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Midnight Mass

*The Church: Transformed People In Service For God
To experience and share God's reconciling love*

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

The Anglican Diocese of Barbados
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WELCOME TO EVERYONE

*Please take a moment to **TURN OFF** all cell phones as the signal interferes with our sound system.*

Thank you.

Our Head Usher for today is Mrs. Lydia Jemmott.

Worship tips and gentle reminders.

Please be alert to visitors who sit next to you that are without Prayer Books or Hymn Books. Please allow them to use your books or call an Usher to have the books brought to them. If they are unfamiliar with the Liturgy, kindly guide them through it or show them how to use the bulletin.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE NATION - December 2013



*The Most Rev'd & Dr.
The Hon. John Holder
Bishop of Barbados
Archbishop of the West
Indies*

My
Dear
Friends,

I greet
you in
the
name of
Our
Lord on
this

blessed Christmas day.

Each year on Christmas day, we listen to the wonderful Christmas stories about the birth of Our Lord being read. In each there is a message which can still speak to us in our own time.

In the story in St. Luke's Gospel, there is a verse with a powerful message speaking to us in a special way at this time. The verse reads:

.....the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people":

When we relate this verse to our context

today, we may well say, yes, there is fear, but where is the Good News?

There is surely a lot of bad news around. It can indeed create fear. At this time in Barbados, there is some bad news about our economic conditions. There is the fear of losing one's job, of not being able to make ends meet and of having to make some difficult and painful adjustments to our way of life.

The passage we quoted above, is from a scene in which the shepherds are confronted with the unexpected and are gripped by fear. They react to the unexpected and the unknown like normal human beings.

It is into this all too familiar scenario, that the voice of the angel introduces the promise of 'good news' and 'joy'. There is still some space for these in spite of fear.

As we reflect on our lives and on our country at this Christmas time, we must

ask the question, is there still some space for good news and joy in our lives, and in our country? The message of Christmas is a resounding 'Yes, there surely is' for the Christmas message is a message of hope.

The voice of the angel in the story makes the important point, that no matter how difficult matters are, no matter how dark the night may be, as it was for the shepherds, God's light can break through the dark and create some space for good news and joy. There can be light. We should never lose hope.

In the Christmas story, the shepherds travel through conditions of uncertainty symbolized by darkness, to the Good News, the baby Jesus, and to experiences of joy.

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Like the shepherds, we sometimes have to make difficult journeys as we are called to do at this time as a nation. Like them we may have to take some risks and travel in the dark, not absolutely clear of how or even when we will experience the good news and the joy. As we travel, we often have to do so by faith rather than by sight.

We thank God for the mes-

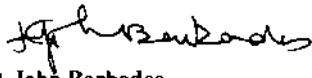
sage of the angel in the Christmas story. It is a powerful message. It is a message of hope. May we also be messengers of good news, joy and hope at this Christmas time and into the year ahead.

Being such a messenger never leads us to ignore the bad news, but to affirm the hope that in spite of the bad news today, we, like the shepherds, are prepared to

travel, even through the darkness, to the point where there can be experiences of good news and joy.

May God grant you a blessed Christmas and a New Year full of good news, joy and hope.

Your friend and Bishop



+ John Barbados

Fear Not for God will be with you!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Preparation: *(No applause please)*

Mrs. Gaye Gajadhar

Let us pray:

Collect for Purity:

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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.

Opening Prayer:

Voluntary:

Choir & Altar Party Enter

Priest:

Introduction of the Advent Circle of Light

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Altar party approaches the Advent Candle. The child appointed lights the appropriate Candle and says:

Dear friends in Christ, during the four Sundays of Advent, our congregation marked our preparation of the coming of Christ both as King and Judge of all and his incarnation on this night as a babe of Bethlehem. We did so each Sunday by lighting a candle on the Advent Wreath.

We started on the first Sun-

day with vision and hope. On the second Sunday we added Peace. On the third Sunday we lit the candle of Love, that ingredient that brings warmth to our lives. Then on the fourth Sunday we lit the candle of Joy; not light heartedness or gaiety but a deep inner satisfaction made up of many parts rooted in God's providence.

Like the circle of light, however, our life finds its centre in Christ and so we light the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve. It is Jesus who makes all the rest possible.

As Christ's light shines within and through us, life's full beauty can be seen. And so tonight we welcome his presence by lighting the Christ Candle.

