



# 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**

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A

GAUDETE SUNDAY



## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

<b>Introit Hymn:</b>	<i>Christ, Be Our Light</i>	<i>bulletin</i>
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## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

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## **THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS**

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## **THE DISMISSAL**

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# WORSHIP NOTES

The new church year has begun. Happy New Year brothers and sisters.

We have entered the season of Advent. The word Advent means, the ushering in of a new thing or coming – for Christians, the coming of Jesus Christ. Advent is a time of preparation, not only for Christmas (Jesus' birth) but for His second coming. We spend our time in prayer, penitence and getting our hearts, minds and souls ready for Jesus' coming. We also wait in joyful expectation anticipating the fulfilment of God's promises of salvation, hope, peace, joy, and love.

Our readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Lectionary will be for Year A, Track II of the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The readings for the Weekday Eucharist and the Daily Office will be for Year 2. The pattern of readings for Morning Prayer is OT and Gospel; for Evening Prayer the Old Testament reading from Year 1 and the Epistle appointed for the daily office Year 2. The liturgical colour for Advent is: Royal Purple or Sarum Blue (they represent royalty, penance and signal a time of preparation). All hangings, ornaments and vestments will reflect one of these colours. At the Cathedral we use Sarum Blue and our theme for Advent and the new year is: Becoming Beloved Community – Reengaging and: Revitalizing Stewardship and Ministry.

- ❖ We will light the Advent Wreath each week and omit the Gloria in Excelsus
- ❖ We will pray the Advent Litany.
- ❖ We will use daily prompts to guide our spiritual journey based on the Jesse Tree symbols and scriptures.
- ❖ We will meet virtually most Wednesdays to study: **Anxious for Nothing (Max Lucado) – December 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Virtual Chapel (ID: 875 0223 3875 Password: Worship)**
- ❖ We will observe the Embertide (December 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>) with an Ember Advent Retreat on December 20<sup>th</sup>

Come let us walk in the light of the Lord as we pray without ceasing. walk prayerfully together.

## THE PREPARATION

INTROIT 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**

## Lighting the Advent Candles Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, Christ

**Let us pray: May the light from this candle overwhelm the world. May the light from this candle say to all that God's joy is coming on earth as it already is in heaven. As friends and followers of Jesus may we not be afraid, for God's joy is at hand! Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy 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 35:1-10    A READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD WRITTEN IN ISAIAH**

**4:30PM    CAMILLE GREGOIRE**

**6:00AM    ANNETTE KELLMAN**

**8:00AM    A.C.M.S.**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

*All: Thanks be to God*

**PSALM 146:4-9**

*Lauda, anima mea*

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \* whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \* who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \* and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \* the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \* he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \* your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

**THE EPISTLE: JAMES 5:7-10**

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

**4:30PM    BRENDA MC LEAN-TAYLOR**

**6:00AM    TEVIN TITUS**

**8:00AM    A.C.M.S.**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

*All: Thanks be to God*

***Sequence Hymn: CPWI # 45 Ye servants of the Lord***

Ye servants of the Lord, each in his office wait, observant of his heavenly word, and watchful at his gate.	Watch! 'Tis your Lord's command, and while we speak, he's near; mark the first signal of his hand, and ready all appear.	He shall his Lord with rapture see, and be with honour crowned.
Let all your lamps be bright, and trim the golden flame; gird up your loins as in his sight, for awful is his name.	O happy servant he in such a posture found!	Christ shall the banquet spread with his own royal hand, and raise that faithful servant's head amid the angelic band.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: THE ALLELUIA CHORUS**

