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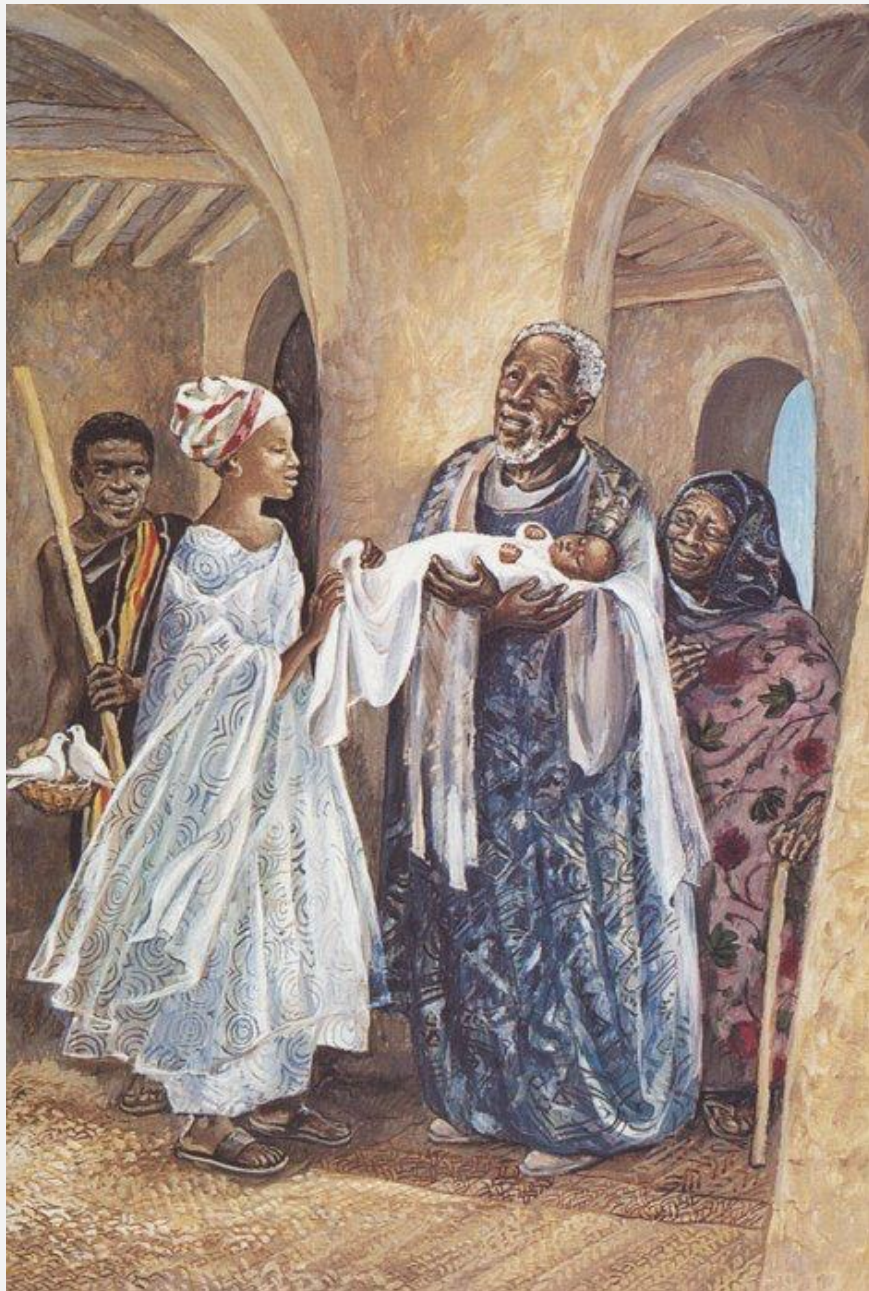
*Come and worship with us!*

**CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**SATURDAYS: 4:30PM | SUNDAY MORNING: 7AM**

**FAMILY SERVICE**  
**LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 11AM**

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

## YEAR C



## ORDER OF SERVICE

<b>Introit Hymn:</b>	<i>Good Christian friends, rejoice</i>	<i>CPWI # 67</i>
Opening Sentence		<b>BCP, 97</b>
The Invocation & Collect for Purity (5:00pm & 7:00am)		<b>BCP, 101</b>
The Kyrie & The Gloria		BCP, 102
The Collect: First Sunday after Christmas		<b>BCP, 159</b>

