



# HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

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## PARISH BULLETIN

*Come and worship with us!*

**CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**SATURDAYS: 4:30PM | SUNDAY MORNING: 6AM & 8AM**

**FAMILY SERVICE**

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

# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD- CHRISTMAS DAY SUNG EUCHARIST

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Hanna Varghese, *God Is With Us*, 2006. Acrylic on canvas



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## CAROLS BEFORE MASS

### ***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.

#### ***Refrain:***

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

### ***CPWI # 68 Hark! The herald angels sing***

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.***

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***

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 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***

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***

### ***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.

#### ***Refrain:***

***O now carry me to Bethlehem  
to see the Lord of love again:  
just as poor as was the stable then,  
the Prince of Glory when he came!***

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,  
show where Jesus in the manger lies;

shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise  
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 Bethl'em's little baby can  
be the Saviour of us all. ***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***



### ***CPWI # 73 Joy to the World***

Joy to the world! The Lord is  
come;  
let earth receive her King:  
let every heart prepare him  
room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and  
nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour  
reigns;

let us our songs employ:  
while fields and floods, rocks,  
hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows  
grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground:  
he comes to make his blessings  
flow

far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth  
and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, and wonders of  
his love.

### ***O&N # 443 Mary had a baby***

Mary had a baby, my Lord.  
Mary had a baby, my Lord.  
Mary had a baby, Mary had a baby,  
Mary had a baby, my Lord.

What did she name him, my Lord?  
What did she name him, my Lord?  
What did she name him, what did she name him,  
what did she name him, my Lord?

She named him King Jesus, my Lord.  
She named him King Jesus, my Lord.

She named him King Jesus, she named him King  
Jesus,  
she named him King Jesus, my Lord.

Where was he born, my Lord?  
Where was he born, my Lord?  
Where was he born, where was he born,  
where was he born, my Lord?

Born in a manger, my Lord.  
Born in a manger, my Lord.  
Born in a manger, born in a manger,  
born in a manger, my Lord.

## **THE PREPARATION**

### **INTROIT HYMN: CPWI # 61**

***Christians, awake! Salute the happy morn***

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.

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.'

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.

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.

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.

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.

### **Advent Wreath Liturgy Hope, Love, Joy, Peace, Christ**

*Adapted from SALT Candle Lighting Litanies Advent 2023*  
<https://www.saltproject.org/>

**Clergy:** Because injustice and despair threaten to overwhelm us, we pray for hope...  
(*Light the first candle in your Advent wreath; or, if it's already lit, gesture toward it.*)

**Lay Person:** Because so many swords have not yet been remade into ploughshares, we pray for peace (*Light the second candle in your Advent wreath; or, if it's already lit, gesture toward it.*)

**Clergy:** Because grief and loss weigh so heavily, we pray for joy...  
(*Light the third candle in your Advent wreath; or, if it's already lit, gesture toward it.*)

**Lay Person:** Because hatred is still so strong, and because people all over the world are suffering, we pray for love.... (*Light the fourth candle in your Advent wreath; or, if it's already lit, gesture toward it.*)

**Bishop:** God has come to us as a child, to dwell with us, and to walk with us.  
(*Light the Christ Candle in your Advent wreath, often a candle in the center.*)

**All: May the light and the fire from these candles burn away whatever would prevent the God of hope, peace joy, and love from being born among us. As friends and followers of Jesus, let us not be afraid for even now — even now — the light of Christ is illuminating the world, on earth as it is in heaven! Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCE:** 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*

**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 COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY):** Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever **Amen.**

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**  
*(The congregation sits for the readings)*

**THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 62:6-12**

**BRENDA MC LEAN-TAYLOR**

**A READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD WRITTEN IN ISAIAH**

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

*All: Thanks be to God*

**PSALM: 97**

**BCP, 595**

- 1 The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; \* let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \* righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him \* and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; \* the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \* at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \* and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! \* Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \* because of your judgments, O Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; \* you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; \* he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \* and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \* and give thanks to his holy Name.

**THE EPISTLE: TITUS 3:4-7**

**CARLOS TAYLOR**

**A READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD WRITTEN IN TITUS**

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

*All: Thanks be to God*

**Sequence Hymn: CPWI # 91**

While shepherds watched their  
flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came  
down,  
and glory shone around.

'Fear not,' said he (for mighty  
dread  
had seized their troubled mind);  
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind.  
'To you in David's town this day

**While shepherds wated their flocks by night**

is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the  
Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:  
  
'The heavenly Babe you there  
shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing  
bands,  
and in a manger laid.'