*ALL stand for the Gospel*

**THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:2-11**

**THE DEACON OF THE MASS**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

**SAN MATEO 11:2-11**

Juan, que estaba en la cárcel, tuvo noticias de lo que Cristo estaba haciendo. Entonces envió algunos de sus seguidores a que le preguntaran si él era de veras el que había de venir, o si debían esperar a otro. Jesús les contestó: «Vayan y díganle a Juan lo que están viendo y oyendo. Cuéntenle que los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios de su enfermedad, los sordos oyen, los muertos vuelven a la vida y a los pobres se les anuncia la buena noticia. ¡Y dichoso aquel que no encuentre en mí motivo de tropiezo!» Cuando ellos se fueron, Jesús comenzó a hablar a la gente acerca de Juan, diciendo: «¿Qué salieron ustedes a ver al desierto? ¿Una caña sacudida por el viento? Y si no, ¿qué salieron a ver? ¿Un hombre vestido lujosamente? Ustedes saben que los que se visten lujosamente están en las casas de los reyes. En fin, ¿a qué salieron? ¿A ver a un profeta? Sí, de veras, y a uno que es mucho más que profeta. Juan es aquel de quien dice la Escritura: »“Yo envió mi mensajero delante de ti, para que te prepare el camino.” Les aseguro que, entre todos los hombres, ninguno ha sido más grande que Juan el Bautista; y, sin embargo, el más pequeño en el reino de los cielos es más grande que él.»

*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: A.C.M.S.**

**4:30PM CARLOS TAYLOR**

**6:00AM JOSEPH CIPRIANI**

**8:00AM A.C.M.S.**

**We Pray For:**

**THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION:** The Right Reverend & Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury designate and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

**THE PROVINCE:** We pray the Most Reverend Philip Wright, Archbishop; The Diocese of Barbados, The Rt. Rev Michael Maxwell.

**THE DIOCESE:** The Parish of Holy Cross, Marabella. The Rt. Rev. Calvin Bess, priest in charge, The Rev. Marc Samuel, deacon. The Healing Ministry; and Diocesan Seminarians: Maia Williams and Tishonne Francis.

**THE PARISH:** The Clergy, the Vestry, A.C.M.S., 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 & Caia Ryan

**THANKSGIVINGS AND ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Newly Baptised:** Andrew Cadoza

**Birthdays:** Sariah Small; Christiana Wilson-Browne; Kimora Ramdial; Irma Villafana; Irma Thomas; Tishonne Francis; Isaiah Crichlow; Kioni Melville; Shinelle Ruben; Joan Bowen-Superville; Eileen Clarke; Joyce Davis-Clarke; Hayden Mapp.

**Baptism:** Hubert Phillip

**Confirmation:** Roslyn Romeo-Pierre

**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

**Death:** Lenora French 9<sup>th</sup>. May they rest in peace.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS:**

**A.C.M.S. LITANY**

Leader: Let us pray for the peace of the world, peace in the hearts of mankind, peace and stability among the nations of the world, and our sick and homebound. **Silence.**

V – Lord in your mercy. **R – Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of Christ throughout the world, for its unity in witness and service. Grant that people everywhere may seek and find you, Lord, and bring the nation under your fold. Pour out your spirit upon all flesh and hasten the coming of your kingdom. **Silence.**

V – Lord in your mercy. **R – Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For Philip our Archbishop, Claude our Diocesan Bishop, Clive and Calvin, our Retired Diocesan Bishops, all our Priests, Deacons, and all Lay Ministers in the Diocese. May they faithfully fulfil the duties of their ministry, build up your Church and glorify your name. ***Silence.***

V – Lord in your mercy. **R – Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Inspire, O Lord, those who form themselves into organizations within your body – the Church (The Mothers' Union, the ACMS and other groups). Grant, that bound together in love and obedience, they may work for the extension of your kingdom on earth. ***Silence.***

V – Lord in your mercy. **R – Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Father, we pray for our nation, the Executive (The President), The Legislator (The Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament, The Prime Minister and his Cabinet; Members of Parliament, The Opposition and Senators), The Judiciary (The Chief Justice, Judges, Magistrates, Lawyers, etc). By God's help, may they administer justice, peace and honour to one another and serve the common good. ***Silence.***

V – Lord in your mercy. **R – Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: Father, we pray for all places of education and learning, for all promoting and fostering education in pre-schools, primary schools, secondary schools, vocational schools and tertiary institutions. May all who teach and all who learn be set free from anything that is false or evil, and, finding truth, may learn to use it for the good of mankind and glory of God. ***Silence.***

V – Lord in your mercy. **R – Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer, hear the cry of those who are in misery and need. In their affliction show them your mercy and give us the strength to serve them for the sake of Him who suffered for us. ***Silence.***

V – Lord in your mercy. **R – Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us commit ourselves to God and pray for the grace of a Holy life that all who have departed this life and have died in the peace of Christ, may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord and receive the crown of life on the day of resurrection. ***Silence.***

V – Lord in your mercy. **R – Hear our prayer.**

**A.C.M.S. PRAYER:** O Almighty God, who hast called us to thy service in the fellowship of thy Holy Church; Bless we beseech thee, the Anglican Church Men's Society in all its Branches. Make all our members sound in faith and Holy in life; bestow upon us the Spirit of prayer and supplication; grant us by love to serve one another; and perfect in us that good work thou hast begun; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**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.**

***Silence may be kept.***



**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	

**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.

**THE ACT OF PENITENCE**

**BCP, 123**

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.

