffith*



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



***Happy Anniversary!***

***November 30, 2019 Mr. Darwin & Mrs. Marie Clarke  
December 2, 2023 Mr. Ashton & Mrs. Margaret Austin***





**SICK:** Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Daphne Browne, Margaret Browne, Colleen Byer, Darwin Clarke, Heather Coward-Downes, Winfield Downes, Alice P. Hall, Martin Haynes, Beverley Hinds, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Judy King, Helena Lyte, Marlene Moore, Marcia Oxley, Gloria Regis, Sylvester (Blues) Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Claudette Sealy, Eleanor Small, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Sir Wilfred Wood, Basil Worrell, and Ernesta Yarde.



**BEREAVEMENT:** We extend sincere condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Sheila McCollin, formerly of Bird Hill, Haggatt Hall, St. Michael and member of the Cathedral. She was the wife of the late James McCollin and the mother of Patrick, Deborah, Margo, Lydia and Mark. We pray for her family and friends.



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



**CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

**Today, Sunday, November 30, 2025**

**The First Sunday of Advent: Year A**

**7:00 A.M. ~ Morning Prayer with Communion**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Choral Matins with Communion**



**Wednesday, December 3, 2025**  
**10:00 A.M. ~ A Public Service of Healing**



**Sunday, December 7, 2025**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent: Year A**  
**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist: Canons in the Cathedral Series Continues: The President and Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Peter. H. O. W. Haynes, Rector of St. Peter Parish Church and of the Stall of St. Ambrose.**

**6:00 P.M. ~ An Advent Procession with Carols**  
An offering will be taken.

**Please bring a candle or torchlight**



**Sunday, December 14, 2025**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent**  
**5:00 P.M. ~ Blue Christmas Service**  
**(Offering Healing and Hope for the Season)**



**Thursday, December 18, 2025**  
**Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 8:00 P.M.**  
*(The Barbados Police Service Band will be present)*  
**Tickets are available at \$30.00 each.**



**DEACON'S CUPBOARD:** Members are reminded to support the Deacons' Cupboard ministry, through which the Cathedral

is able to provide relief to persons in need of food. Towards that end, members are hereby reminded to bring non-perishable food items for the cupboard. Monetary donations would also be appreciated. Please help those in need. Sincere thanks to all.



The New Church Year:

Members are asked to note that the New Eucharistic Lectionary Year A, begins today, Sunday, November 30, 2025. Simultaneously, The Daily Office Year Two, also commences today. Please see the Book of Common Prayer (CPWI) for the Eucharistic Cycle page 669 ff. and the Daily Office page 736ff.

The Gloria in excelsis is omitted during Advent, except where its optional use is noted. In addition, as in other churches, no flowers are used in the Cathedral. The Liturgical colour is Blue; Pink will be used on the Third Sunday, in celebration of joy. An important devotion during this season is the Lighting of the Advent Wreath.



**DIOCESAN PROGRAMME:** The Christian Formation Commission of the Diocese has produced a document entitled, **“The Path to the Manager: A time of Anticipation and Preparation for the Birth of Jesus Christ”**. It has been designed “to inspire reflection, strengthen faith, and renew our shared commitment to walk faithfully with Christ – the Light of the World.” Its use is highly commended.

**The Dean's Absence:** Members are asked to note that The Dean is absent from worship today due to his attendance at the Installation of the Second President of Barbados with the accompanying Interfaith Service and Ceremonial Parade at Kendington Oval, today at 8:00 A.M.

Happy Independence, everyone!



## **The Meaning of "Advent"**

The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000-year-old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate. Scripture reading for Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life.

In this double focus on past and future, Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. That acknowledgment provides a basis for Kingdom ethics, for holy living arising from a profound sense that we live "between the times" and are called to be faithful

stewards of what is entrusted to us as God's people. So, as the church celebrates God's in-breaking into history in the Incarnation, and anticipates a future consummation to that history for which "all creation is groaning awaiting its redemption," it also confesses its own responsibility as a people commissioned to "love the Lord your God with all your heart" and to "love your neighbour as yourself."  
(Dennis Bratcher)



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings  
November 30 to December 6, 2025**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The First Sunday of Advent	Psalms 126, 147 Amos 1:1-5, 13—2:8 Luke 21:5-19	Psalms 111, 113, 113 Isaiah 1:1-9 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Monday	Psalm 34 Isaiah 49:1-6 1 Corinthians 4:1-16	Psalms 96, 100 Isaiah 55:1-5 John 1:35-42
Tuesday	Psalms 5, 6 Acts 3:1-11 Matthew 21:12-22	Psalms 10, 11 Isaiah 1:21-31 2 Peter 1:12-21
Wednesday	Psalm 119:1-24 Amos 3:12—4:5 Matthew 21:23-32	Psalms 12, 13, 14 Isaiah 2:1-11 2 Peter 3:1-10
Thursday	Psalm 18:1-20 Amos 4:6-13 Matthew 21:33-46	Psalm 18:21-50 Isaiah 2:12-22 2 Peter 3:11-18
Friday	Psalms 16, 17 Amos 5:1-17 Matthew 22:1-14	Psalm 22 Isaiah 3:8-15 Jude 1-16
Saturday	Psalms 20, 21:1-7(8-14) Amos 5:18-27 Matthew 22:15-22	Psalms 110:1-5(6-7), 116, 117 Isaiah 4:2-6 Jude 17-25 <i>Collect for 2 Advent</i>

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