



Christmas
BEGINS
WITH *Christ*

FOR UNTO US
A CHILD IS BORN...
AND HIS NAME SHALL
BE CALLED WONDERFUL,
COUNSELOR,
THE MIGHTY GOD,
THE EVERLASTING FATHER,
THE PRINCE OF PEACE.
ISAIAH 9:6

St. Michael's Cathedral

The First Sunday after Christmas Day
Services for

December 28, 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 First Sunday after Christmas Day: YEAR A-

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Michael A. R. Haynes

Preacher: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Jilian S. Crawford

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The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn ~ 73**

Joy to the world, The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ:
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground:
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, and wonders, of his love.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748),
Based on Psalm 98, alt.*

Opening Sentence “*Christmas*”

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But when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. Alleluia. (*Galatians 4:4-5*)

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. 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: “*First Sunday after Christmas Day*” Page 159

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10—62:3

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Small

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Lynette Francis-Thornhill

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the sixty-first chapter, beginning at the tenth verse.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to
spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of
the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

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: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms Harriet Godding

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Mary Weekes

A reading from the Word of God written in the Letter to the Galatians, the third chapter, beginning at the twenty-third verse.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn** ~ 91

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

‘Fear not,’ said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
‘Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

‘To you in David’s town this day
is born of David’s line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;

and this shall be the sign:

‘The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.’

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

‘All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease.’

Words: Nahum Tate (1652-1715)

The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-18
Gospeller: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him

was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Sermon: The Rev'd Jilian S. Crawford

(Please stand)

Walk up collection for Jamaica Relief

Hymn 507

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
when thou camest to earth for me;
but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
for thy holy Nativity:

Refrain:

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
there is room in my heart for thee.*

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
proclaiming thy royal degree;
but in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
and in great humility:

Refrain:

The foxes found rest, and the bird had its nest
in the shade of the cedar tree;
but thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God,
in the desert of Galilee:

Refrain:

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
that should set thy people free;
but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
they bore thee to Calvary:

Refrain:

When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing,
at thy coming to victory,
let thy voice call me home, saying, 'Yet there is room,
there is room at my side for thee:'

Refrain:

Words: Emily Elizabeth Steele Elliot (1836-1897)

The Nicene Creed

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 “B”

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Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Donnah Russell

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

The Bidding:

Lord, we pray for your Church, that we may have the love and the faith to seek you in our everyday lives.

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 earth.

LEADER:

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

ALL: That our works may find favour in your sight.

LEADER:

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEADER:

Give to the departed eternal rest;

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

LEADER:

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

LEADER:

Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

Silence may be kept.

ALL:

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords to your will; and the good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

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DEACON:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

DEACON:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

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 we 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
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 ~ 83 (vs. 2 and 6 omitted.)**

Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed!
When the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bare the Saviour of our race,
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore him;
angel-hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him,

and extol our God and King:
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers and sages
sang of old with one accord;
whom the writings of the Prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected:
let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore.

Now let old and young men's voices,
join with boys' thy name to sing,
matrons, virgins, little maidens
in glad chorus answering;
let their guileless songs re-echo,
and the heart its praises bring,
evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant, and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be,
honour, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore.

*Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius
(348-413), from Corde natus ex parentis,
Latin; translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866),
And Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)*

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:

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

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

ALL:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “A”

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PRESIDENT:

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

Again and again
we have turned away from you;
yet in every age your steadfast love
has called us to return,
to live in union with you:
for it is your eternal purpose
to put new life into all things
and make them holy.

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

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

For, on the night He was betrayed
He took bread,
and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples
and said: "Take this, and eat it:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after supper
He took the cup of wine:
and when He had given thanks,
He gave it to them and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

PRESIDENT:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT:

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

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving;
and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood
of your Son, our great High Priest,
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

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

Confirm us in holiness,
that we may be found ready to join the company

of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,
and all your saints,
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:
Forever giving you thanks and praise
through Him 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”

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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 Hymn ~ 642

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

*Words: vs. 1-2 Little Children's Book for Schools and Families, c1885 and vs.3
John T. McFarland (1851-1913), from Gabriel's Vineyard Songs, 1892, alt.*

Hymn ~ “**What Child is This**”

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

Refrain

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

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

Refrain

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him!
The King of Kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him!

Refrain

Songwriter: William Chatterton Dix.

THE POST COMMUNION “A”

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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, who by His incarnation gathered into one, all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with His joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional **Hymn** ~ 60

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o’er all the earth;
ye who sang creation’s story,
now proclaim Messiah’s birth:

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light:

Refrain

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of Nations;

ye have seen his natal star:

Refrain

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in the temple shall appear.

Refrain

Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:

Refrain

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

THE DISMISSAL

DEACON:

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

DEACON:

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 First Sunday after Christmas Day

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Comment: *“Clothed in garments of salvation”*

In our Hebrew Bible reading **the prophet joyfully responds on behalf of all God’s people to the Lord’s promises for a redeemed Jerusalem.** He is a messenger to those who are poor and have suffered many troubles. Now he feels himself clothed in salvation and integrity, like a bridegroom or bride. In the sight of all people, this nation shall become like a fresh garden. The prophet will not keep silence until the deliverance of Jerusalem is known throughout the world.