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson:	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	
<b>Psalm:</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>BCP, 573</b>
The Epistle:	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7	
<b>The Sequence Hymn:</b>	<i>Light of the world (Here I am to worship)</i>	
The Gospel:	<b>John 1:1-18</b>	
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>		<b>BCP, 104</b>
The Intercession:	<b>Form C</b>	<b>BCP, 108</b>
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## THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

<b>The Offertory Hymn:</b>	<i>The Virgin Mary</i>	<i>CPWI # 63</i>
	<i>See him lying on a bed of straw</i>	<i>CPWI # 84</i>
The Offertory Prayer:	<b>Form A</b>	<b>BCP, 126</b>

## THE EUCHARIST

Proper Preface:	<b>Christmas</b>	<b>BCP, 127</b>
The Eucharistic Prayer:	<b>Form C</b>	<b>BCP, 137</b>
<b>The Distribution of Holy Communion</b>	<i>What child is this;</i>	<i>O&amp;N 729</i>
	<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>	<i>CPWI # 82</i>
The Post-Communion Prayer		<b>BCP, 148</b>

## THE DISMISSAL

The Final Blessing		<b>BCP, 150</b>
<b>Recessional Hymn:</b>	<i>Lord, the light of your love</i>	<i>CPWI # 529</i>

**THE PREPARATION**

**INTROIT HYMN:**      *CPWI # 67*      *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say;  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss;  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest for evermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!  
children and for evermore

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his ever lasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

**OPENING SENTENCE:** 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*

**PRESIDENT:** Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**ALL:** And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**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.

**THE KYRIE:**

Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

**THE GLORIA:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord: you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**THE COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS:** 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.*

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*(The congregation sits for the readings)*

**THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61:10-62:3**

**7:00AM**

**PAULA DRAKES**

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the

dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

*All: Thanks be to God*

**PSALM 147**    *Laudate Dominum*

**BCP, 662**

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted \*and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars \*and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*in those who await his gracious favor.]
- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like breadcrumbs; \*who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

**THE EPISTLE: GALATIANS 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

**7:00AM JOESPH CIPRIANI**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

*All: Thanks be to God*

*The congregation stands for the sequence hymn*

*Sequence Hymn:    Light of the world (Here I am to worship)*

Light of the world	Beauty that made this heart adore	Here I am to worship
You stepped down into darkness	You	Here I am to bow down
Opened my eyes, let me see	Hope of a life spent with You	Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely	All for love's sake became poor	Well, I'll never know how much it cost
Altogether worthy	Here I am to worship	To see my sin upon that cross
Altogether wonderful to me	Here I am to bow down	
King of all days	Here I am to say that You're my God	Well, I'll never know how much it cost
Oh, so highly exalted		To see my sin upon that cross
Glorious in heaven above	You're altogether lovely	(x4).
Humbly You came to the earth	Altogether worthy	
You created	Altogether wonderful to me	

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: THE ALLELUIA CHORUS**

*ALL stand for the Gospel*

**THE GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-18**

**THE DEACON OF THE MASS**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**JUAN 1:1-18**

En el principio ya existía la Palabra; y aquel que es la Palabra estaba con Dios y era Dios. Él estaba en el principio con Dios. Por medio de él, Dios hizo todas las cosas; nada de lo que existe fue hecho sin él. En él estaba la vida, y la vida era la luz de la humanidad. Esta luz brilla en las tinieblas, y las tinieblas no han podido apagarla. Hubo un hombre llamado Juan, a quien Dios envió como testigo, para que diera testimonio de la luz y para que todos creyeran por lo que él decía. Juan no era la luz, sino uno enviado a dar testimonio de la luz. La luz verdadera que alumbra a toda la humanidad venía a este mundo. Aquel que es la Palabra estaba en el mundo; y, aunque Dios hizo el mundo por medio de él, los que son del mundo no lo reconocieron. Vino a su propio mundo, pero los suyos no lo recibieron. Pero a quienes lo recibieron y creyeron en él, les concedió el privilegio de llegar a ser hijos de Dios. Y son hijos de Dios, no por la naturaleza ni los deseos humanos, sino porque Dios los ha engendrado. Aquel que es la Palabra se hizo hombre y vivió entre nosotros. Y hemos visto su gloria, la gloria que recibió del Padre, por ser su Hijo único, abundante en amor y verdad. Juan dio testimonio de él, diciendo: «Éste es aquel a quien yo me refería cuando dije que el que viene después de mí es más importante que yo, porque existía antes que yo.» De su abundancia todos hemos recibido un don en vez de otro; porque la ley fue dada por medio de Moisés, pero el amor y la verdad se han hecho realidad por medio de Jesucristo. Nadie ha visto jamás a Dios; el Hijo único, que es Dios y que vive.

