



St. Michael's Cathedral

Services

for

The First Sunday after Epiphany

The Baptism of our Lord

Sunday, January 11, 2026

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 Baptism of our Lord: YEAR A

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

President: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

Preacher: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn** ~ *“When Jesus came to Jordan”*

When Jesus came to Jordan
To be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon,
But as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance
With all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence
With which good news begins.

He came to share temptation,
Our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation
To die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
On him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended,
The age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
To keep the vows we make,
This very day invade us,
And every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
The gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection
That leads to Pentecost.

Words by F.P. Green
Tune - *OFFERTORIUM* adapted from a melody by M. Haydn

Opening Sentence “*Epiphany*” Page 98
For the God who said, “Out of darkness light shall shine,”
has caused his light to shine in our hearts, the light which is
knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
(11 Corinthians 4:6)

THE INVOCATION Page 101

PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

**And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name
and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace
to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim
and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your

world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. **Amen.**

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 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: *“The Feast of the Epiphany”*
Let us pray.

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Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: **Isaiah 42:1-9**

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Remech Matthias

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

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

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to
those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please remain seated)

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

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- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
* and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing 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
forever. Amen.

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

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

9:00 A.M. ~Ms. Sharron Lucas-Blackman

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Acts of the Apostles, the tenth chapter, beginning at the thirty-fourth verse.

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank

with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 671**

My God, accept my heart this day,
and make it always thine,
that I from thee no more may stray,
no more from thee decline.

Before the cross of him who died,
behold, I prostrate fall;
let every sin be crucified,
and Christ be all in all.

Anoint me with thy heavenly grace,
and seal me for thine own;
that I may see thy glorious face,
and worship near thy throne.

Let every thought and work and word
to thee be ever given:
then life shall be thy service, Lord,
and death the gate of heaven.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800 – 1894)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Gospeller: The Rev'd

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you

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

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

The Sermon: **The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne**

(Please stand, as able)

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.**

(Please sit or kneel)

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Special Intercession for the Baptism of Jesus

Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Shernelle O’Neale

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Esme Knights

The Leader begins with the following Bidding.

Lord, we pray for your Church. Strengthen us in the
freedom and power of our baptism, that we may bring your
light to our world.

L: Lord, this is our prayer:

R: Help us to know and to do your will.

Loving Father, through your Son Jesus we have become your
sons and daughters. We pray for the Church in the Province
of the West Indies, Philip, our Archbishop; Michael our
Diocesan Bishop; and for Wilfred retired Bishop of
Croydon, Rufus retired Bishop of Barbados, and John retired

bishop of Barbados and retired Archbishop of the Church in the Province of the West Indies; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Region of Central America; and in this Cathedral parish, we pray for Dean Jeffrey, Deacons Re-Shan and Richard, and all who work and worship here.

L: Lord, this is our prayer:

R: Help us to know and to do your will.

We pray for those baptized in your Church, especially those who are being nurtured in the ministry of the Sunday School: that they may follow you all their lives; and that we, by our words, prayers and example, may show them the love and joy of faith.

L: Lord, this is our prayer:

R: Help us to know and to do your will.

We pray for those of your children who are treated as less than human: those who suffer from abuse, neglect, poverty and discrimination. We pray that those who make policy and implement programmes would seek the dignity and freedom and promote justice and the opportunity for happiness for all humanity.

L: Lord, this is our prayer:

R: Help us to know and to do your will.

We pray for those of our brothers and sisters who are suffering any kind of distress in body, mind or spirit: For the sick; and for residents of facilities which care for the Elderly. We pray too for the disabled and for those filled with regret

or guilt; that the Spirit of God may guide those who seek to help, to heal and to comfort.

L: Lord, this is our prayer:

R: Help us to know and to do your will.

We pray for those who have occasions of celebration in their lives: For members who celebrate their birthday this week, Sarai, Keith, Heather, Ajani, and Marlene, and any other persons who are not now known by name; grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in you all their days; we pray too for couples who celebrate an anniversary of marriage, that God would lead them further in companionship with each other and with you.

L: Lord, this is our prayer:

R: Help us to know and to do your will.

We pray for those who take counsel on behalf of the nations of the world:

The United Nations; the United States of America; the leaders of the Caribbean, including Venezuela; Russia; Ukraine and the Sudan.

L: Lord, this is our prayer:

R: Help us to know and to do your will.

We pray for those who have died: especially Shelly Alleyne and Colleen Byer; according to your promises, grant to all who rest in Christ, refreshment, light and peace; and grant to the bereaved the Spirit of faith that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience.

