



## **St. Michael's Cathedral**

Services  
for

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Eve of the Presentation of our Lord  
Sunday, February 1, 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 Right Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell, M.A.**

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

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The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: **YEAR A**

**African Awareness Sunday**

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

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

**President and Preacher:**

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

**Deacon of the Liturgy: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne**

**Deacon of the Word: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White**

**Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **THE PREPARATION**

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn ~ 554**

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come, over away that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the

blood of the slaughtered;  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who has by thy might, led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,  
where we met thee;  
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world,  
we forget thee,  
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we for ever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

*Words: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)*

### Opening Sentence “*African Awareness Sunday*”

“For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.” (*Micah 6:7*)

## **THE INVOCATION**

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**THE 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; and to affirm the African Presence among us. 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.**

**The President says,**

I remember and acknowledge the energies of this land's original inhabitants the Ciboney, the Kalinagos and the Tainos, all those elevated energies who were born in this place, those who made it across the deep waters, those who may still be found in the waters. We also give thanks for those on the continent who are connected with us. I acknowledge you and all that you come with, and I greet all of you in peace.

**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:

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*“The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany”*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of

your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*(Please sit)*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

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

**9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Stephen White**

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

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of  
Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please remain seated)*

Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

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- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is  
right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

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

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Gittens**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. John Moore**

A reading from the Word of God written in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, the first chapter, beginning at the eighteenth verse.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will  
thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire

wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand, as able)*

The Gradual Hymn ~ **"We are marching in the light of God"**

We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, marching  
Oh, we are marching in the light of God  
We are marching, marching, marching,

Oh, we are marching in the light of God.

**Verse 2**

We are living in the love of God.  
We are living, living, living,  
Oh, we are living, in the love of  
We are living, living, living,  
Oh, we are living in the love of God.

**Verse 3**

We are moving in the power of God.  
We are moving, moving, moving,  
Oh, we are moving in the power of God.  
We are moving, moving, moving,  
Oh, we are moving in the power of God.

*Words: African origin, by Anders Nyberg, 1955. & Andrew Maries, 1949-. vv. 2 &3*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**  
**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 Matthew, the fifth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

**ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.**

*(Please sit)*

The Sermon: **The Very Rev’d Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

*(Please stand, as able)*

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 – “H”**

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**Intercessors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Prof. Anne St. John, GCM**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Darnley King, J.P.**

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Grant Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

**LEADER:** Lord, in your mercy.

**ALL:** **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

**LEADER:** Lord, in your mercy.

**ALL:** **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.

*Silence*

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy.

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours: especially we give thanks for Shernelle, Mary, Elaine, Kye, and Richard as they celebrate their birthday during this week; grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us.

*Silence*

LEADER: Lord in your mercy.

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy.

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

We commend to your mercy all who have died: especially Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw, Mr. Clyde Collins, Mr. Jonathan Holder, and Mrs. Joanna Leslie, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy.

ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

*Pray for those standing for office in the General Election.*

## THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

THE PRESIDENT:

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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 “A”**

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**FORM A**

**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”**  
*(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 ~ 559**

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

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

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

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

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

*Words: African-American spiritual*

## **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER "B"**

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**PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:**

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

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give 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 “A”**

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**PRESIDENT:**

My brother and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**ALL:**

**Grant gracious Lord that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.**

### **THE AGNUS DEI**

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**



## **The Administration of Communion/Spiritual Communion**

**The Communion Hymns ~ “Precious Lord, take my  
hand” and “Kum Ba Yah”**

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light:

**Refrain**

Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall:

**Refrain**

When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand,  
Guide my feet, hold my hand:

**Refrain**

*Words: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932.*

**Hymn ~ “Kum Ba Yah”**

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

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

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

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

*Words: Anon.*

## **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 "*African Heritage Month*"**

“Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of The Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire

treasury.” And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional **Hymn** ~ *“This little light of mine”*

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

In my brother’s heart, I’m gonna let it shine,  
In my brother’s heart, I’m gonna let it shine,  
In my brother’s heart, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

In my sister’s soul, I’m gonna let it shine.  
In my sister’s soul, I’m gonna let it shine.  
In my sister’s soul, I’m gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the world, I’m gonna let it shine.  
All around the world, I’m gonna let it shine.  
All around the world, I’m gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## 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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Year A

**First Reading: Micah 6:1-8**

**Comments:** *“The offering of justice, kindness, humility”*

In our lesson from the Hebrew Bible, **God contends with the people of God, reminding them of the saving acts done for them and instructing them in the good that God expects.** The very mountains and hills are called as witnesses. God led the people out of Egypt and through the wilderness in safety. Yet they sin. It is not animal or human

sacrifices the Lord wishes, but that the people act in justice, with loving-kindness and humility.