Thus spake the seraph; and  
forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who  
thus  
addressed their joyful song:  
  
'All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from  
heaven to men  
begin and never cease.'

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: THE ALLELUIA CHORUS**

*ALL stand for the Gospel*

**THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2:8-20**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" 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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**LUCAS 2:8-20**

Cerca de Belén había unos pastores que pasaban la noche en el campo cuidando sus ovejas. De pronto se les apareció un ángel del Señor, y la gloria del Señor brilló alrededor de ellos; y tuvieron mucho miedo. Pero el ángel les dijo: «No tengan miedo, porque les traigo una buena noticia, que será motivo de gran alegría para todos: Hoy les ha nacido en el pueblo de David un salvador, que es el Mesías, el Señor. Como señal, encontrarán ustedes al niño envuelto en pañales y acostado en un establo.» En aquel momento aparecieron, junto al ángel, muchos otros ángeles del cielo, que alababan a Dios y decían: «¡Gloria a Dios en las alturas! ¡Paz en la tierra entre los hombres que gozan de su favor!» Cuando los ángeles se volvieron al cielo, los pastores comenzaron a decirse unos a otros: —Vamos, pues, a Belén, a ver esto que ha sucedido y que el Señor nos ha anunciado. Fueron de prisa y encontraron a María y a José, y al niño acostado en el establo. Cuando lo vieron, se pusieron a contar lo que el ángel les había dicho acerca del niño, y todos los que lo oyeron se admiraban de lo que decían los pastores. María guardaba todo esto en su corazón, y lo tenía muy presente. Los pastores, por su parte, regresaron dando gloria y alabanza a Dios por todo lo que habían visto y oído, pues todo sucedió como se les había dicho.

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



# THE SERMON

THE RIGHT REVEREND CLAUDE BERKLEY

## *Meditation Hymn: Christ, Be Our Light*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

## *Refrain*

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine  
through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered  
today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. **Refrain**

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. **Refrain**

## 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 fulfillment 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 B

HILARY DRAKES

### We Pray For:

**THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION:** The Right Reverend & Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury designate and The Anglican Church of Australia.

**THE PROVINCE:** We pray the Most Reverend Philip Wright, Archbishop; The Eight Dioceses of the Province and all Provincial Officials.

**THE DIOCESE:** The Right Reverend Claude Berkley; Diocesan Bishop; The Parish of St. James the Just, Sangre Grande; The Rev Fr. Winston Lewis, The Rev Charmaine Pavy, deacon; Diocesan Day of Prayer, Lay Officers of the Diocese: Chancellor, Registrar, Trustees, Diocesan Secretary & Property Advisor and Diocesan Seminarians: Maia Williams and Tishonne Francis.

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

### THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENT:

**Baptism:** Rodney Adrian Alexander

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**First Holy Communion:** Andrea Cardoza, Antonio Crawford, Christopher Crawford, La Shauna Edwards, Aydeen Hipplewith, Aaliyah Martinez, Shermikia McKenzie, Maya Mitchell, Julian Paul, Nyla Peters, Na'ima Pierre (newly baptized), Nijhemma Reyes, Chaia Ryan (newly baptized), Aidan Stewart, Amaia Stewart, Malia Taylor, Isabella Williams, Isaiah Williams

**THANKSGIVINGS AND ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Birthdays:** Shanai Kamau, Hollis Vergil, Beverly Horsham, J'Nae Simon, Chelleze Sylvester, Phaedra Pierre, Fayola Cox, Candice Blake-Scott

**Baptism:** Kathleen Weekes

**Confirmation:** Niasha Joefield, Ahnaldo Darmanie, Chazaiah Cedeno, Ciara Clarke, Hadiyah Hackett, Ibraheem Hackett, Khatima Regis, Kianna Ferguson, Kimora Atwell, Kyla-Marie Morris, Lizann Joseph, Nyasha Hunte, Renelle Ferguson, Raukema King, Robert Cudjoe, Samantha Joefield, Shakeela George-Holder, Simon Francis, Teanisha James-Simon, Tieann Alexander.

