

St. Michael's Cathedral

Services
for

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, February 8, 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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany: YEAR A

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

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The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

The Opening **Hymn ~ 3**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance Divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), 1740

Opening Sentence

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.

II Corinthians 4:6

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. 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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany”

Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-12

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Margaret Hurley

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

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please remain seated)

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of
compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting
remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

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 2:1-16

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

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

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

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual **Hymn** ~ 526

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.

Words: anonymous, from Sarum Primer Horae diurnae BVM, Salisbury, 1514

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20
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 fifth chapter, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(Please sit)

The Sermon: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White

(Please stand, as able)

The Nicene Creed

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

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

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

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

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

With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

(Please sit or kneel)

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS – “H”

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

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Margaret King-Austin

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, Phyllis, Harriett, Sandy, Eugene, Patricia, Winifred, Keith, Ernie, and Gillian 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 ~ 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 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:

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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” 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 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 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 Hymns ~ 585 and 583

Dearest Jesu, we are here,
at thy call, thy presence owning;
pleading now in holy fear
that great sacrifice atoning:
Word incarnate, much in wonder
on this mystery deep we ponder.

Jesu, strong to save - the same
yesterday, today, for ever,
make us fear and love thy name,
serving thee with best endeavour:
in this life, O ne'er forsake us,
but to bliss hereafter take us.

*Words: Tobis Clausnitzer (1619-1684), from Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, German;
translation: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)*

Hymn ~ 583

Faithful Shepherd, feed me

in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
to the heavenly shore;
make my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
every gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.

Words: Thomas Benson Pollock (1836-1896)

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. **Amen.**

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional **Hymn ~ 143**

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! That flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive, and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,

God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! That he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

Words: Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

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: Isaiah 58:1-12

Comments: *“The fast God chooses”*

This passage is a **denunciation of the injustices of those who only act at their religion. There is a promise of the Lord’s favour for those who genuinely repent and care for the needy.** Fasts and many prayers are of no purpose and may be misused if they do not involve the liberation of the oppressed and help for the weak and afflicted. When there is justice and sharing, then the light of the Lord will rise out of darkness and all the ruins will be rebuilt.

Psalm 112

Blessed are those who are right with the Lord, who are just and generous with those in need.

The Second Reading (The Epistle):1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Comments: *“God’s wisdom revealed through the Spirit”*

In this lection, **Paul teaches the Corinthians that the wisdom of God is very different from the wisdom in which humans pride themselves.** Some of the Corinthians were apparently boasting of their Christianity as though it were powerful in terms of worldly wisdom. They even made fun of Paul for his lack of eloquence. The true power of God is, however, hidden from the ruling forces of the world, for it is discovered in a crucified Lord. This is revealed through God’s own Spirit.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Comments: *“The teaching of Christ: salt and light”*

In this gospel lesson, we learn that disciples are like salt and as light to the world. They are to live even more righteously

than the pious scribes and Pharisees. Like a city set on a hill or a lamp on a stand, Jesus' followers must show forth their good works to the glory of God. Jesus has not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill their purpose. Only those who go beyond the keeping of the law and who are wholly committed to God's will can enter the kingdom of heaven.



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
- Repairs to the Southern Balcony - \$59,400.00
- Repairs to the Chapter Room - \$12,750.00

“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

\$3,625.75. Members who have not yet made their contributions, are asked to do so as soon as possible.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

“Hospitality is the one virtue in which we are most certain to meet the Lord.”



Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays this week 8 to 14, February 2026

8 Mrs. Phyllis Clarke-Hunte

Ms. Harriett M. Goodin

Ms. Sandy J. Rowe

9 Ms. Eugene Daniel

Ms. Patricia A. Cox

10 Ms. Winifred C. Trotman

12 Mr. Keith B. Worrell

Ms. Ernie Young

13 Ms. Gillian N. Walker



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 19, 2026. He was the son of Mrs. Catherine Bradshaw, brother of Mrs. Lynette Francis-Thornhill and Mrs. Judith Thompson; and uncle of Liam and Cerys Francis-Thornhill.
- Mrs. Joanna Leslie, of Railway Road, Carrington Village, St. Michael, who died at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Monday, January 12, 2026. **Her funeral and interment will take place on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. at the Chapel of the Coral Ridge Memorial Gardens, The Ridge, Christ Church.**
- 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 8 to 14, 2026**