**FORM A**

**BCP, 123**

**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 you 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 peace on earth***

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let There Be Peace on Earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father

Children all are we

Let us walk with each other

In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me

Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take

Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live

Each moment in peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS**

***The Offertory Hymn:***

***CPWI # 52 The Advent of our King***

The Advent of our King  
our prayers must now employ,  
and we must hymns of welcome  
sing  
in strains of holy joy.

The Everlasting Son

incarnate deigns to be;  
himself a servant's form puts on,  
to set his servants free.

Daughter of Sion, rise  
to meet thy lowly King;  
nor let thy faithless heart despise

the peace he comes to bring.

As Judge, on clouds of light,  
he soon will come again,  
and his true members all unite  
with him in heaven to reign.

**ABSOLUTELY NO MOVING AROUND OR IDLE CHATTER AT THIS TIME. SILENCE AND REVERENCE ARE REQUIRED AS THIS IS THE MOST SACRED TIME OF OUR WORSHIP.**

**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:

**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.**

**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*

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

### 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.

<b>AGNUS DEI</b>	<b>Lamb of God, you take away</b>	<b>Lamb of God, you take away</b>
<b>Lam of God, you take away</b>	<b>the sin of the world: have</b>	<b>the sin of the world: grant us,</b>
<b>the sin of the world: have</b>	<b>mercy on us</b>	<b>grant us peace.</b>
<b>mercy on us.</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.

**Communion Hymns: CPWI # 48    *O come, O come, Emmanuel***

O come, O come, Emmanuel,                      and ransom captive Israel,                      that mourns in lonely exile here,

until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain:**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people  
save,  
and give them victory o'er the  
grave. **Refrain**

O come, thou Dayspring, come  
and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of  
night,  
and death's dark shadows put to  
flight. **Refrain**

O come, thou Key of David,  
come,  
and open wide our heavenly  
home;  
make safe the way that leads on  
high,

and close the path to misery.

**Refrain**

O come, O come, thou Lord of  
Might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's  
height,  
in ancient times didst give the  
law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.

**Refrain**

**ABSOLUTELY NO MOVING AROUND OR IDLE CHATTER AT THIS TIME. SILENCE AND  
REVERENCE ARE REQUIRED AS THIS IS THE MOST SACRED TIME OF OUR WORSHIP.**

**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: CPWI # 46 Lo, he comes with clouds descending***

Lo, he comes with clouds  
descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints  
attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and  
sold him

pierced and nailed him to the  
tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his  
passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture, with what  
rapture,

with what rapture,  
gaze we on those glorious  
scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and  
glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine  
own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

## **NOTICES AND REMINDERS**

### **GENERAL PARISH NOTICES**

- + **THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** You are invited to a Service of Thanksgiving for Mrs. Brenda McLean-Taylor, retired Verger on Wednesday December 17, 2025 at 5:00pm
- + **ADVENT BOOKLET:** are now available at the cost of \$30.00 from Mrs. Berlonne Jones-Sealy.
- + **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.
- + **ADVENT TEACHING SERIES: ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING (MAX LUCADO) – December 16<sup>th</sup> (@4:00pm), 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Virtual Chapel (ID: 875 0223 3875 Password: Worship).**
- Advent teaching series will take place on Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 4:00pm to facilitate the Thanksgiving service on Wednesday 17th.*

### **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.**

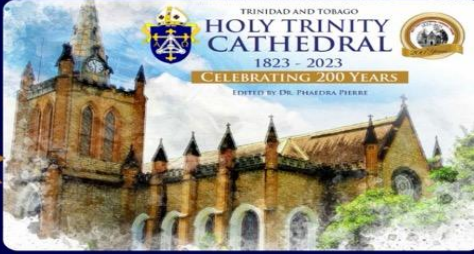
### **DECEMBER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES:**

- 16th    Advent Teaching Series - Anxious for Nothing @ 4pm  
           Vestry Meeting – Downstairs Flat @ 5:30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup>    Thanksgiving Service for Brenda McLean-Taylor (retired verger) @ 5:00pm
- 20th    Embertide Retreat – HTC Chapel from 9:00am
- 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

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### 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 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.