The person says:

I light the Christ candle to welcome the Christ child.

The person then lights the Christ Candle and then in order, the other candles symbolizing Christ Candle and says: Hope, Peace, Love and Joy.

Let us pray: (All Say)

O God our Father, on this day your Son Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation. Bless this Christ Candle that we have prepared to celebrate the Holy Birth. May all who see it be strengthened in faith, and receive the fullness of the life that He came to bring; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit, He is alive and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

After the lighting of the Christ Candle the Christmas Tree is lit. (If one is available)

Opening Hymn:	CH 77
Opening Sentences:	Page 97
Acclamation & Prayer of Intent:	Page 101
The Kyries & Gloria:	Page 102

THE COLLECT: Christmas: Page 158 BCP.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

1ST Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-4, 6-7

Psalm:96

2ND Lesson: Titus 2: 11-14

Gradual Hymn:

The Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20)

The Sermon:

Reflection:

*A great and mighty wonder,
a full and holy cure*

*The virgin bears the infant,
with virgin honour pure*

Refrain:

*Repeat the hymn again, To
God on high be glory*

And peace on earth to men.

*The word becomes incar-
nate, and yet remains on
high*

*And Cherubim sing an-
thems, to shepherds from
the sky.*

*While thus they sing your
Monarch, those bright an-
gelic bands.*

Ms. Angela Davis

Page 594 (BCP)

Ms. Sonia Hunte

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*Rejoice, ye vales and
mountains, ye oceans clap
your hands.*

*Since all he comes to ran-
som, by all be he adored*

*The infant born in
Bethl'em, the Saviour and
the Lord.*

The Nicene Creed:

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The Bidding Prayer:

Fr. Jay

The Intercessions: Form E (Page 112)

Mr. Hayden Workman

The Act of Penitence:

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The Absolution:

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The Greeting of Peace:

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The Peace Song:

There is a sweet, sweet spirit

Anthem/Selection:

Offertory Hymn:

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THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Prayer:

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Sursum Corda: (The Lord be with you)

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The Proper Preface: (CHRISTMAS)	Page 127
Sanctus: (Holy, Holy, Holy)	Page 131
The Eucharistic Prayer A:	Page 131
The Lord's Prayer:	Page 144
The Breaking of the Bread:	Page 145
The Agnus Dei: (Lamb of God)	Page 147
Invitation to Communion:	Page 145/146

The Administration of Communion:

During the singing of the Communion Hymns, we invite to the Lord's Table all those persons who are communicant members in this church and in their respective churches.

Communion Hymns: Selection:	CH 67	CH 82	CH91	CH 88	CH 60
Hymns for the Blessing & Recommitment:	CH 665				
Post Communion Prayer:	Page 147/148				
Final Blessing:	Page 148				
Additional Notices and Announcements:					
Hymn of Eucharistic Thanksgiving:	CH 68				

Dismissal and Benediction:

We wish you a Merry Christmas

Glad tidings we bring of Jesus our King

We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year!

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If you were blessed and enjoyed our service
Tell and bring others
Help them experience God's reconciling
Love for themselves and then share it with others.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

Colours of the Season

If you look around the church, you will notice that the colour for the season of Christmas is gold. Christmas is a festive season that celebrates the birth of Christ. As a result, we use gold to symbolize joy, holiness and the light of a new day. Look around the church, at the Altar frontal, the Priests' and the Eucharistic minister's vestments and the choir scarf's. They are all gold.

SERMON NOTES

Your Anglican Heritage

Midnight Mass

Have you ever wondered why we Anglicans celebrate Midnight Mass? One reason celebrations occur on Christmas Eve is because the traditional Christian liturgical day starts at sunset - an inheritance from Jewish tradition. Also, Christian tradition holds that Jesus was born at night (based on Luke 2:6-8). The idea of Jesus being born at night is reflected in that fact that Christmas Eve is referred to as Holy Night in many cultures.

A Prayer for Christmas

*God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith;
The warmth of Christmas, which is love;
The belief of Christmas, which is truth;
The all of Christmas, which is Christ.
Wilda English*

A Special thank you

We offer very sincere thanks to all who donated flowers for the beautification of the Church during this very special season. May God continue to bless you all.

Special thank you to the Floral Group and all those who decorated the Church including the Christmas tree. Special thanks also to Mr. Sydney and Mrs Muriel Robertson and friends.

