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Sunday, December 29, 2013

First Sunday after Christmas

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 Miss Sabrina Howard.

Worship tips and gentle reminders.

When the service has started please wait until the procession is halfway up the aisle before you enter. The ushers will direct you.

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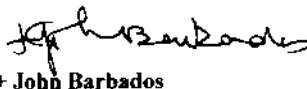
Like the shepherds, we sometimes have to make difficult journeys as we are called to do at this time as a nation. Like them we may have to take some risks and travel in the dark, not absolutely clear of how or even when we will experience the good news and the joy. As we travel, we often have to do so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

We thank God for the message 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 as Miss Alana Walcott leads us in our Preparation.

THE PREPARATION: *(No applause please.)*

Miss Alana Walcott

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:

Introit Hymn:

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Baptismal Liturgy:

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Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

1ST Lesson: Isaiah 61: 10-62: 3

Mrs. Muriel Robertson

Psalm: 147: 13-21

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2ND Lesson: Galatians 3: 23-25, 4: 4-7

Mr. Ronald Hewitt

Gradual Hymn:

CH 75

The Gospel: John 1: 1-18

The Sermon:

Baptismal Hymn: Lord I want to be a Christian

(Baptismal Party and children of the Sunday School will assemble at the font during this hymn.)

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart,
in my heart;*

Chorus

In my heart, in my heart

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart,

In my heart, in my heart, Lord I want to be

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart,

a Christian in my heart.

Presentation and Baptismal Vows:

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Blessing of the water and Profession of Faith:

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The Baptism:

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Concluding Collect:

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The Welcome

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(Children return to their places during the singing of verses 2 of the Baptismal Hymn.)

*Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart,
in my heart;*

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart

Chorus

In my heart, in my heart

*In my heart, in my heart, Lord I want to be
a Christian in my heart.*

The Bidding Prayer:

Fr. Jay

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Ms. Marguerite Jones

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:

Let there be love shared

*Let there be love shared among us, Let there
be love in our eyes;*

*Give us a fresh understanding, of brotherly
love that is real;*

*May now your love sweep this nation, cause
us, O Lord, to arise:*

*Let there be love shared among us, let there
be love.*

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: (CHRISTIAN INITIATION)

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Sanctus: (Holy, Holy, Holy)

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The Eucharistic Prayer B:

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The Lord's Prayer:

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The Breaking of the Bread:

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The Agnus Dei: (Lamb of God)

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Invitation to Communion:

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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:	CH 642	CH 91	CH 70
Hymns for the Blessing & Recommitment:		CH 665	
Post Communion Prayer:		Page 147/148	
Final Blessing:		Page 148	
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Hymn of Eucharistic Thanksgiving:		CH 89	

Dismissal and Benediction:

*Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in
my heart*

Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart,

Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart,

Chorus

In my heart, in my heart

*In my heart, in my heart, Lord I want to be
like Jesus in my heart.*

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.

SERMON NOTES

Saints' Days

Gregory of Nazianzus: Gregory of Nazianzus was a 4th century Archbishop of Constantinople whose most significant contribution to the Christian faith was his defence of the Nicene doctrine of the Trinity. Much of his work continues to influence modern theologians. Apart from theological discourses, Gregory was also a very accomplished orator - perhaps the best of his day and a very prolific poet. He is commemorated on January 2nd.

Basil the Great, Bishop: Basil the Great was a 4th century Greek bishop in Cappadocia, modern day Turkey. He was an influential theologian who supported the Nicene Creed and defended against heresies in the early Christian church. In addition to his work as theologian, Basil was known for his care of the poor and underprivileged. St. Basil the Great is commemorated on January 2nd.

Holy Days

The Holy Name: The Feast of the Holy Name commemorates the circumcision and naming of the baby Jesus eight days after the Nativity. The story is recorded in St. Luke's gospel chapter 2 verse 21 ff. in which the man Simeon, having been promised that he would not see death until he had seen the Lord Christ, blessed the baby Jesus. From Simeon's prayer we get the canticle popularly known as the Nunc Dimittis.

PARISH NOTICES

Health Guild

The Health Guild will conduct their next Health Clinic on Sunday, January 12, 2013. This will be conducted in the Breakfast Programme area, the Rock Dundo Shopping Complex. These clinics will continue every 2nd Sunday of every other month. **All are invited.**

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Sophia Branch	Sun	Dec	29	Ms. Adele Lewis	Tues	Dec	31
Miss Sandra Myers	Sun	Dec	29	Ms. Marillyn Haynes	Sat	Jan	4

Happy Anniversary



Mr. Gerald Forde & Mrs. Joycelyn Forde	December	29	(47 yrs)
Mr. Chesterfield Austin & Mrs. Cynthia Austin	January	3	(15yrs)

Bible Readings for the Upcoming Week

In the Daily Office readings, three readings and the Gospel are provided for every day. Two of the readings may be used in the morning and one in the evening. The Gospel should be read.

<i>Monday</i>	1 Kg 17:17-24	Ps 20, 21:1-7(8-14)
<i>Tuesday</i>	1 Kg 3:5-14 Jas 4:13-17;5:7-11	Ps 46,48 Jn 5:1-15
<i>Wednesday</i>	Is 62:1-5,10-12 Rev 19:11-16	Ps 103 Mt 1:18-25
<i>Thursday</i>	1 Kg 19:1-8 Eph 4:1-16	Ps 34 Jn 6:1-14
<i>Friday</i>	1 Kg 19:9-18 Eph 4:17-32	Ps 68 Jn 6:15-27
<i>Saturday</i>	Jos 3:14-4:7 Eph 5:1-20	Ps 85,87 Jn 9:1-12,35-38

Why worry when you can pray?

LOOKING AHEAD DECEMBER 2013

Tues 31st **OLD YEAR'S NIGHT** 11:00 P.M. Mass of the Holy Name
Watch Night Service, BLESSING &
ANNUAL OLD YEAR'S LIME

Your Anglican Heritage

The Christmas Season

Christmas is more than a day, in fact the celebrations for Christmas actually stretches for twelve days. The first day of Christmas is December 25th and the last day is the day before Epiphany.

The prevailing atmosphere of Christmas has continually evolved, ranging from a sometimes raucous, drunken and carnival-like state in the Middle Ages to a tamer family oriented, children-centered theme introduced in a 19th century reformation. Today, we note an ever increasing secularization and commercialization of the season.

Despite these changing in the attitude towards Christmas, for us the belief that God came into the world in the form of man to atone for the sins of humanity is considered to be the primary purpose of celebrating Christmas.

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

MONDAY 30th December

Priest's Sabbath

TUESDAY 31st December

5:00 p.m. - Line Dancing Eden Lodge

WEDNESDAY 1st January

NEW YEARS DAY

12:05 NO Midweek Mass

THURSDAY 2nd January

FRIDAY 3rd January

6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Youth Group

SATURDAY 4th January

NO Reading Club

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 1, 2014 - NO MID-WEEK MASS

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2014

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - YEAR A

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

READINGS

Jeremiah 31: 7-14 / Psalm 84 / Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15: 19a / Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

A Word of Challenge

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows; it empties today of its strength."

Corrie Ten Boom

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