**Marriage:** Hollis & Catherine Vergil

**Recently Departed:** Retired Archbishop Drexel Gomez, Rupert Antoine, Deacon Keston McCletchie, Deacon Stephen Rewan, Lucille Mair, Rosetta Regis, Philip Hill, Deacon Patricia Dyer, Dean Otis Nichols, Canon John Rohim, Fr. Peter Willis, Ian Gibson, Lennox Akan, Christopher Wint

**Anniversary of Death:** Agatha Millington 10<sup>th</sup>, Wayne Guy 9<sup>th</sup>, McDonald Ward 8<sup>th</sup>, Essie Moore-Blake 4<sup>th</sup>. May they rest in peace

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS:**

**Form B**

**BCP, 107**

LEADER: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **ALL: That we all may be one.**

LEADER: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

LEADER: We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; **ALL: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

LEADER: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **ALL: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

LEADER: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **ALL: That our works may find favour in your sight.**

LEADER Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

LEADER: Give to the departed eternal rest; **ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

LEADER: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

LEADER: Let us pray for our needs and those of others

*A period of silence may be kept.*

**PRAYER FOR RESTORATION:** O Lord, God of heaven, how great and awesome You are. You keep your covenant of love with those who love you and obey your commands. Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the cry of your servants, day and night, for the restoration of this Cathedral Church. Gracious Lord, give us success by granting us favour with international donors, corporate entities, government officials, citizens and all persons of faith and good will as we gather the resources needed for the complete work of restoration. Help us to also strive for full restoration by encouraging one another, being of one mind and living in peace. Guide every aspect of this process so that soon your beloved community will congregate in your house of prayer as a new creation in true righteousness and holiness. May your kingdom come and your will be done in us. **Amen**

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and relieve your sick servants and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs. We pray that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care and experience your healing grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**ALL:** Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords to your will; and the good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Amryl Kellar	Gertrude Roberts	Valarie Baptiste
Angela Sealy	Gordon Howell	Lorna Dowers
Arlene St. Louis	Gregory Bailey	Lorna Skinner
Barbara Brereton	Greta Julien	Lovetta Brizan
Barbara Hull	Hubert Philip	Marlene Jacob
Bernice Felix	Jacqueline Yorke	Mertie Dash
Brendon Taylor	Jean Cadogan	Michele Clavery
Carole Clyne	Jenifer Dick	Mr. & Mrs. Doyle
Celia Jack	Jennifer Francis	Myrtle Gomes
Charles Sutherland	Julianna Amarali	Neila Tidd
Che Bernard	Keith Dick	Nolder Pierre
Christine Davis	Kizzy David	Yolande Gooding
David Thomas	Sylma Smith	Akesha Edwards
Doreen Bayley	The Rev Canon Ronald Branche	Mona Charles
Eastlyn Brathwaite	Ulric Munroe	Norma James
Eileen Alphonse	Pearl Darmanie	Olga Went
Eileen Cuffy	Reomero Roopsingh	Otis Boxhill
Eileen Staple	Rev. Cheryl Mottley	Simone Bailey
Esmie Bruce	Patricia Thomas-Williams	Norma Lewis
Esther Marie Jones-Moore	Wendell John	Rev. Agnes Bacchus
Florencia Maharaj	Yolanda Drayton	Rev. Mervyn Richardson
Patrick Mikhail Roberts	Wesley Phillip	Alona Edwards

*The President shall introduce the Act of Penitence.*

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.

### 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.*

### 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: Let there be love*

Let there be love shared among us  
Let there be love in our eyes  
May now our love sweep this nation  
Cause us, O Lord, to arise  
Give us a fresh understanding  
Brotherly love that is real  
Let there be love shared among us  
Let there be love  
Let there be peace shared among us  
Let there be peace in our eyes  
May now our peace sweep this nation  
Cause us, O Lord, to arise  
Give us a fresh understanding  
Sisterly love that is real  
Let there be peace shared among us  
Let there be peace  
  
Let there be hope shared among us  
Let there be hope in our eyes  
May now our hope sweep this nation

Cause us, O Lord, to arise  
Give us a fresh understanding  
Brotherly love that is real  
Let there be hope shared among us  
Let there be hope  
Let there be joy shared among us  
  
Let there be joy in our eyes  
May now our joy sweep this nation  
Cause us, O Lord, to arise  
Give us a fresh understanding  
Sisterly love that is real  
Let there be joy shared among us  
Let there be joy  
Let there be love shared among us  
Let there be love in our eyes  
May now our love sweep this nation  
Cause us, O Lord, to arise  
Give us a fresh understanding  
Brotherly love that is real  
Let there be love shared among us  
Let there be love.

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

### *The Offertory Hymns: 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!

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!

### **The Offertory Prayer: Form B**

*Everyone stands*

**BCP, 126**

**PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE: Father, we offer 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 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 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. 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:

**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.**

### **Form B**

**BCP, 135**

**PRESIDENT:** Holy and gracious Father, all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness, comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom you sent to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. We therefore bring you these gifts, and we ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who offered Himself in obedience to your will, the Perfect Sacrifice for all mankind. 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." 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. Do this, whenever you drink it, For the remembrance of me."



