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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.

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

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A Strong Church In Testing Times

To experience and share God's reconciling love

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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 & 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 2014



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Each year we are caught up in the festivities of Christmas, and make every effort to ensure that we enjoy the day with friends and family. We hear the Christmas story again in the Gospel reading, and reflect on God's great act of salvation, the sending of his son Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

Christmas however, is more than an account of a past event. It is a reflection on life, built around the persons in the story. We meet them in conditions that are familiar to us. There is the vulnerability of the young pregnant Mary for whom there is no room in the inn, We read of the ready acceptance of the message of the Good News by the shepherds, in what could have been for them, some contrasting trying times, and we are told about the doubts, and the later compliance of Joseph, which was an act of faith. All this speaks to the real issues of life. The plight of young Mary leads us to think of the many young, and vulnerable in our community, and in the world, for whom the circumstances of life can create some seemingly insurmountable challenges.

The message of Christmas to these young persons is one of hope. It is a message of assurance that reminds us that God can work with us and for us and empower us to deal with our challenges.

We can all be in situations in life, where the immediate answer may not be the inn, that is, what we would like, or what we think we deserve. Like Mary, we may have to settle for something less, knowing that God is with us, and so we can hope for better times. In such circumstances, we should not give up and abandon our dream for the inn, that better place, that better condition that will allow us to make far better use of our skills. As in the case of Mary, working to fulfill our dream may call for the sacrifice of a little comfort today, all because, by so doing we are laying the foundation for a better future, for a better tomorrow.

The shepherds also teach us a great lesson about life, especially about the Christian life. They stepped out in faith to meet the one, who is the hope of the world. They travelled through the dark to meet the light. They did not sit and wait to experience the promise, but travelled in search of the Good News.

There can hardly be a better lesson for us at this time here in Barbados. Like the shepherds, there are many persons who are longing for the light to point the way to better times. In this context, let us remember the message of Christmas that says to us there can be light, there can be hope. But Christmas also reminds us, that there is no magic to put all things right in a hurry. We may have to travel the road, the longer, less comfortable road which Mary and Joseph travelled in order to experience better times. On this road we may encounter Herod who is all taken up with his own security and misses out on the larger picture of the salvation of the world. We also meet Joseph with his doubts and fears who needs that special attention, that extra word to be assured that all is not lost and there can be and will be better times.

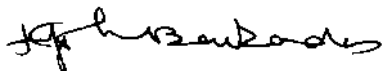
And above it all stands God, our God of hope who guides us through all the challenges of life. He can help us to be like the shepherds, who were ready to take the next step in faith leaving the darkness behind and travelling to the light.

May our God of hope grant us at this Christmas time the courage of the shepherds. May he strengthen our faith in his power and promise when we are overwhelmed with doubt like Joseph. May he fill us with the depth of the vision of Mary for whom the immediate challenge; the relegation to the stables, was seen in the light of the greater picture of God's saving grace through Jesus her son.

We proclaim at this Christmas time a God who never settles for the stables, but empowers us to move on to where we experience his goodness in greater abundance, and proclaim with the shepherds *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"*

May God grant you a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with hope.

Your friend and Bishop



+ **John Barbados**

Fear Not God will be with you!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Leader: We welcome you all to this Eucharist of praise and thanksgiving as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us now bow our heads and hearts before Almighty God as Mrs. Gaye Gajadhar leads us in our preparation.

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:

Introit Hymn:

CH 77

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels:

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

2. God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created:

Refrain

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above:
'Glory to God in the highest:'

Refrain

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

Priest: Introduction of the Advent Circle of Light

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 Sunday 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, OUT 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.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

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

I Light the Christ Candle to welcome the Christ child.

*The child 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.

Opening Hymn: *(The Altar will be censed during this hymn)* **CH 61**

1. Christians, awake! Salute the happy morn,
whereon the Saviour of the world was born;
rise to adore the mystery of love,
which hosts of angels chanted from above:
with them the joyful tidings first begun
of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.
2. Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
who heard the angelic herald's voice, 'Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth
to you and all the nations upon earth:
this day hath God fulfilled his promised word,
this day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.'
3. He spake; and straightway the celestial choir
in hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;
the praises of redeeming love they sang,
and heaven's whole orb with alleluias rang:
God's highest glory was their anthem still,
peace upon earth, and unto men good will.

4. To Bethlehem straight the enlightened shepherds ran,
to see the wonder God had wrought for man,
and found, with Joseph and the blessed Maid,
her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid:
then to their flocks, still praising God, return,
and their glad hearts with holy rapture burn.

5. O may we keep and ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;
trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,
from his poor manger to his bitter cross;
tread in his steps, assisted by his grace,
till man's first heavenly state again takes place.

6. Then may we hope, the angelic hosts among,
to sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song:
he that was born upon this joyful day
around us all his glory shall display;
saved by his love, incessant we shall sing
eternal praise to heaven's almighty King.