*El Evangelio del Señor. Te alabamos, Cristo Señor*

## THE SERMON

### THE NICENE CREED

*(Everyone stands for the Creed and the Prayers)*

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.**

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: Form C

7:00AM STANLEY DRAKES

#### We Pray For:

**THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION:** Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, his family, the victims of abuse especially those named in the Makin report, the Church of England, The Episcopal Church in the United States.

**THE PROVINCE:** The Most Rev. Howard Gregory, Archbishop, The Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago; The Rt Rev Claude Berkley, Diocesan Bishop.

**THE DIOCESE:** The Rt. Rev. Claude Berkley, Diocesan Bishop, The Parish of St. David, Toco, The Ordinary, The Rev. Mervyn Richardson, deacon in charge, The Anglican Communion Dioceses and Bishops of the C.P.W.I.; Diocesan Seminarians: Maia Williams, Tishonne Francis and Hermese Duncan.

**THE PARISH:** The Clergy, the Vestry, Usher's Guild, schools and communities within our parish boundaries, the City Corporation, and the Mayor of Port of Spain.

#### THANKSGIVINGS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

**Newly Married:** Roger McLean & Nicole Darmanie, Trudi Davis & Chantal Cuffie, Linley Small & Allison Bacchus.

**Newly Baptised:** Aster Andrews

**Birthdays:** Enid Mitchell, Brent Miller, Shanis Emily, Azaria Maxwell, Vilma Holder, Niasha Joefield, Lyris Pierre, Anthony Francis, J'mari Charles, Kerrie-Ann Alexander, Joan Charles.

**Baptism:** Erica Bayley, Cotlyn Sylvester.

**Marriage:** Suresh & Gemma Balliram, Keston & Maria Derrick, Marcus & Simone Edwards.

**Recently Departed:** Eswick Padmore, Abigale Raphael, Janelle Young-James, Annette Hamilton and Angelica McIntosh. May they rest in peace

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS:

Form C

BCP, 108

LEADER: With all our heart and all our mind let us pray to the Lord. saying, "Lord have mercy."

LEADER: For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls: Let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: For the peace and welfare of the world, for the witness and work of the Church, and for the unity of all peoples: Let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: For our Bishops and all ministers of God's Word and Sacraments, that they may be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the Lord's coming: Let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: For the leaders of the nations and for those in authority among us, that they may serve justice and promote the freedom and dignity of all peoples: Let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression, and for all who labour in the cause of human liberation and fulfilment: Let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying; and for all who remember and care for them: Let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: For deliverance from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought or flood, and for a just and proper use of God's creation: Let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light: Let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

**USHER'S GUILD PRAYER:** Lord, you make all kinds of people, even people like me. In your love, you gather them all into your Church. As you gather your people this day, help me to serve them in a Christlike manner, even as your Son served those who gathered about him. Make me prayerful and patient, helpful and understanding, and may I radiate the joy that faith brings as I serve their needs. Give me your strength to support my fellow ministers. May all who assemble to celebrate our common faith in the risen Saviour be glad of heart for being here and for having encountered your son in one another, in our priest, at the tables of the Book and the Bread, and through the ministry of ushers like me. I asked this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **THE SICK, HOMEBOUND, THE DISTRESSED OR THOSE IN TROUBLE**



Che Bernard	Lorna Dowers	Norma James	Arlene Scanterbury-Mills
Valarie Baptiste	Yolanda Drayton	Camelia Nurse-Caruth-James	Eileen Staple
Eastlyn Brathwaite	Milton Felix	Susan Antoine-Johnston	Sylma Smith
Barbara Brereton	Myrtle Gomes	Greta Julien	Lorna Skinner
Esmie Bruce	Steve Gomez	Amryl Kellar	Donette Shallow
Lovetta Brizan	Sharon & Shafina Govia	Florencia Maharaj	Arlene St. Louis
Jean Cadogan	Barbara Hull	Ria Mason	Brendon Taylor
Eileen Cuffy	Sanchia Headley	Colin Matthews	Neila Tidd
Carole Clyne	Gordon Howell	Ulric Munroe	Patricia Thomas-Williams
Pearl Darmanie	Celia Jack	Patrick Mikhail Roberts	Jacqueline Yorke
Mertie Dash	Marlene Jacob	Fr. Selwyn Nurse	Rev. Cheryl Mottley
Kizzy David	Julianna Amarali	Gertrude Roberts	David Thomas
Christine Davis	Eileen Alphonse	Reomero Roopsingh	Charles Sutherland
Keith Dick	Sandra Cheong	Hubert Philip	Angela Sealy
Jenifer Dick	Cheryl Mills	Densley Mitchell	Archdeacon Edwin Primus
Mr. & Mrs. Doyle	Joan Christopher	Bernice Felix	Yolande Gooding
Vibert Roberts	Fr. Alvin Bess	Rev Clifford Rawlins	Olga Went
Michelle Clavery	Gillian Matthews	Nolder Pierre	