Psalm 147:13-21

A hymn of praise to the Lord, who rules over nature and has shown faithfulness to Jerusalem and God’s people Israel.

Second Reading (The Epistle): Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Comment: *“Children and heirs of God”*

In this epistle lesson **Paul explains what the role of the law has been and how, in our new relationship of faith, we have become sons and heirs of the Father.** Before the coming of Christ and justification by faith, we were like small children who had to be closely watched. God’s own Son was born a subject of the law. Through him we now are given the status of sons coming into their maturity. We are enabled, through the Spirit of his Son, to call upon God with the same Aramaic word for Father that Jesus is remembered to have used, Abba.

The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-18

Comment: *“The world became flesh”*

The Gospel opens with a hymn to God’s Word, the expression of God’s very being and the creative power of all life, who has now become flesh and lived among us. The Word is the light of all humankind, and was witnessed to by John the Baptist. Although the world made by the Word did recognise the Word, those who did believe in the Word have been given the right to become children of God. The law came through Moses, but grace and truth come through the only Son, who makes the Father known.



CATHEDRAL NEWS

PERSONS WISHING TO DONATE TO THE CATHEDRAL:

Donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael’s Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606. All donations are appreciated.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

“God reveals himself as he reveals his will for us.”



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating
birthdays this week December 28 to January 3, 2025***

30 J’ Andre Austin

31 Mr. Wilbur Belle

Mrs. Jeanette Rollock

1 Ms. Sandra I. Daniel
2 Ms. Merlene O. Barrow
Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw
3 Ms. Alson M. Gittens



May God bless and strengthen you.



SICK: Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Daphne Browne, Margaret Browne, Darwin Clarke, Heather Coward-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, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Sir Wilfred Wood, Basil Worrell, and Ernesta Yarde.



Bereavement: We extend sincere condolences to the families of the late:

- Ms. Shelley Alleyne, oldest daughter of Mr. Victor Gittens, member of the Parochial Church Council. After a period of illness, Ms. Alleyne died on Saturday, December 13, 2025 in Orlando, Florida, USA.
- Mrs. Colleen Byer, former Leader of the Cathedral's

Mothers' Union. Mrs. Byer died on Wednesday night, December 17th after a period of illness and hospitalization.

We thank God for their lives, work and witness; and pray for the Gittens, Alleyne and Byer families as they mourn. **May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.**



Flowers:

The Officers and members of the Flower Guild wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all persons who made contributions to the flowers this Christmastide.



2026 Calendars: Diocesan Calendars are available at the price of \$7.00 each from designated persons.



VACATION: Members are asked to note that The Dean has been invited to preach at a wedding overseas. Consequently, he has taken vacation and will be away from pastoral duties between December 19, 2025 to January 3, 2026. During this time The Rev'd Erma Ambrose, Rector of St. Paul will serve as Priest-in-Charge of the Cathedral Parish.

**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
December 28 – January 3, 2026**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The First Sunday after Christmas Day	Psalms 93, 96 1 Samuel 1:1-2, 7b-28 Luke 2:22-40	Psalm 34 Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12 Colossians 1:9-20
Monday	Psalms 2, 26 Isaiah 49:13-23 Matthew 18:1-14	Psalms 19, 126 Isaiah 54:1-13 Mark 10:13-16
Tuesday	Psalms 20, 21:1-7(8-14) 1 Kings 17:17-24 John 4:46-54	Psalms 23, 27 Isaiah 25:1-9 3 John 1-15
Wednesday	Psalms 46, 48 1 Kings 3:5-14 James 4:13-17, 5:7-11 John 5:1-15	Eve of the Holy Name Psalm 90 Isaiah 65:15B-25 Revelation 21:1-6 <i>Collect for the Holy Name</i>
Thursday	Psalm 103 Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12 Matthew 1:18-25	Psalm 148 Genesis 12:17:1-12a, 15-16 Revelation 19:11-16
Friday	Psalm 34 1 Kings 19:1-8 John 6:1-14	Psalm 33 Genesis 28:10-22 Ephesians 4:17-32 Collect for the Second Sunday after
Saturday	Psalm 68 1 Kings 19:9-18 John 6:15-27	Psalm 136 Genesis 28:10-22 Ephesians 4:17-32 <i>Collect for the Second Sunday after Christmas</i>

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday, December 28, 2025

The First Sunday after Christmas

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Michael A. R. Haynes

Preacher: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Jilian S. Crawford



Old Year's Night, Wednesday, December 31, 2025

11:00 P.M. ~ Watchnight Service

The Rev'd Canon George W. Knight



Sunday, January 4, 2026

The Second Sunday after Christmas

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, January 7, 2026

10:00 A.M. ~ A Public Service of Healing



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