L: Lord, this is our prayer:

R: Help us to know and to do your will.

And finally, we pray for ourselves, for those who are tossed by temptation and doubt about what you want them to do; that in obedience to you we may discover the right tasks for us and serve you with heart and soul and mind. We pray that in joy we may work together for the coming of your kingdom of love.

L: Lord, this is our prayer:

R: Help us to know and to do your will.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Let us pray together.

God of all creation, in the beginning you fashioned the waters to be a source of life, and in the coming of your Son you sanctified them anew to bring us the fullness of life that is found in him; strengthen all the baptised in the service of his gospel, that we may minister to the world his healing, his forgiveness and his love, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence may be kept.

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.

FORM A

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.

(Please stand)

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE "C"

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FORM C

PRESIDENT:

The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL:

They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP: “Let there be peace on earth”
(During the singing of this hymn worshippers, are encouraged, as inspired, to share tangible expressions such as a hand shake, etc.)



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** ~ *“The sinless one to Jordan came”*

The sinless one to Jordan came
To share our fallen nature’s blame;
God’s righteousness he thus fulfilled
And chose the path his Father willed.

Uprising from the waters there,
The voice from heaven did witness bear
That he, the Son of God, had come
To lead his scattered people home.

Above him, see the heavenly Dove,
The sign of God the Father’s love,
Now by the Holy Spirit shed
Upon the Son’s anointed head.

How blest that mission then begun
To heal and save a race undone;
Straight to the wilderness he goes
To wrestle with his people’s foes.

Dear Lord, let those baptized from sin
Go forth from you, a world to win,
And send the Holy Spirit’s power

To shield them in temptation's hour.

On you shall all your people feed,
And know you are the Bread indeed,
Who gives eternal life to those
That with you died, and with you rose.

Words by G.B. Timms

Tune - HEREFORD by S.S. Wesley

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER "B"

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PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

PROPER PREFACE “Epiphany”

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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!**

(Please sit or kneel as able)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “A”

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PRESIDENT:

All Holy and glorious Father,
our Creator God,
we give you thanks

because in your loving wisdom
you brought all things into being,
and are truly worthy of praise
from every creature you have made.

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

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

Hear us, therefore, Father,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us His Body and Blood.
For, on the night He was betrayed
He took bread,
and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples
and said: "Take this, and eat it:

This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

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

PRESIDENT:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT:

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

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

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

Confirm us in holiness,
that we may be found ready to join the company
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,
and all your saints,
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:
Forever giving you thanks and praise
through Him for whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father Almighty,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread,

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD "A"

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PRESIDENT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all
share in one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

The Invitation "B"

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PRESIDENT:

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**

The Communion Hymns ~ 580 & 457

PART ONE

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness;
come into the daylight's splendour,
there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
hath this wondrous banquet founded:
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Now I sink before thee lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,

as with trembling awe and wonder
on thy mighty works I ponder:
how, by mystery surrounded,
depth no man has ever sounded,
none may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that with thee are hidden.

PART TWO

Sun, who all my life dost brighten,
Light, who dost my soul enlighten,
Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth,
Fount, whence all my being floweth,
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
be thy love with love requited:
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

*Words: Johann Franck (1618 – 1677), from Schmücke dich, German;
translation: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

Hymn ~ 457

(Worshippers who desire a blessing for their birthday or marriage anniversary are asked to come to the altar during the singing of this hymn.)

O love, how deep! How broad! How high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

He sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
himself, and to this lost world came.

For us he was baptized, and bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words, and signs, and actions, thus
still seeking not himself but us.

For us to wicked men betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

To him whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through his Son,

to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.

*Words: Thomas a Kempis (c1380-1471),
from Apparuit benignitas, in the form of a cento beginning
O Amor, quam ecstaticus, 15th century, Latin;
translation: Benjamin Webb (1819-1885)*

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 gives 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” Page
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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.

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional Hymn ~ 103

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;

with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is His Name.

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name.

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)

THE DISMISSAL

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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 the Epiphany ~ Year A
The Baptism of the Lord**

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Comments: *“The servant of the Lord brings justice”*

In our lection from the Hebrew Bible, we hear of **the mission of the Lord’s servant, the one whom God has chosen to bring forth justice and salvation.** This is the first of the “servant songs” that form a portion of the Book of Isaiah, written at the time when the exile in Babylon was ending and the city of Jerusalem had begun to be restored. The servant is sometimes thought to be an historical individual, or is understood as an idealisation of Israel. Christians see in the servant a prefigurement of the ministry of Jesus, who will become a light to the nations of the world.