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Psalms 93, 96 Genesis 24:50-67 Mark 10:13-22	Psalm 34 Isaiah 57:14-21 2 Timothy 2:14-21
Monday	Psalm 80 Genesis 25:19-34 John 7:37-52	Psalms 77, [79] Isaiah 58:1-12 Hebrews 13:1-16
Tuesday	Psalm 78:1-39 Genesis 26:1-6, 12-33 John 7:53-8:11	Psalm 78:40-72 Isaiah 59:1-15a Hebrews 13:17-25
Wednesday	Psalm 119:97-120 Genesis 27:1-29 John 8:12-20	Psalms 81, 82 Isaiah 59:15b-21 Romans 12:1-8
Thursday	Psalms [83] or 146, 147 Genesis 27:30-45 John 8:21-32	Psalms 85, 86 Isaiah 60:1-17 Romans 12:9-21
Friday	Psalm 88 Genesis 27:46—28:4, 10-22 John 8:33-47	Psalms 91, 92 Isaiah 61:1-9 Romans 13:1-14
Saturday	Psalms 87, 90 Genesis 29:1-20 John 8:47-59	Psalm 136 Isaiah 61:10—62:5 Romans 14:1-23 <i>Collect for Last Epiphany</i>

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

Today, February 8, 2026
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany:
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Wednesday, February 11, 2026
10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Next Sunday, February 15, 2026
The Last 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

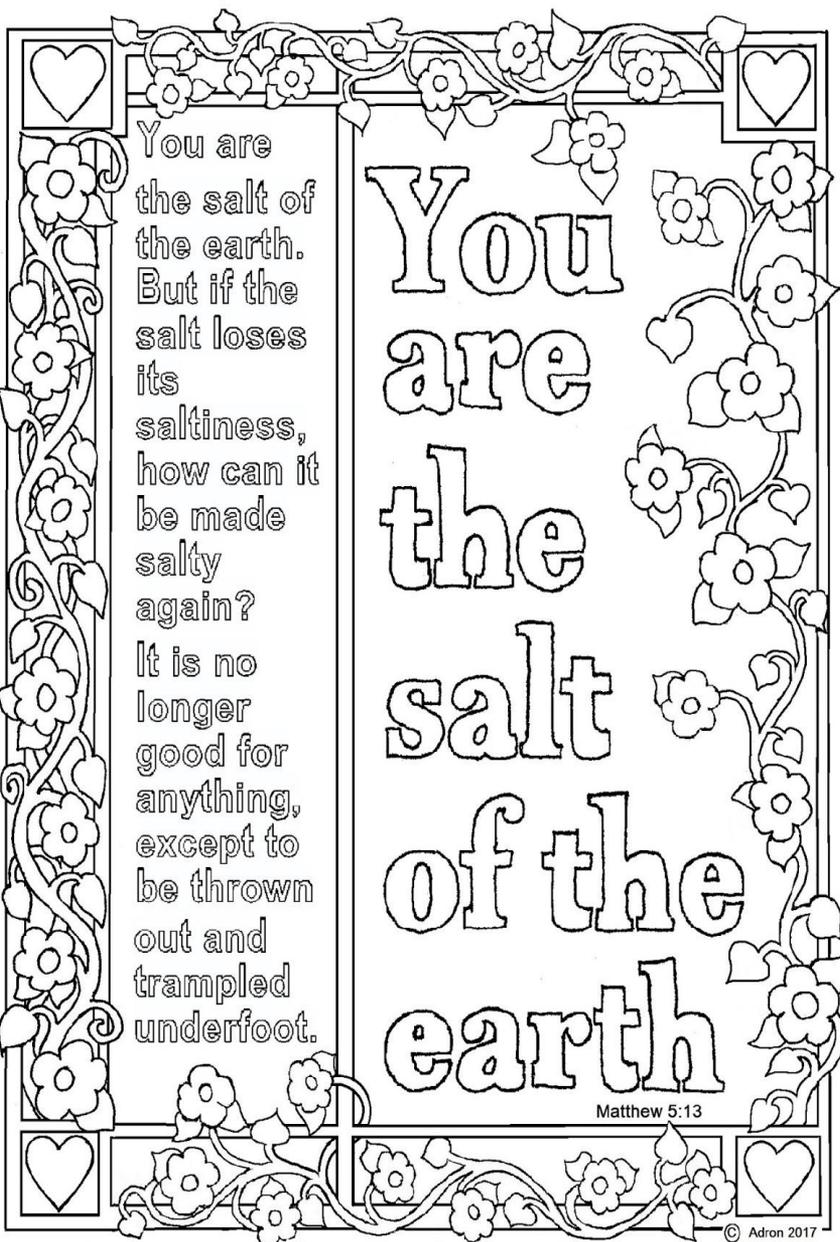


NOTES:

Matthew 5:16

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E Y L V W O E I B I I G O O D 5 I
U T L W O K 5 V W L N A H Y S U U
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N F L A S H L I G H T A I O H S N
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S H O 5 R D D G L O R I F Y S O K
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Flashlight	Glorify	Matthew	Heaven
Father	Works	Jesus	Bible
Shine	Light	5:16	Good



You are
the salt of
the earth.
But if the
salt loses
its
saltiness,
how can it
be made
salty
again?
It is no
longer
good for
anything,
except to
be thrown
out and
trampled
underfoot.

You
are
the
salt
of the
earth

Matthew 5:13

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