For Your Information

Offering Envelopes 2014

Offering Envelopes are available. Please collect from boxes at the back of the church.

Restoration Donation

Persons making donations via cheque to the restoration project of The Cathedral Church of St. Michael & All Angels, please make your cheques payable to 'The Cathedral Restoration Project'.

Books on Sale: *Book of Common Prayer* \$35.00
CPWI Hymnal \$25.00
Eucharistic Lectionary \$62.00
Fresh From The World 2014 (formerly named *Light for our Path*) \$25.00

LOOKING AHEAD DECEMBER 2013

Wed 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY (Blessing of the Crib) 8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon
Thurs 26 th	BOXING DAY
Sat 28 th	HOLY INNOCENTS DAY
Sun 29 th	1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon/10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Tues 31 st	OLD YEAR'S NIGHT 11:00 P.M. Mass of the Holy Name Watch Night Service, BLESSING & ANNUAL OLD YEAR'S LIME

CTK Safety Tips

Perhaps safety is the last thing on your mind as the holiday season approaches, but spare a few moments to consider these tips.

- † **Do not leave doors open unless you are in a position to supervise them!!† Do not leave doors open unless you are in a position to supervise them!!**
- † **Remove purchases from your car after a shopping trip. If you must keep them in your car, secure them in the truck.**
- † **Be vigilant when using cell phones.**
- † **Be cautious of strangers with strange distress stories?**
- † **Be cautious about displaying cash to pay for items purchased!**
- † **If you do your shopping at night, be sure to park your vehicle in a well-lit section of the car park.**
- † **Remove purchases from your car after a shopping trip. If you must keep them in your car, secure them in the truck.**
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- † **Be cautious of strangers with strange distress stories.**
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SPECIAL PRAYERS

*O God merciful and compassionate, who art always
ready to hear the prayers of those who put their trust in you,
Graciously attend to us who call upon you,
And grant us your help in this our time of need,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Please remember and pray for those who are travelling:

Joycelin Farley, Andrew, Nicky and Nylah Pitt, Cheryl Senhouse, Lupita Maynard and Isolene Mason.

Please remember and pray for those who are in hospital:

Joyce Babb,

Please remember and pray for those who are recuperating:

*Grafton Brathwaite, Sandra Williams,
Juliette Clarke*

Please remember those who have requested the prayers of the Church:

Adele Lewis, Lawrence Nelson, Sandra Williams, Cynthia Clarke, Ms. Elma Hood, Evelyn Reid, Tabhita Doster, Elsie Clarke, Isolene Mason, Rudolph Gill, Cedric McCarthy, Daniel Watson, Warren Conliff, Elaine Springer, Alexis Alleyne, and Edlin Chandler.

Please remember and pray for those who are sick & shut-in:

*Ometa Allamby
Erma Babb
Joyce Babb
Eric Best
Marjorie Bonnett*

*Grafton & Doreen Brathwaite
Isolene Mason
Isolene Maloney
Marjorie McCollin
Marge Walke*

*Tony Whittaker
Maureen Workman
Evelyn Reid*

Please remember and pray for those who grieve:

The family of the late Ms. Mertina Millar; the family of the late Canon Jimmy Springer; Mrs. Marcelyn Belle, Mrs. Audrey King and Mrs. Trudy Reid on the death of their sister; Mrs. Margaret Sobers on the death of her father. We remember all those who have died. May the Almighty God, who gave them life, take them back to himself and grant them eternal peace.

PLEASE NOTE

It would be appreciated if the Church Office could be notified or the information entered into Fr. Jay's blue book when parishioners return from travelling, or when they have returned to health and should be removed from the sick list. If you wish to be remembered in our prayers, but do not wish to have the information published in the bulletin, please so indicate.

Calendar for the Week Ahead

THURSDAY 26th December
Boxing Day

FRIDAY 27th December

6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Youth Group

SATURDAY 28th December

3:00 p.m. Holy Innocents Day Service

4:30 p.m. - Holy Innocents Day Rally

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2013

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - YEAR A

8:00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist & Sermon **10:30 a.m. Sunday School**

READINGS

Isaiah 61: 10-62: 3 / Psalm 147: 13-21 / Galatians 3: 23-25, 4: 4-7 / Gospel: John 1: 1:18

A Peaceful and Blessed Christmas to all.

A Word of Challenge

***Love like there's no tomorrow, and if tomorrow
comes, love again.***

Max Lucado

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