**All: Jesus, You are the light of the world; fulfill Your promise that anyone who follows You will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life. Shine on us who live in darkness and the shadow of death. Heavenly Father, guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

### **THE ACT OF PENITENCE**

### **FORM A**

**BCP, 123**

**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.

**Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

*Everyone stands*

**PRESIDENT:** Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **ALL Amen.**

### **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

### **Form C**

**BCP, 125**

**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.**

PRESIDENT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**PEACE: Greet somebody (7:00AM)**

Greet somebody in Jesus' name

Everybody smile, Jesus loves you

Tell them that you love them in Jesus' name

I love you and God loves you and that's the way it should be

Tell them we can work together in Jesus' name

I love you and God loves you and that's the way it should be

Everybody smile, Jesus loves you

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

***The Offertory Hymn: CPWI # 63***

***The Virgin Mary***

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
and they said that his name was Jesus.

***Oh yes, believe1; oh yes, believer.  
He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.***

***Refrain***

The wise men saw where the babe was born,  
the wise men saw where the babe was born,  
the wise men saw where the babe was born,  
and they saw that his name was Jesus.

***Refrain:***

***He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.***

The angels sang when the babe was born,  
the angels sang when the babe was born,  
the angels sang when the babe was born,  
and proclaimed him the Saviour Jesus.

***Refrain***

***The Offertory Hymn: CPWI # 84***

***See him lying on a bed of straw***

See him lying on a bed of straw,  
a draughty stable with an open door;  
Mary cradling the babe she bore  
-  
the Prince of Glory is his name.

***just as poor as was the stable then,  
the Prince of Glory when he came!***

to see the Saviour of the world!

***Refrain***

Angels, sing again the song you sang,  
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;  
sing that Beth'lem's little baby can  
be the Saviour of us all.

***Refrain:***

***O now carry me to Bethlehem  
to see the Lord of love again:***

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,  
show where Jesus in the manger lies;  
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise

***Refrain***

Mine are riches, from your poverty;  
from your innocence, eternity;  
mine, forgiveness by your death  
for me,  
child of sorrow for my joy.  
*Refrain*

**The Offertory Prayer: Form A** *Everyone stands* **BCP, 126**

PRESIDENT: Through your goodness, Lord, we have this bread and wine to offer, the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands. They will become our spiritual food.

**ALL: All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you. Blessed be God for ever. Amen.**

### THE EUCHARIST

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRESIDENT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God: Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Him of eternal 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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angles and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

### **Proper Preface for Christmas**

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

### **Form C**

**BCP, 137**

**PRESIDENT:** We give thanks to you Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets: and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent Him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In Him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. For, on the night that 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: Therefore, Father, according to His command;

**ALL: We remember His death, We proclaim His resurrection we await, His coming in glory.**

PRESIDENT: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the sacrament of the Body of Christ and His Blood of the New Covenant. Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice that we, made acceptable in Him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile

all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and ever.

**PEOPLE: Amen.**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

*Everyone stands*

**ALL: Our Father in heaven hallowed be your Name; your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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.**

**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.**

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.**

**Communion Hymns:            O&N 729            *What child is this***

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

**Chorus:**  
***This, this is Christ, the King,***

***Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!***

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

**Chorus**  
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

**Chorus**

**CPWI # 82    *O little town of Bethlehem***

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.  
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.  
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.  
O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in:  
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

**The Post Communion Prayer:**

*Everyone stands*

**BCP, 148**

**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.**

**The Blessing:** Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**ALL: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:**      *Lord, the light of your love*

Lord, the light of your love is  
shining,  
in the midst of the darkness,  
shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine  
upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now  
bring us -  
shine on me, shine on me.