Opening Sentences:

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Christmas

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent His son, born of a woman, born under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. Alleluia. *Galatians 4: 4-5*

or

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who dwell in the land of deep darkness, on them has the light shone. *Isaiah 9:2*

or

I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people: today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10*

or

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*

Acclamation & Prayer of Intent:

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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.

The Kyries & Gloria:

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THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**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.**

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O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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

Mrs. Cynthia Clarke

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar

across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

This is the word of the Lord

ALL : Thanks be to God

Psalm: 96

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1. Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
2. Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
3. Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.
4. For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.
5. As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
6. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
7. Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
8. Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.
9. Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.
10. Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."
11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
12. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

13. He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning is now
and ever shall be, world without end....**Amen**

2nd Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

Mrs. Muriel Robertson

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

This is the word of the Lord

ALL : Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

CH 70

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-glorious King!'
the world is solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing;
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.

3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel-strain have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and man, at war with man, hears not
the love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
and hear the angels sing.

4. And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look, now! For glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing.

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

PRIEST: The Lord be with you

ALL: **And also with you**

PRIEST: The Holy Gospel according to Luke Chapter 2,
beginning to read at the 1st verse

ALL : **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In that

region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!” ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

PRIEST :The Gospel of Christ

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord

Gradual Hymn:

CH 70(Final Verse)

5. For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophet-bards foretold,
when, with the ever-circling years,
comes round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

THE SERMON

Reflection:

Mrs. Gaye Gajadhar

**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.

The Bidding Prayer:

Fr. Jay

The Intercessions: A Litany of Thanksgiving

Ms. Valda Alleyne

Leader: *Today let us make our sacrament of thanksgiving.* We begin with the simple things of the day...Fresh air to breathe, cool water to drink...the taste of food...the protection of houses and clothes and the comforts of home.

All: For these we make an act of thanksgiving this day.

Leader: We bring to mind all the warmth of humankind we have known. Our mother's arms...the strength of our fathers...the playmates of childhood...the wonderful stories brought to us from the lives of many who talked of days gone by. For the tears we have shed...the tears we have seen...For the excitement of laughter and the twinkle in the eye with its memory that life is good.

All: For these we make an act of thanksgiving this day.

Leader: We finger one by one the message of hope that awaited us at the crossroads...the smile of approval from those who held in their hands the reins of our security...For the tightening grip in a single handshake when we feared the step before us in the darkness. For the whispers of in our hearts when temptation was fiercest and the claims of appetite were not to be denied. For the crucial word said... the simple sentence from an open page when decisions hung in the balance

All: For these we make an act of thanksgiving this day.

Leader: We pass before us the mainsprings of our heritage...the fruits of the labours of countless generations who lived before us, without whom our lives would have no meaning. For the seers who saw visions and dreamed dreams...the prophets who sensed a truth greater than the mind could grasp and whose words could only find fulfillment in the years which they would never see. For the workers whose sweat

has watered the trees, the leaves of which are for the healing of the nations. For the pilgrims who set their sails for lands beyond the horizon...whose courage made paths into new worlds and far off places. For the saviours whose blood was shed with a recklessness that only a dream could inspire and God could command.

All: For these we make an act of thanksgiving this day.

Leader: We linger over the meaning of our own lives and the commitment to which we give the loyalty of heart and mind. For the little purposes in which we have shared. For our desires and our gifts. For the restlessness which bottoms all we do with stark insistence that we have never done our best and never dared to reach for the highest. For the big hope that never quite deserts us, that we and all people will study war no more...that love and tenderness and all the inner graces of Almighty affection will cover the life of the children of God as the waters cover the sea.

All: All these and more than mind can think and heart can feel, we make as our sacrament of thanksgiving to you our Father, in humbleness of mind and simplicity of heart. Amen

The 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 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*

FORM B

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 PEACE

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One of the following forms shall be used:

FORM A

PRESIDENT

We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized 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.

Form B

PRESIDENT

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

ALL

Leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Form C

PRESIDENT

The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL

They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

The President shall then greet the congregation.

PRESIDENT

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL And also with you.

The President and people shall greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace Song

There's a sweet, sweet spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord
There are sweet expressions on each face
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

*Sweet Holy Spirit... sweet heavenly dove...
Stay right here with us
Filling us with Your love*

And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we know
That we'll have been revived
When we shall leave this place

1. 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.*

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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

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

Refrain

THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Prayer:

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PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE,

Father, we offer to 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 Offertory Hymn:

CH 88(Final verse)

6. 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

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

Sursum Corda: (The Lord be with you)

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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 him thanks and praise.**

PRESIDENT

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father Almighty, everlasting God:

The Proper Preface: (CHRISTMAS)

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Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Sanctus: (Holy, Holy, Holy)

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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!**

The Eucharistic Prayer 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.

One of the following Acclamations shall be said:

ALL

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

or

Jesus is Lord.

