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*Christmas Day*

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To experience and share God's reconciling love*

# THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

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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. Marcia Burton.*

**Worship tips and gentle reminders.**

**Welcome to the church of Christ the King. At Christ the King we offer not only balance and intelligence but a joyful and uplifting worship experience. We hope that you will feel God's presence among us and that you will be filled with His power and His peace!**

## 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-

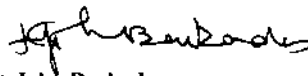
sage of the angel in the Christmas story. It is a powerful message. It is a message of hope. May we also be messengers of good news, joy and hope at this Christmas time and into the year ahead.

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

### WELCOME

And now as we prepare for worship, let us bow our heads and hearts before Almighty God in the words of our Preparation.

*Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.*

*Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.*

*So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.*

*Majesty, worship his majesty; Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings*

Let us pray:

Collect for Purity:

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.**

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Opening Prayer:

Voluntary: Choir & Altar Party Enter

**Blessing of the Crib:**

*The President and Altar Party proceed to the Manger Scene. The figure of the Christ Child is carried by one of the children.*

**Blessing of the Crib**

*The Priest blesses the Crib with Holy Water and says:*

Dear friends, we are met together to celebrate the birth of Jesus; let us pray that God will bless this Crib, a reminder of that first Christmas morning, when Christ, the Saviour of the World was born in humble circumstances. Let us pray, too, that all who worship the baby Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

*The Lector says:*

*Hear what the prophet Isaiah says: the “Lord himself will give you a sign. It is this: a young woman who is with child will soon have a son and will name him Emmanuel. This name means ‘God With Us’.*

**All:** Thanks be to God.

*Let us pray (All Say)*

**God our Father, on this day your son Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation. Bless this Crib that we have prepared to celebrate this 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.**

Opening Hymn: CH 61

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 62: 6-7, 10-12

Psalm: 97

2ND Lesson: Titus 3: 4-7

Gradual Hymn:

The Gospel: Luke 2: 15-20

### The Sermon:

Reflection: (No applause please)

The Nicene Creed:

The Bidding Prayer:

The Intercessions: Form E (*Page 112*)

The Act of Penitence:

The Absolution:

The Greeting of Peace:

The Peace Song:

*There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place; and I know it is the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face; and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

*Chorus*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove...stay right here with us filling us with your love. And for each blessing, we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, when we shall leave this place*

Mrs. Lisa Padmore

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Mrs. Kiana Hall

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Miss Alana Walcott

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Fr. Jay

Mrs. Patricia Mahy

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There is a sweet, sweet spirit

*There are blessings you cannot receive; till you know him in his fullness and believe. You're the one to profit when you say: I'm going to walk with Jesus all the way*

*Sweet Holy Spirit.....*

Selection:

Offertory Hymn:

CH 67

## 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 79	CH 81	CH 82
Hymns for the Blessing & Recommitment:	CH 66		
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*

*Good 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!*

*and a Happy New Year!*

*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!*

## *A CTK Holiday Tip*

*Sometimes it is OK to quit...particularly the things that are not good for you and especially at this time of year when so many people go overboard and end up starting the New Year with problems. During this holiday season, here are some things that you may wish to think about quitting. Quit eating things you know are not good for you! If you can't quit...eat smaller portions. Quit buying things you can't afford. If you can't exercise self-control, then quit going into stores. Quit charging things, especially when you do not need them. Quit making excuses about why you are where you are, or why you can't do what you want to do. Quit waiting on others to give you the answers. Start asking God for wisdom and find the answers for yourself. Quit settling for the ordinary and start making your dreams a reality. Quit being afraid and start living your life. God will be there for you- if you let Him!*

### SERMON NOTES



# Christmas Season

*Christ is born. He is born to us. And, he is born today. For Christmas is not merely a day like every other day. It is a day made holy and special by a sacred mystery. It is not merely another day in the weary round of time. Today, eternity enters into time, and time, sanctified, is caught up into eternity. Today, Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who is in the beginning with the Father, in whom all things were made, by whom all things consist, enters into the world which he created in order to reclaim souls who had forgotten their identity. Therefore, the Church exults, as the angels come down to announce not merely an old thing which happened long ago but a new thing which happens today.*

*Thomas Merton "The Nativity Kerygma"*

## 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'.

**LOOKING AHEAD** DECEMBER 2013

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> BOXING DAY

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> **HOLY INNOCENTS DAY**

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

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

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> **OLD YEAR'S NIGHT** 11:00 P.M. Mass of the Holy Name

Watch Night Service, BLESSING &  
**ANNUAL OLD YEAR'S LIME**

***Only Begotten Son of God***

***Only Begotten Son of God  
Come here with us we pray.  
Erase our sin and stay within  
Make us strong today.***

***The blessings which you pour on us,  
Are more than we deserve  
Yet it is your grace and love  
That gives us strength to serve.***

***In the season of goodwill  
We lift our hearts in praise  
Day and night we celebrate  
Accept the hymns we raise.***

***We adore you, father and son  
And, too, the Holy ghost  
We who now serve you here on earth  
Embrace the heavenly host.***

***By Rev. Fr. Laurence Small***

## 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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