## **Psalm 15**

The psalm describes the virtues of one who is worthy to worship the Lord.

## **The Second Reading (The Epistle):1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

Comments: “*Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God*”

In this reading, **Paul directs the Corinthians’ attention to God’s way of using what is weak and lowly—even what the world regards as foolish—to accomplish the divine purposes.** Paul emphasises this understanding because a number of these new Christians had come to think of themselves as especially gifted, powerful, and wise. As the cross has shown, however, God’s idea about what is wise and noble is often quite different from ours. Our only boast can be in the Lord.

## **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

Comments: “*The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes*”

The gospel lesson is **the opening sayings of the Sermon on the Mount, words of both comfort and challenge.** The values of the kingdom are quite different from worldly standards. Those who are to find blessings will know want and thirst, if not because of their own circumstances, then for the sake of others. Those who hunger for righteousness will find fulfillment, but first they must experience persecution.



## **CATHEDRAL NEWS**

**Financial Stewardship:** Donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael’s Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606.

- Streaming Equipment Foundational Setup  
- \$35,000.00

**“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)**

**STEWARDSHIP:** The envelopes for 2026 are still available for collection from the Administrative Assistant’s office.

**INITIAL OFFERING:** Thanks to all who made their Initial Offering last Sunday. The amount collected so far, is \$4,605.50. Members who have not yet made their contributions, are asked to do so as soon as possible.

***THEME FOR THE WEEK***

***“Holiness is totally available to everyone, thanks to the mercy of God in Jesus Christ.”***



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week 1 to 7, February 2026***

***1 Mrs. Mary E. Weekes***

***2 Ms. Elain N. Frank***

***3 Mr. Kye W. Alleyne***

4 Mr. Richard A. Rollock

*Omitted from last Sundays' Bulletin*

27 Ms. Shernelle A. O'Neale



*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, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Judy King, Helena Lyte, 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 families of the late:

- Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw, Eucharistic Minister, who died on Monday, January 20, 2026. He was the son of Mrs. Catherine Bradshaw, brother of Mrs. Lynette Francis-Thornhill and Mrs. Judith Thompson; and uncle of Liam and Cyres Francis-Thornhill.
- Mrs. Joanna Leslie, of Railway Road, Carrington Village, St. Michael, who



died at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Monday, January 12, 2026.

- Mr. Clyde B. Collins, The Ivy Main Road, St. Michael, who died at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Saturday, January 17, 2026. The Funeral will take place at the St. Michael's Cathedral, on Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 2:00 P.M., and the interment at the West Bury Cemetery, Westbury, St. Michael.
- Captain Jonathan Holder, Captain of St. Leonard's Church Army, who died at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Tuesday evening, January 27, 2026.

We thank God for their lives, work and witness; and pray for the Bradshaw, Collins, Holder, and Leslie families as they mourn.

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



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings  
February 1 to 7, 2026**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning Readings</b>	<b>Evening Readings</b>
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Psalms 24, 29 Genesis 18:16-33 Galatians 5:13-25 Mark 8:22-30	Psalms 113, 122 1 Samuel 1:20-28a Romans 8:14-21 <i>Collect for the Presentation</i>
Monday	Psalms 42, 43 1 Samuel 2:1-10 John 8:31-36	Psalms 48, 87 Haggai 2:1-9 1 John 3:1-8
Tuesday	Psalms 61, 62 Genesis 21:1-21 John 6:41-51	Psalm 68:1-20(21- 23)24-36 Isaiah 52:1-13 Hebrews 11:13-22
Wednesday	Psalm 72 Genesis 22:1-18 John 6:52-59	Psalm 119:73-96 Isaiah 54:1-10(11- 17) Hebrew 11:23-31
Thursday	Psalms [70], 71 Genesis 23:1-20 John 6:60-71	Psalm 74 Isaiah 55:1-13 Hebrews 11:32—12:2
Friday	Psalm 69:1-23(24- 30)31-38 Genesis 24:1-27 John 7:1-13	Psalm 73 Isaiah 56:1-8 Hebrews 12:3-11
Saturday	Psalms 75, 76 Genesis 24:28-38, 49- 51 John 7:14-36	Psalms 23, 27 Isaiah 57:3-13 Hebrews 12:12-29 <i>Collect for 5 Epiphany</i>

## CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

**Today, February 1, 2026**  
**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany:**  
**Eve of the Presentation of our Lord**

**African Awareness Sunday**

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

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



**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**  
**10:00 A.M. ~ A Public Service of Healing**



**Next Sunday, February 8, 2026**  
**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany:**

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

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



**LOOKING AHEAD!**

**Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026**  
**10:00 A.M. 12:00 Noon and 7:00 P.M.**



**The Ash Wednesday Liturgy**  
**Sundays in Lent**  
**6:00 P.M. ~ Evensong**



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