# Christmas Schedule

## **Wednesday December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve**

*7:00PM Sung Eucharist - Vigil, Carol Singing, Blessing of the Creche*

## **Thursday December 25, 2025 - The Nativity of our Lord**

*8:00AM Sung Eucharist*

## **Friday December 26, 2025 – Boxing Day / The Feast of St. Stephen**

*No Service*

## **Saturday December 27, 2025 – The First Sunday after Christmas Day**

*5:00PM Carols by Candlelight*

## **Sunday December 28, 2025 – The First Sunday after Christmas Day**

*6:00AM Holy Eucharist*

*8:00AM Sung Holy Eucharist*

*11:00AM Holy Innocents Service*

*4:00PM The Service of First Holy Communion*

## **Monday December 29, 2025**

*12:00PM Holy Eucharist*

## **Tuesday December 30, 2025**

*12:00PM Holy Eucharist*

## **Wednesday December 31, 2025 – The Eve of the Holy Name**

*12:00PM Holy Eucharist*

*7:00PM Watchnight Vigil*

## **Thursday January 1, 2026 – New Years Day**

*No Service*

## **Friday January 2, 2026**

*12:00PM Holy Eucharist*

## **Saturday January 3, 2026 – Epiphany Observance**

*4:30PM Holy Eucharist*

## **Sunday January 4, 2026 – Epiphany Observance**

*6:00AM Holy Eucharist*

*8:00AM Sung Eucharist*

# Notice

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

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

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



BY ORDER OF MANAGEMENT



# Weekly Worship

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

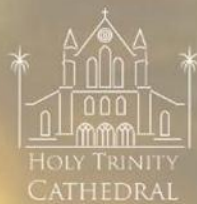
*Morning Prayer (Facebook Online)*

**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

# DIVINE OFFICE READINGS

DATE	MORNING	EVENING
<b>SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup></b> <i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>	± Psalms 63:1-8(9-11),98 ± Amos 9:11-15 ± John 5:30-47	± Psalms 103 ± Isaiah 13:6-13 ± 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3,13-17
<b>MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup></b>	• Psalm 41,52 • Zechariah 1:7-17 • Matthew 24:15-31	• Psalms 44 • Isaiah 8:16—9:1 • Revelation 3:7-13
<b>TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup></b>	± Psalms 45 ± Zechariah 2:1-13 ± Matthew 24:32-44	± Psalms 47,48 ± Isaiah 9:1-7 ± Revelation 3:14-22
<b>WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup></b> <i>Ember Day</i>	• Psalm 119:49-72 • Zechariah 3:1-10 • Matthew 24:45-51	• Psalm 49,[53] • Isaiah 9:8-17 • Revelation 4:1-8
<b>THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	± Psalm 50 ± Zechariah 4:1-14 ± Matthew 25:1-13	± Psalm [59,60] or 33 ± Isaiah 9:18—10:4 ± Revelation 4:9—5:5
<b>FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup></b> <i>Ember Day</i>	• Psalm 40,54 • Zechariah 7:8—8:8 • Matthew 25:14-30	• Psalm 51 • Isaiah 10:5-19 • Revelation 5:6-14
<b>SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup></b>	± Psalms 55 ± Zechariah 8:9-17 ± Matthew 25:31-46	± Psalms 138,139:1-17(18-23) ± Isaiah 10:20-27 ± Revelation 6:1-17 <i>Collect for 4 Advent</i>

## LITURGY OF THE WORD READINGS (Weekends)

### EUCCHARIST READINGS FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 21, 2025

#### *Fourth Sunday of Advent— Year A*

± **1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 7:10-16

**Psalm:** 80:1-7, 16-18

± **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 1:1-7

**Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-25