**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

PRESIDENT: Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation; His glorious Resurrection and Ascension; His continual intercession for us in heaven; and looking for His coming again in glory, we offer you, in thanksgiving, this holy and life-giving sacrifice. Look with favour on your Church's offering, and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts may be filled with your Holy Spirit and become one body in Christ, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace. May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable us, in communion with blessed Mary and the whole company of heaven, to share in the inheritance of your Saints. 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.**

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: CPWI # 77 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

very God, begotten, not created:

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

**Refrain**

come and behold him, born the King of angels:

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:

'Glory to God in the highest:'

**Refrain:**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**Refrain**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**Christ the Lord.**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesu, to thee be glory given;

Word of the Father now in flesh appearing:

God of God, Light of Light,

**Refrain**

lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;

### **CPWI # 64 Glory to God**

'Glory to God!' all heaven with joy is ringing;

good news of God incarnate here on earth.

angels proclaim the gospel of Christ's birth,

'Glory to God!', and still their song is bringing

Lowly in wonder shepherds kneel before him,

no gift to bring save love of heart and mind:  
come like those shepherds, sing his praise, adore him,  
a babe so weak, yet Saviour of mankind.

Humble, yet regal, wise men kneel before him,  
gold, incense, myrrh, their gifts to Christ they bring:  
come like those wise men, sing his praise, adore him

a babe so poor and modest, yet a King.

Though now no crib or cradle is concealing  
Jesus our Lord in that far-distant shrine,  
Christ at each eucharist is still revealing  
his very self in forms of bread and wine.

**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 God, born of Mary, fill you with His grace to trust His promises and obey His will; 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: CPWI # 65 Go tell it on the mountain***

***Refrain:***

***Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born!***

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Saviour's birth.

***Refrain***

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.

***Refrain***

Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.

***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 2025 and we look forward to working together with you in the coming year.

+ **DIOCESAN CALENDARS:** are now available from the Parish Office or Ushers. Cost \$30.00

+ **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Will resume Saturday January 10, 2026 & Sunday January 11, 2026

+ **BIBLE STUDY:** Will resume Monday January 12, 2026

+ **PRAYER GROUP:** Do you have a burning prayer request or would like to pray with others? Join us on Thursday evenings in the Virtual Chapel at 5:00 PM via Zoom? All are welcome! **ID: 875 0223 3875 Password: Worship.** *Opportunities for prayer continue during the 8am service.*

- + **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.
- + **THE FINAL DISCUSSION SESSION: ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING (MAX LUCADO)** – December 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Virtual Chapel (ID: 875 0223 3875 Password: Worship).

### **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.**

### **DECEMBER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES:**

27th Rehearsal for First Holy Communion Service @ 10:00am

Carols by Candlelight @ 5:00pm

28th Holy Innocents Service @ 11:00am

Service of First Holy Communion @ 4:00pm

30th Staff Christmas Luncheon

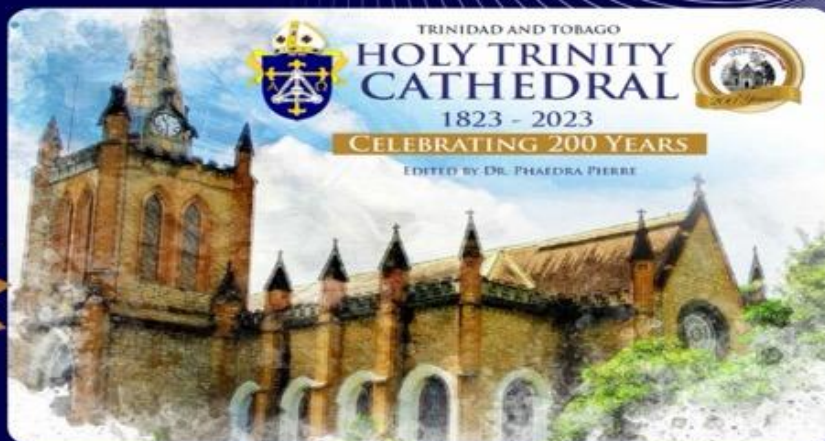
### **REGIONAL AND DIOCESAN NOTICES**

+ **RELIEF EFFORTS FOR JAMAICA:** The following items are needed and can be dropped off at the Parish Office:  
Tuesdays -Fridays 9:00am – 3:00pm

- ☐ water, foodstuffs (non-perishable), underwear, clothing,
- ☐ pampers for children and adults, care and toiletries supplies, liquid soap
- ☐ towels, sheets, blankets, medication, first aid supplies
- ☐ tarpaulin, tents, solar lights, flashlights, batteries,
- ☐ heavy garbage bags, generators, and other related items needed for rebuilding and living.

