



St. Michael's Cathedral

Services

for

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 25, 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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany: **YEAR A**

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 Re-Shan A. White

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mrs. Valdine Browne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn ~ 98**

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion
odours of Edom and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure:
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

The first verse may be repeated at the end

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Opening Sentence “**Epiphany**”

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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

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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.

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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany”

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; 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: Isaiah 9:1-4

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Linda Springer

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

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

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of

Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please remain seated)

Psalm 27:1, 5-13 *Dominus illuminatio*

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1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

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 1:10-18

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Leighton Waterman

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

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptised none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptised in my name. (I did baptise also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptised anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For 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.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 539**

Take my life, and let it be

consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23
Gospeller: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the four chapter, beginning at the twelfth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow
of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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)

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.**

The Presentation of The Initial Offering

The Hymn ~ 494

*(During the singing of this hymn Parishioners bring their
Initial Offering and place it in the Box provided)*

All to Jesus I surrender,
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

***I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessèd Saviour;
I surrender all.***

All to Jesus I surrender,
humbly at his feet I bow;
worldly pleasures all forsaken,
take me, Jesus, take me now.

Refrain

All to Jesus I surrender,
make me, Saviour, wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly know that thou art mine.

Refrain

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power,
let thy blessing fall on me.

Refrain

All to Jesus I surrender,
now I feel the sacred flame;
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to his name!

Refrain

Words: Judson Wheeler Van De Venter (1855-1939)

Afterwards, The Dean says:

We thank you, O Lord, for all your gifts, which we receive as tokens of your love to us. Accept these gifts which we now bring to you as tokens of our gratitude, and use both them and us in the service of your kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake.

R. Amen.

V: All things come from you, O Lord!

R: And of your own do we give you!

V: Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;

R: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

All say together:

O Heavenly Father, who by your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that all our possessions are in trust from you; help us to be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our treasure, and gladly to consecrate to your service all that you have given us; and may we have grace, O Lord, to give ourselves to you, as those who have been bought with a price; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

God our Father, in mercy accept these offerings which we have presented to you with thankful hearts, and grant that our gifts may be hallowed by your blessing and used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Please sit or kneel)

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

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

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 Janis, Danita, Roslyn, Judith, Margaret,

Margot, and Juno 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 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

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 ~ 108

The people that in darkness sat
a glorious light have seen;
the light has shined on them who long
in shades of death have been.

To hail thee, Sun of righteousness,
the gathering nations come;
they joy as when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.

For thou their burden dost remove,
and break the tyrant's rod,

as in the day when Midian fell
before the sword of God.

For unto us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
the everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the God by all adored.

His righteous government and power
shall over all extend;
on judgement and on justice based,
his reign shall have no end.

Lord Jesus, reign is us, we pray,
and make us thine alone,
who with the Father ever art
and Holy Spirit One.

Words: John Morrison (1749-1798)

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 ~ 608 & 409

My God, and is thy table spread,
and doth thy cup with love o'erflow?
Thither be all thy children led,
and let them all thy sweetness know.

Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes,
rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
Thrice happy he who here partakes
that sacred stream, that heavenly food.

Why are its dainties all in vain
before unwilling hearts displayed?
Was not for them the Victim slain?
Are they forbid the children's Bread?

O let thy table honoured be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the god whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Hymn ~ 409

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Words: from Rob tu mo bhoile, a Comdi cride, c8th century Irish;
translation: Mary Byrne (1880-1931), versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

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*”

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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 ~ 97**

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet

ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898), alt.

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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Comments: *“Light shines for those in darkness”*

Our Hebrew Bible lesson is a **hymn of thanksgiving and hope offered at the birth of a new king in Jerusalem**. The prophet hails the one born to be the ruler of his people. His reign will end oppression and bring justice, righteousness, and a lasting peace. Christians see these words coming to fulfillment in Jesus.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

The psalmist expresses great trust and confidence in the Lord and asks always to be in God’s presence.

The Second Reading (The Epistle):1 Corinthians 1:10-18

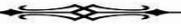
Comments: *“Appeal for unity in the gospel”*

In this lesson we hear that **Paul is disturbed by news of factions in the young Corinthian church**. Apparently, the new converts were dividing into groups based on who it was who baptised them and whose teaching they were following. They must instead be unified in Jesus, in whose name alone they are baptised. Paul is grateful on this account that he himself has baptised very few of them, and that he does not preach with such eloquent wisdom that people would rely on him rather than the cross of Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Comments: *“Revelation of Christ as a prophet”*

The gospel is a **summary of the early ministry of Jesus: his preaching, the calling of disciples, and his acts of healing.** After the arrest of John the Baptist, Jesus withdrew to Galilee, an area in which many Gentiles lived. The evangelist perceives in this a fulfillment of prophecy and a foreshadowing of the church’s mission to bring the light of the gospel to darkened lives. Two sets of brothers are called to leave their nets and become fishers of people.



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.

“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 available for collection from the Administrative Assistant. They are being distributed under the northern porch.

Today, Sunday, January 25, 2026
7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M Services
Presentation of Initial Offering

THEME FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

“The revelation that the Lord centers our lives includes with it our responsibility to keep his commandments.”

Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week 25 to 31, January 2026

26 Ms. Janis A. Griffith

27 Ms. Danita V. Layne

29 Mrs. Judith A. Parris

Mrs. Margaret A. Watson

30 Mrs. Margot Crichlow

31 Mrs. Juno C. Burrows, J.P.



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, 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.

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

May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
January 25 to 31, 2026**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Psalms 63:1-8(9-11); 98 Genesis 13:2-18 Mark 7:31-37	Psalm 103 Isaiah 47:1-15 Galatians 2:1-10
Monday	Psalm 19 Isaiah 45:18-25 Philippians 3:4b-11	Psalm 119:89-112 Ecclesiasticus 39:1- 10 Acts 9:1-22
Tuesday	Psalm 45 Genesis 15:1-11, 17-21 John 5:1-18	Psalms 47, 48 Isaiah 48:12-21 Hebrews 9:1-14
Wednesday	Psalm 119:49-72 Genesis 16:1-14 John 5:19-29	Psalms 49, [53] Isaiah 49:1-12 Hebrews 9:15-28
Thursday	Psalm 50 Genesis 16:15—17:14 John 5:30-47	Psalms [59,60] or 118 Isaiah 49:1-12 Hebrew 9:15-28
Friday	Psalms 40, 54 Genesis 17:15-27 John 6:1-15	Psalm 51 Isaiah 50:1-11 Hebrews 10:11-25
Saturday	Psalm 55 Genesis 18:1-16 John 6:16-27	Psalms 138, 139:1- 17(18-23) Isaiah 51:1-8 Hebrews 10:26-39 <i>Collect for 4 Epiphany</i>

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday, January 25, 2026
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany:

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

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.



Wednesday, January 28, 2026

10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



February 1, 2026

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



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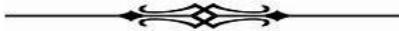
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