



St. Michael's Cathedral
Services
for
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Sunday, January 4, 2022
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**

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The Second Sunday after Christmas Day: **YEAR A**

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

President & Preacher:

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn ~ 67**

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say;
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

*Words: anonymous, from Latin and German;
Translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.*

Opening Sentence “**Christmas**” Page 97
To us a child is born, to us a son is given: and his name will
be called the Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9:6*)

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.

All: Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIES

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect: *“Second Sunday after Christmas Day”* Page 159

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of Him who humbled Himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Jeremiah, the thirty-first chapter, beginning at the seventh verse.

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,
 "Save, O LORD, your people,
 the remnant of Israel."
See, I am going to bring them from the land of
 the north,
 and gather them from the farthest parts of
 the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with
 child and
 those in labor, together;
 a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
 and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
 in a straight path in which they shall not
 stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.
Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
 and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
 and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
 and has redeemed him from hands too
 strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of
 Zion,
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness
 of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
 and over the young of the flock and the
 herd;

their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the
dance,
and the young men and the old shall be
merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness
for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my
bounty, says the LORD.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-8

Quam dilecta!

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- 1 **H**ow dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of
hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts
of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her
young;
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find
it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of
water.

6 They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

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: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Lector: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Merlene Barrow
9:00 A.M. ~ Major Alfred Taylor

A reading from the Word of God written in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, the first chapter, reading from the third to the sixth verse, and then from the fifteenth verse.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to

the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual **Hymn ~ 81**

O come, Redeemer of mankind, appear,
thee with full hearts the Virgin-born we greet;
let every age with rapt amazement hear
that wondrous birth which for our God is meet.

Not by the will of man, or mortal seed,
but by the Spirit's breathed mysterious grace
the Word of God became our flesh indeed,
and grew a tender plant of human race.

Lo! Mary's virgin womb its burthen bears;
nor less abides her virgin purity;
in the King's glory see our nature shares;
here in his temple God vouchsafes to be.

From His bright chamber, virtue's holy shrine,
the royal Bridegroom cometh to the day;
of twofold substance, human and divine,
as giant swift, rejoicing on his way.

Forth from His Father to the world he goes,
back to the Father's face his way regains,
far down to souls beneath his glory shows,
again at God's right hand victorious reigns.

With the Eternal Father equal, thou
girt with our flesh dost triumph evermore,
strengthening our feeble bodies here below
with endless grace from thine own living store.

How doth thy lowly manger radiant shine!
On the sweet breath of night new splendor grows;
so may our spirits glow with faith Divine,
where no dark cloud of sin shall interpose.

All praise and glory to the Father be,
all praise and glory to his only son,
all praise and glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
both now, and while eternal ages run.

*Words: Ambrose of Milan (339-397),
From Veni Redemptor gentium, Latin;
Translation: David Thomas Morgan (1809-1886)*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
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 second chapter, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.

With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and

glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Intercessors:

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

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

LEADER:

INTERCESSION FORM “**B**”

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LEADER:

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

ALL: That we all may be one.

LEADER:

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;

ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

LEADER:

We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;

**ALL: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word
and Sacraments.**

LEADER:

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

ALL: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

LEADER:

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

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

LEADER:

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

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEADER:

Give to the departed eternal rest;

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

LEADER:

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

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

LEADER: Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

Silence may be kept.

ALL:

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

Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACT OF PENITENCE

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PRESIDENT:

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.

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

FORM B

ALL:

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all

goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREETING OF THE PEACE “A”

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PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL:

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP: “Let there be peace on earth”

(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 ~ 88**

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

They lookèd up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Refrain

Then let us all with one accord
sing praise to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

*Words: anonymous
18th-century English carol*

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 “Christmas”

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

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

ALL:

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “A”

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PRESIDENT:

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

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

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

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

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

PRESIDENT:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT:

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

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving;
and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood
of your Son, our great High Priest,
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.
Let faith and love increase in us.
Unite us with all Bishops,
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,
and with the whole people of God,
living and departed,
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,

that we may be found ready to join the company
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,
and all your saints,
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:
Forever giving you thanks and praise
through Him 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” Page 145

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” Page 145

PRESIDENT:

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

ALL:

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

THE AGNUS DEI Page 147

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

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

grant us peace.



The Administration of Communion/Spiritual Communion

The Communion Hymn ~ 665 & 602

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that Mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, and mean, and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honour and obey,
love and watch the lowly Maiden,
in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew,
he was little, weak, and helpless,

tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that Child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
where like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Hymn ~ 602

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture –
in the body and the blood –

he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
 alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, Lord most high.

Words: Liturgy of St James,

From 5th century, Greek;

Translation: Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

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.

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

ALL: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 94**

Father, let me dedicate,
all this year to thee,
in whatever worldly state
thou wilt have me be:
not from sorrow, pain or care,
freedom dare I claim;
this alone shall be my prayer,
glorify thy name.

Can a child presume to choose
where or how to live?
Can a Father’s love refuse
all the best to give?
More Thou givest every day
than the best can claim
nor withholdest aught that may
glorify thy name.