He has reconciled us to himself:

Christ makes all things new.

or

Christ is Lord.

Through His death we were made children of God:

He is our hope of glory.

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 from 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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread:

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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.

Or

PRESIDENT

God of promise, You have prepared a Banquet for us.

ALL

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Or

PRESIDENT

This is the true bread which comes from heaven.

ALL

Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

The Agnus Dei: (Lamb of God)

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**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.**

Invitation to Communion:

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Form A

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.

Form B

PRESIDENT

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL

Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

Form C

PRESIDENT

Draw near and receive the Body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

ALL

We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore Lord of grace and love that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink his blood that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

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. Please remember to place your arms across your chest if you are taking communion by intinction, that is, by the Priest dipping the bread into the wine.

Communion Hymn: CH 82

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in:
be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

Communion Hymn: CH 81

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.

Communion Hymn: CH 91

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.
2. 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.
3. 'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

4. 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.'
5. Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:
6. 'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease.'

Communion Hymn: CH 60

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain (with IRIS);

*come and worship Christ the newborn King,
come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.*

Or *Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Refrain (with REGENT SQUARE):

*come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new born King.*

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light:

Refrain

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of Nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

Refrain

4. Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in the temple shall appear.

Refrain

5. Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:

Refrain

Post Communion Prayer:

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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 give 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.**

Or

**Eternal God and Heavenly Father,
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you and all persons in you,
with gladness and singleness of heart,
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Or

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members
of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses
of Christ our Lord.
To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen**

Final Blessing (CHRISTMAS)

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Christmas

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.

Additional Notices and Announcements:

Hymn of Eucharistic Thanksgiving:

CH 68

1. Hark! The herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

Refrain:

*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Refrain

3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Refrain

*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

DISMISSAL AND BENEDICTION:

*We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

*Glad tidings we bring of Jesus our King
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

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 Peaceful and Blessed Christmas to all.

Colours of the Season

If you look around the church, you will notice that the colour for the season of is White. Christmas is a festive season that celebrates the birth of Christ. As a result, we use white 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 scarfs. They are all White.

We wish you a Stress-Free Christmas

Perhaps the greatest irony of Christmas is that while it should be a time to celebrate the coming of the Messiah to free us from sin and death, it is often one of the most stressful times of the year. We are stressed about gift buying and about entertaining friends and family. We are running here and there, always busy, never still.

The writers in the New Testament books looked at Christ's incarnation as an opportunity to reflect on the overwhelming mercy and grace of God. It is this grace that saves us and gives us hope of eternal life so that we might be encouraged to pursue lives of holiness as we await Jesus' reappearance. Instead of making Christmas a time of stress, let us ask ourselves "How can I celebrate Christmas, retaining the hope, joy, peace and love that this season embodies?"

May our Christmas celebrations this year be one where we are relieved of the world's stress because we have hope in the greatest Christmas present of all - eternal life with Christ our Saviour.

LOOKING AHEAD

DECEMBER 2014

Thursday 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY (Blessing of the Crib) 8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon
Friday 26 th	FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, Deacon and Martyr
Saturday 27 th	FEAST OF ST. JOHN, Apostle and Evangelist Holy Innocents Service HOLY INNOCENT'S RALLY
Sunday 28 th	1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon/10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Our Prayer List

Please remember and pray for those who are travelling.

Please remember and pray for those who are in hospital: *Joyce Babb*

Please remember and pray for those who are recuperating: *Grafton Brathwaite,*

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

Cynthia Wilson, Eileen Foster, Angela Yearwood, Derek Weekes, Ena Hollingsworth, Henderson Hinds, Inez Carter, Clevedon Mayers, Claudina (Vashti) Hunte, Adele Lewis, Elma Hood, Elsie Clarke, 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, Marjorie McCollin, Marge Walke, Tony Whittaker, Maureen Workman,

Please remember and pray for those who grieve:

Angela Davis and family on the death of her father; The family of the late Myrtle Bishop; Wyalanda Crawford, Hadassah Allamby-Holder & Family on the death of their brother, Joseph Goddard; The family of the late Alwyn Tull: The family of the late Evelyn Reid; Jean Drayton and family on the death of her sister Barbara Schalow; 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.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 28, 2014

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - YEAR B

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

READINGS: Isaiah 61: 10-62: 3 / Psalm 147 / Galatians 3: 23-25, 4: 4-7

Gospel: John 1: 1-18

A Prayer for the coming week

Lord, grant me I pray courage when the best things fail me.

Calm and poise when storms assail me.

Common sense when things perplex me.

A sense of humour when some things vex me.

Hope when disappointment damps me.

Wide visions when life cramps me.

Kindness when folk need it badly.

Readiness to help them gladly.

And when effort seems in vain...

wisdom to begin again.

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!!
- † Remove purchases from your car after a shopping trip. If you must keep them in your car, secure them in the trunk.
- † 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.
- † Avoid going to ATMs late at night, especially if you are alone.