**Refrain:**

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this  
land with the Father :5  
glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our  
hearts on fire.*

*Flow, River, flow, flood the  
nations with grace  
and mercy;  
send forth your word, lord and  
let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome  
presence,  
from the shadows into your  
radiance;  
by your blood I may enter your  
brightness:  
search me, try me, consume all  
my darkness -  
shine on me, shine on me.

**Refrain**

As we gaze on your kingly  
brightness  
so our faces display your  
likeness,  
ever changing from glory to  
glory:  
mirrored here, may our lives tell  
your story -  
shine on me, shine on me.

**Refrain**

## **NOTICES AND REMINDERS**

### **GENERAL PARISH NOTICES**

+ The Dean, members of the Clergy Team and the Vestry take this opportunity to wish each member of the Congregation the very best for the Christmas season. **Thank You** for your support during 2024 and we look forward to working together with you in the coming year.

+ **INTERCESSORY PRAYER:** Members of the prayer team will be available to pray with persons during the 8:00am service. Please alert the ushers to be guided.

- + **PRAYER GROUP:** Prayer Group meetings break for Christmas from December 19th, 2024 and resume on January 9th 2025. Any Prayer requests can be forwarded to Erica Bayley through the office. *The Prayerline continues during the 8am service.*
- + **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School will continue at the Saturday 4:30pm & Sunday 8:00am service. Children and teachers will leave the worship after the children's message. The ushers will guide you to the downstairs flat or the Children's Chapel. This is the Last week for Sunday School, Sunday School reopens January 11, 25
- + **COME SING WITH US:** Every Friday at 5:30pm in the Main Chapel. No prior experience needed, just a heart willing to learn the music for worship and how to improve your singing voice. **ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.**
- + **INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN:** ALL entries or requests **must** be forwarded to the Parish Office via [parishsec@htctt.org](mailto:parishsec@htctt.org) or **623-7271 Ext 2000** on or before **Wednesday 2pm** of the week of publication.
- + **ANGLICAN PRAYER BEADS:** are available for sale at \$100 per item. Interested people can place their order with Donna (767-7778) or Brenda (797-0543). Payment in part or in full is encouraged when the order is made.
- + **REDEEM COTTON NOTES:** Persons that are holders of cotton notes \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 can bring them into the Parish Office and your donation will go towards the Cathedral Restoration.
- + **BICENTENNIAL MEMORABILIA:** are still available: T-shirts (\$65), Dri-fit Polos (\$150.00), Magnets (\$25), 4-port USB hubs (\$50), Rosaries (\$150, \$200, \$275 and \$460), Snippets & Secrets Booklet (\$20.00) and Tumblers (\$160 and \$175). Call 620-4717 or 683-2261 to order.

### Ways To Give

**1. Time:** call parishioners and check on them. Do a drive by visit.

**2. Food:** non-perishable food & toiletries.

**3. Finance** – tithes, thanksgiving offerings and general donations

Bank Name: First Citizens Bank, Independence Square

Account Name: INCOR TRUSTEES ANGLICAN DIOCESE T&T/HTC

Account Number: 1841214 **Note: Type the name as is: capitals, symbols and spacing.**

### JANUARY MEETINGS:

6<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm - HR & Admin: **Meeting ID: 852 13655 0896 Passcode: HRAdmin**

9<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm - Building and Lands: **Meeting I.D. 995 738 7044 Password: Cathedral**

12<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm- Basic Counselling Skills (Lay Ministers): **In person in the Main Chapel**

21<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm - Vestry: **Meeting I.D. 301 737 9078 Password: HTC23**

24<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm - Finance: **Meeting I.D. 890 9186 9491 Password: RestoreHTC**

### **REGIONAL & DIOCESAN NOTICES**

- + **ST. AGNES ANGLICAN CHURCH:** celebrates its 100th Anniversary Sunday December 29, 2024 with Holy Eucharist at 10:00am. All are invited to celebrate with them.

+ **THE ANGLICAN CHURCH NORTH WEST REGION:** Curry Que Fundraiser, Patraj Roti Shop, # 161 Tragarete Road, Port of Spain and Backchain Street, San Juan. From January 27 – February 13, 2025. Monday to Thursday ONLY 10:00am – 3:00pm. Cost \$60.00 and tickets are available from the Parish Office or the Ushers.

+ **SOCA IN MOKA - CELEBRATING 25 YEARS:** The first fete of the year. **Sunday January 5, 2025** on the grounds of Trinity College, Moka, Maraval. Tickets: \$900 – Three Best Bands, Premium Drinks, Food Flowing. Tickets available from: Ticket Federation Island E-Tickets; CACHE Port of Spain, West Mall, Gulf City, Trincity Mall & East Gates.