If in mercy Thou wilt spare
joys that yet are mine;
if on life, serene and fair,

brighter rays may shine;
let my glad heart, while it sings,
thee in all proclaim,
and, whate'er the future brings,
glorify thy name.

If thou callest to the cross,
and its shadow come,
turning all my gain to loss,
shrouding heart and home;
let me think how thy dear Son
to his glory came,
and in deepest woe pray on,
“glorify thy name.”

Words: Lawrence Tuttiel (1825-1897)

THE DISMISSAL

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DEACON:

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

DEACON:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude

(Worshippers are invited to sit silently and listen to the voluntary, however, those who wish to leave at this point may do so quietly.)



The Second Sunday after Christmas ~ Year A

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Comment: *“Joy as God’s scattered flock gathers”*

The Hebrew Bible reading was originally composed as a **vision of hope, full of joy, for the restoration of the northern tribes of Israel.** The Lord will bring them all back from exile, including the weak and the infirm. As a father and a shepherd, he will comfort them and give them cause for great gladness.

Psalm 84:1-8

A song of the pilgrims’ happiness as they come to worship in the house of the Lord.

Second Reading (**The Epistle**): Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Comment: *“The will of God made known in Christ”*

This New Testament lesson opens with **praise to God for God’s blessings, together with thanksgiving and prayers that these spiritual graces may continue.** In the beloved Son, Christians have, since the beginning of the world, been given a destiny of holiness as God’s children. Paul prays for a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that the disciples’ hearts may be enlightened to perceive the glorious hope of the saints.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Comment: *“The slaughter of innocent children”*

Our Gospel is **the story of Joseph and Mary escaping to Egypt with the infant Jesus. They flee the jealous wrath of King Herod and are able to return to live in Nazareth only after his death.** These movements early in Jesus’ life

are seen as the fulfilment of prophecy. As God’s Son, Jesus is brought out of Egypt just as were the people of Israel. The prophecy concerning Nazareth could have several sources, but the evangelist understands all things to be taking place according to God’s plan.

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 WEEK

“Christ comes to us amidst the struggles of life.”



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating
birthdays this week 4 to 10, January 2026***

5 Mr. Paul Blackman

6 Mr. Ronaldo N. Grant

Mrs. Monica Downes-Smith

7 Mrs. Jennifer P. Rollock

Ms. Sabrina P. Rollock

8 Ms. Ernesta Yarde

9 Ms. Beatrice R. Lavia

10 Ms. Rosemary Marshall

Ms. Marcia Y. Watson ~ (Shut-In)



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 families of the late:

- Ms. Shelley Alleyne, oldest daughter of Mr. Victor Gittens, member of the Parochial Church Council. After a period of illness, Ms. Alleyne died on Saturday, December 13, 2025 in Orlando, Florida, USA.
- The Funeral and Interment of the late Mrs. Colleen Byer, former Leader of the Cathedral's Mothers' Union will take place on **Monday, January 5, 2026 at 3:30 P.M. at St. George Parish Church, The Glebe, St. George.**

We thank God for their lives, work and witness; and pray for the Gittens, Alleyne and Byer families as they mourn.

May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.



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.

**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
January 4 to 10, 2026**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Second Sunday after Christmas	Psalms 66, 67 Wisdom 7:3-14 John 6:41-47	Psalm 145 Ecclesiasticus 3:3-9, 14-17 Colossians 3:12-17
Monday	Psalms 2, 110:1-5(6-7) Jonah 2:2-9 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 11:17-27, 18-44	Eve of the Epiphany Psalms 29, 98 Isaiah 66:18-23 Romans 15:7-13 <i>Collect of the Epiphany</i>
Tuesday	Psalms 46, 97 Isaiah 49:1-7 Matthew 12:14-21	Psalms 96, 100 Isaiah 52:7-10 Revelations 21:22-27
Wednesday	Psalm 103 Deuteronomy 8:1-3 John 6:30-33, 48-51	Psalms 114, 115 Isaiah 52:3-6 Colossians 1:1-14
Thursday	Psalms 117, 118 Exodus 17:1-7 John 7:37-52	Psalms 112, 113 Isaiah 59:15-21 Colossians 1:15-23
Friday	Psalms 121, 122, 123 Isaiah 45:14-19 John 8:12-19	Psalms 131, 132 Isaiah 63:1-5 Colossians 1:24—2:7
Saturday	Psalms 138, 139:1- 17(18-21) Jeremiah 23:1-8 Colossians 2:8-23 John 10:7-17	Eve of 1 Epiphany Psalm 104 Isaiah 61:1-9 Galatians 3:23-29, 4:4-7 <i>Collect for 1 Epiphany</i>

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, Sunday, January 4, 2026

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Tuesday, January 6, 2026

The Feast of the Epiphany

7:00 P.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, January 7, 2026

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



Next Sunday, January 11, 2026

The First Sunday after the Epiphany:

The Baptism of Our Lord

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



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, 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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