+ **THE NORTH-WEST REGION CURRY-QUE FUNDRAISER:** From January 19<sup>th</sup> – February 4<sup>th</sup> 2026. Monday – Wednesday ONLY 10:00am – 3:00pm. Patraj – 161 Tragarete Road, Port of Spain or Backchain Street, San Juan, or Patraj Express – Xtra Plaza, Aranguez South. Cost \$65.00 from the Parish Office or Ushers.

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# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2025/2026

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

7PM - CHRISTMAS VIGIL SUNG EUCHARIST

*(Carol Singing & Blessing of the Creche)*

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

*The Nativity of our Lord*

8AM - SUNG EUCHARIST

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

*Carols by Candle Light*

5PM - CAROLS & LESSONS

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

*First Sunday after Christmas Day*

6AM & 8AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

11AM - HOLY INNOCENTS SERVICE

4PM - SERVICE OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2025

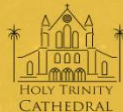
*Mon, Tues & Wed in the First Week after Christmas*

12PM - HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2025

*Watchnight - Feast of the Holy Name*

7PM - SUNG EUCHARIST



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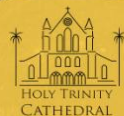


# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2025/2026

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2026  
12PM - MIDDAY HOLY EUCHARIST

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2026  
4:30PM - HOLY EUCHARIST  
(Epiphany Observance)

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2026  
6AM & 8AM - HOLY EUCHARIST  
(Epiphany Observances)



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**THE PARISH OFFICE IS  
CLOSED ON **MONDAYS.****

**NEW OPENING HOURS  
TUE-FRI (8AM-4PM)**

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



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# Weekly Worship

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

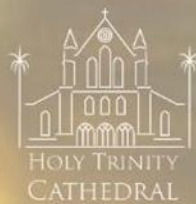
*Morning Prayer (Facebook Online)*

**MONDAY - FRIDAY | 12 NOON**

*Midday Mass - HTC Main Chapel*

**SUNDAY - FRIDAY | 9 PM**

*Compline (Facebook Online)*



## 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
  - Fridays at 1:30 PM
  - Bible Study
  - Prayer Group
  - Bible Study - In person at the Parish Chapel
- Will resume January 12, 2026**  
**Will resume January 15, 2026**

# DIVINE OFFICE READINGS

DATE	MORNING	EVENING
<b>SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup></b> <i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	± Psalm 72 ± 2 Samuel 7:1-17 ± Luke 1:39-48a(48b-56)	± Psalms 111, 113 ± Isaiah 28:9-22 ± Titus 2:11-3:8a
<b>MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup></b> <i>Saint Thomas The Apostle (Tr)</i>	• Psalm 80 • 2 Samuel 7:18-29 • Luke 1:57-66	• Psalms 146, 147 • Isaiah 29:13-24 • Galatians 3:1-14
<b>TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup></b>	± Psalms 93, 96 ± Baruch 4:21-29 ± Luke 1:67-80	± Psalms 148, 150 ± Isaiah 33:17-22 ± Galatians 3:15-22
<b>WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup></b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	• Psalms 45,46 • Baruch 4:36—5:9 • Galatians 3:23—4:7 • Matthew 1:18-25	• Psalm 89:1-29 • Isaiah 59:15b-21 • Philippians 2:5-11
<b>THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup></b> <i>The Birth of the Lord: Christmas Day</i>	± Psalms 2,85 ± Micah 4:1-5; 5:2-4 ± John 3:31-36	± Psalms 110:1-5(6-7), 132 ± Zechariah 2:10-13 ± 1 John 4:7-16
<b>FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup></b> <i>(Stephen, Deacon, Martyr, or 3 August, HD)</i>	• Psalms 28,30 • 2 Chronicles 24:17-22 • Acts 6:1-7	• Psalm 118 • Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15 • Acts 7:59—8:8
<b>SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup></b> <i>John, Apostle and Evangelist, or 6 May, HD)</i>	± Psalms 97,98 ± Proverbs 8:22-30 ± John 13:20-35	± Psalm 145 ± Isaiah 44:1-8 ± 1 John 5:1-12

## LITURGY OF THE WORD READINGS (Weekends)

### EUCCHARIST READINGS FOR SUNDAY December 28, 2025

#### *The First Sunday after Christmas — Year A*

± **1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 61:10-62:3

**Psalm:** 147

± **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

**Gospel:** John 1:1-18