Psalm 29

The majesty of God is described in the likeness of the mighty thunderstorm.

The Second Reading (The Epistle); Acts 10:34-43

Comments: *“Jesus’ ministry after his baptism”*

In this reading we learn how **Peter recognises that the good news, which Jesus began to proclaim after his baptism, now extends to all people.** At first Peter was slow to believe that God wanted him to bring the word to a non-Jew. But God has revealed this to Peter, and Peter gladly responds to

Cornelius, a Roman centurion, together with his family and friends. Peter and the disciples are witnesses to Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection and have been commanded to preach forgiveness of sins through Jesus' name.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Comments: *"Revelation of Christ as God's servant"*

Our gospel is **the story of Jesus' baptism**. John wonders why Jesus should come to him to receive a baptism for the remission of sins, but Jesus tells him that it is right and fitting. After he is baptised, the Holy Spirit is manifest. A voice from heaven proclaims who Jesus is, with words that echo ancient oracles concerning the king and the calling of the Lord's chosen servant.



CATHEDRAL NEWS

Financial Stewardship: The ministry of the Cathedral is supported primarily by its members' contributions weekly and monthly. However, if you would like to support the stewardship of this sacred place, please donate to St. Michael's Cathedral, Bridgetown, St. Michael.

Friends and well-wishers may write to stmichaelcathedral@caribsurf.com or call 1 246-427-0790 for more details. Meantime, donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606.

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)



THEME FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

“Through his revealing of himself, God reshapes our world.”



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week 11 to 17, January 2026

11 Ms. Sarai Browne

13 Mr. Keith K. Gill

15 Ms. Heather R. Browne

Mr. Ajani Yarde

16 Mrs. Marlene D. Russell



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, Henderson R. Williams, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Sir Wilfred Wood, Basil Worrell, and Ernesta Yarde.



Bereavement: We extend sincere condolences to the family 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.

We thank God for her life, work and witness; and pray for the Gittens and Alleyne families as they mourn.

May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
January 11 to 17, 2026**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The First Sunday after Epiphany The Baptism of our Lord	Psalms 146, 147 Genesis 1:1—2:3 John 1:29-34	Psalms 111, 112, 113 Isaiah 40:1-11 Ephesians 1:3-14
Monday	Psalms 1, 2, 3 Genesis 2:4-9(10- 15)16-25 John 1:1-18	Psalms 4, 7 Isaiah 40:12-21 Hebrews 1:1-14
Tuesday	Psalms 5, 6 Genesis 3:1-24 John 1:19-28	Psalms 10, 11 Isaiah 40:25-31 Hebrews 2:1-10
Wednesday	Psalm 119:1-24 Genesis 4:1-16 John 1:(29-34)35-42	Psalms 12, 13, 14 Isaiah 41:1-16 Hebrew 2:11-18
Thursday	Psalm 18:1-20 Genesis 4:17-26 John 1:43-51	Psalm 18:21-50 Isaiah 41:17-20 Hebrews 3:1-11
Friday	Psalms 16, 17 Genesis 6:1-8 John 2:1-12	Psalm 22 Isaiah 42:(1-9)10-17 Hebrews 3:12-19
Saturday	Psalms 20, 21:1-7(8- 14) Genesis 6:9-22 John 2:13-22	Psalms 110:1-5(6-7), 116, 117 Isaiah 43:1-13 Hebrews 4:1-13 <i>Collect for 2 Epiphany</i>

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday, January 11, 2022

The First Sunday after the Epiphany:

The Baptism of Our Lord

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, January 14, 2026

10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Next Sunday, January 18, 2026

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany:

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



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

STEWARDSHIP: The envelopes for 2026 will be available for collection from today, Sunday, January 11, 2026.

DIOCESAN CALENDARS: The Diocesan Calendars for 2026 are available from the Cathedral Office during the week and on Sundays from the designated persons, at the price of \$7.00 each.

Looking Ahead!

Saturday, January 24, 2026

5:00 P.M. ~ A Memorial Service in Celebration of the life, witness and ministry of the late The Most Rev'd Drexel W. Gomez, (former Bishop of Barbados, 1972-1992, and former Archbishop of CPWI).



Sunday, January 25, 2026

7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M Services
Presentation of Initial Offering



Sunday, January 25, 2026

6:00 P.M. ~ An Epiphany Carol Service - preceded by half an hour of organ music by Mr. John Bryan, Organist and Choirmaster.

There will be no admission fee.

An offering will be taken.



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