# WEEKLY WORSHIP

**MONDAY - FRIDAY | 6:30AM**

*Morning Prayer (Facebook Online)*

**MONDAY - FRIDAY | 12NOON**

*Noonday Prayer (Facebook Online)*

**MONDAY - FRIDAY | 9PM**

*Compline (Facebook Online)*

**MONDAY - FRIDAY | 12NOON**

*Midday Mass (HTC Main Chapel - in person)*

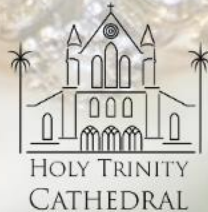
# PARISH OFFICE HOURS 2024/2025

**TUESDAY 24TH DEC. 2024**  
**8AM - 12NOON**

*(Office Re-opens: Friday 3rd January, 2025 | 8am -12noon)*

**TUESDAY - FRIDAY | 8AM - 4PM**

**2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS | 9AM - 12NOON**





# SACRED WORSHIP AT **HTC**

## WEEKEND WORSHIP

**SATURDAYS AT 4:30 PM**  
*(said Holy Eucharist)*

**SUNDAY AT 6:00 AM**  
*(Solemn Holy Eucharist)*

**SUNDAY AT 8:00 AM**  
*(Sung Holy Eucharist)*

**SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM**  
*(Holy Eucharist – TTT Broadcast)*  
Hymns: 77, 73, 68, 88, 63

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE  
MONTH  
11:00 AM**  
*(Family Service)*

## WEEKDAY IN-PERSON WORSHIP

**MONDAY - FRIDAY AT 12:00 NOON**  
*Holy Eucharist*

## WEEKDAY VIRTUAL WORSHIP

*Join us for daily devotions at HTC FB page  
and YouTube Channel*

6:30 am Monday – Friday: Morning Prayer  
12:00 pm Monday – Thursday: Noonday  
9:00 pm: Sunday – Friday (Compline)

## SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

*Join us in the All-Souls Virtual Chapel*

**Zoom Meeting ID: 875 0223 3875 | Password: Worship**

- Mondays at 5:00 PM
- Thursdays at 5:00 PM

Bible Study will resume on Monday  
January 13, 2025

Prayer Group will resume on Thursday  
January 9, 2025

# DIVINE OFFICE READINGS

DATE	MORNING	EVENING
<b>SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup></b> <i>Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170</i>	± Psalms 93, 96 ± Isaiah 62:6-7,10-12 ± Hebrews 2:10-18	± Psalm 34 ± 1 Samuel 1:1-2,7b-28 ± Matthew 1:18-25
<b>MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup></b>	• Psalms 20, 21:1-7(8-14) • Isaiah 25:1-9 • Revelation 1:9-20	• Psalms 23, 27 • 1 Kings 17:17-24 • John 7:53—8:11
<b>TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup></b> <i>Francis Joseph Gaudet</i>	± Psalms 46, 48 ± Isaiah 26:1-9 ± 2 Corinthians 5:16—6:2 ± John 8:12-19	± Psalm 90 ± Isaiah 65:15b-25 ± Revelation 21:1-6 <i>Eve of The Holy Name</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup></b> <i>The Naming of Jesus</i>	• Psalm 103 • Genesis 17:1-12a, 15-16 • Colossians 2:6-12	• Psalm 148 • Isaiah 62:1-5,10-12 • John 16:23b-30
<b>THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup></b> <i>Basil the Great, 379 and Gregory of Nazianzus, 389, Bishops and Teachers</i>	± Psalm 34 ± Genesis 12:1-7 ± Hebrews 11:1-12	± Psalm 33 ± 1 Kings 19:1-8 ± John 6:35-42,48-51
<b>FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup></b>	• Psalm 68 • Genesis 28:10-22 • Hebrews 11:13-22	• Psalm 72 • 1 Kings 19:9-18 • John 10:7-17
<b>SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup></b> <i>Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	± Psalms 85,87 ± Exodus 3:1-12 ± Hebrews 11:23-31	± Psalm 136 ± Joshua 3:14 4:7 ± John 14:6-14 <i>Collect for the Second Sunday after Christmas</i>

## LITURGY OF THE WORD READINGS (Weekends)

### EUCCHARIST READINGS FOR SUNDAY December 29, 2024

#### *First Sunday after Christmas — Year C*

± **1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
± **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

**Psalms:** 147 or 147:13-21  
**Gospel:** John 1:1-18