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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A



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THE EUCHARIST

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| Recessional Hymn: | <i>O come, O come, Emmanuel</i> | <i>CPWI # 48</i> |

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 10th, 17th, 23rd, 30th at 5pm in the Virtual Chapel (ID: 875 0223 3875 Password: Worship)**
- ❖ We will observe the Embertide (December 17th, 19th and 20th) with an Ember Advent Retreat on December 20th

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. ***R***

**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 peace is coming on earth as it already is in heaven. As friends and followers of Jesus may we not be afraid, for God's peace is at hand! Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and 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 11:1-10

4:30PM

CHARLENE YOUNG

6:00AM LAY MINISTER

8:00AM

PHAEDRA PIERRE

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

Deus, iudicium

1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever * and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

THE EPISTLE: ROMANS 15:4-13**4:30PM****BRENDA TAYLOR****6:00AM****GAN PING D'ANDRADE****8:00AM****MOTHERS' UNION**

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

*All: Thanks be to God**The congregation stands for the sequence hymn****Sequence Hymn: CPWI # 42 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry***

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's
cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake, and hearken, for he
brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast
from sin;
make straight the way for God
within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,

where such a mighty guest may
come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste
away,
like flowers that wither and
decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine
hand,

and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light
restore
earth's own true loveliness once
more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people
free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.
amid the angelic band.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: THE ALLELUIA CHORUS*ALL stand for the Gospel***THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12****THE DEACON OF THE MASS**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is

more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

SAN MATEO 3:1-12

Por aquel tiempo se presentó Juan el Bautista en el desierto de Judea. En su proclamación decía: «¡Vuélvanse a Dios, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca!» Juan era aquel de quien Dios había dicho por medio del profeta Isaías: «Una voz grita en el desierto: “Preparen el camino del Señor; ábranle un camino recto.”» La ropa de Juan estaba hecha de pelo de camello, y se la sujetaba al cuerpo con un cinturón de cuero; su comida era langostas y miel del monte. La gente de Jerusalén y todos los de la región de Judea y de la región cercana al Jordán salían a oírle. Confesaban sus pecados y Juan los bautizaba en el río Jordán. Pero cuando Juan vio que muchos fariseos y saduceos iban a que los bautizara, les dijo: «¡Raza de víboras! ¿Quién les ha dicho a ustedes que van a librarse del terrible castigo que se acerca? Pórtense de tal modo que se vea claramente que se han vuelto al Señor, y no presuman diciéndose a sí mismos: “Nosotros somos descendientes de Abraham”; porque les aseguro que incluso a estas piedras Dios puede convertirlas en descendientes de Abraham. El hacha ya está lista para cortar los árboles de raíz. Todo árbol que no da buen fruto, se corta y se echa al fuego. Yo, en verdad, los bautizo con agua para invitarlos a que se vuelvan a Dios; pero el que viene después de mí los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego. Él es más poderoso que yo, que ni siquiera merezco llevarle sus sandalias. Trae su pala en la mano y limpiará el trigo y lo separará de la paja. Guardará su trigo en el granero, pero quemará la paja en un fuego que nunca se apagará.»

El Evangelio del Señor.

Te alabamos, Cristo Señor

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED (6:00AM & 8:00AM)

(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 B

4:30PM AYANNA JAMES

6:00AM BEVERLY CHASE

8:00AM MOTHERS' UNION

We Pray For:

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

THE PROVINCE: We pray the Most Reverend Philip Wright, Archbishop; The Diocese of Windward Islands, The Rt. Rev Leopold Friday, Diocesan Bishop.

THE DIOCESE: The Rt. Rev Claude Berkley, Diocesan Bishop, The Parish of St. Jude, Arima, The Rev Fr. Michael Greenidge, priest in charge, The Rev Barbara Davis, deacon. Christian Ecumenism and inter-religious co-operation; and Diocesan Seminarians: Maia Williams and Tishonne Francis.

THE PARISH: The Clergy, the Vestry, Mothers' Union, 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

THANKSGIVINGS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Newly Baptised: Andrew Cadoza

Birthdays: Karen Guedeze, Cotlyn Sylvester, Venisa Vergil-Hamilton, Claire Phillip, Franklyn Edwards, Merle Williams-Rock, Helen Wight, Noel Liverpool

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

Death: Ida Edwards 27th. 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

MOTHER'S UNION PRAYER:

Loving God, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mother's Union as we seek to share your love through encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by Your spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship and in love and service reach out as hands across the world. **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

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| 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 | |

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

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 love (8:00AM)

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 Hymn: CPWI # 34 Come, thou long expected Jesus

Come, thou long--expected
Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release
us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,

hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a Child and yet a King;
born to reign in us for ever;

now thy gracious kingdom
bring.

By thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thy all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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 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 E

BCP, 142

PRESIDENT: Sovereign Lord and Father, To you be glory and praise for ever. In your boundless wisdom you brought creation into being; In your great love you fashioned us in your image; In your tender compassion you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, to share our human nature; In the power of the Holy Spirit, He overcame the power of sin and death and brought your people to new birth as first fruits of your new creation. 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 the command of your dearly beloved Son

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

PRESIDENT: And we offer you, Father, our sacrifice of thanks and praise. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer. As we partake of this holy food of new and unending life, may your Holy Spirit establish us as a royal priesthood with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. N and all your sons and daughters who share in your eternal inheritance; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: *He sent to say*

He sent to say, He will be coming

Prepare His way, His paths make straight

Welcome your King, be ready for Him

Chorus

Jesus is riding on the wings of the wind

He is walking on the sea to your heart

Repent your sins, prepare your soul

Receive the Holy Spirit of the Lord

His presence now makes You His temple

Sing a New Song # 34 *Return to the Lord*

Chorus

Return to the Lord, return, O Israel!

He calls to you

For the Lord is full of love and tender mercy

He waits for your heart

What shall I do with you, O my people?

This love of yours so quickly disappears

The Lord of Hosts, come down to bless and save all men, God is your friend. ***Chorus***

"Come ye who toil and heavy burdened, and I will surely give you rest.

Take up my yoke and learn my way" ***Chorus***

"My yoke is light, my burden easy

I'm come to set the captive free

And give of life abundantly." ***Chorus***

When will you share your bread with the hungry?

When will you welcome in the homeless poor?

I do not take delight in burnt offering

Give me yourself, your crushed and broken heart

And I will plant my law deep within you

Deep in your heart will I inscribe my Name

I love you with a love everlasting

I hold you constantly close to my heart

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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 # 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.

our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

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, 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, 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

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer

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 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 10th, 17th, 23rd, 30th 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

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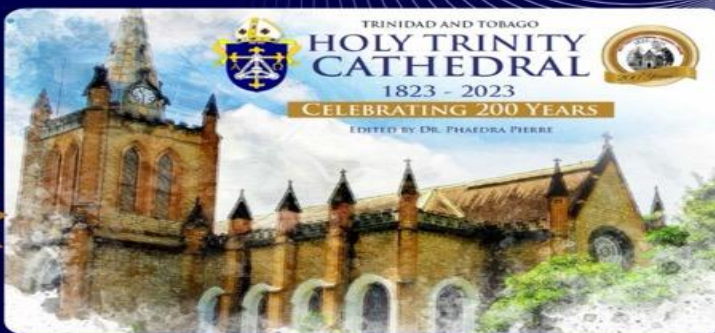
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DECEMBER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES:

- 7th Diocesan Ordination of Deacons at St. Michael and All Angels @ 5:00pm
- 13th First Communion Class Retreat – HTC Chapel @ 10:00am
- 16th Vestry Meeting – Downstairs Flat @ 5:30pm
- 17th 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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+ **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). Call 620-4717 or 683-2261 to order.

REGIONAL AND DIOCESAN NOTICES

+ **ORDINATION TO DIACONATE:** on Sunday 7 December, 2025 **(the feast of Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan)** at 5.00 p.m. at Saint Michael and All Angels Parish Church, Wendy Fitzwilliam Boulevard, Diamond Vale, Diego Martin, Trinidad. **Ordinands: Hermese Duncan, Sparkle Garnes-Roachford, Vivienne Amata, Zelma Cowie, Colin Alexis, Learie Paul, Daniel Unegbu.**

+ **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 19th – February 4th 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.

Notice

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

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

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



HOLY TRINITY
CATHEDRAL

BY ORDER OF MANAGEMENT

Weekly Worship

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 6:30 AM

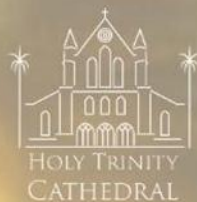
Morning Prayer (Facebook Online)

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 |
|--|---|---|
| SUNDAY 7TH <i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397</i> | ± Psalms 148, 149, 150 ± Amos 6:1-14 ± Luke 1:57-68 | ± Psalms 114, 115 ± Isaiah 5:1-7 ± 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12 |
| MONDAY 8TH <i>The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | • Psalm 25 • Amos 7:1-9 • Matthew 22:23-33 | • Psalms 9, 15 • Isaiah 5:8-12, 18-23 • Revelation 1:1-8 |
| TUESDAY 9TH | ± Psalms 26, 28 ± Amos 7:10-17 ± Matthew 22:34-46 | ± Psalms 36, 39 ± Isaiah 5:13-17, 24-25 ± Revelation 1:9-16 |
| WEDNESDAY 10TH | • Psalm 38 • Amos 8:1-14 • Matthew 23:1-12 | • Psalm 119:25-48 • Isaiah 6:1-13 • Revelation 1:17—2:7 |
| THURSDAY 11TH | ± Psalm 37:1-18 ± Amos 9:1-10 ± Matthew 23:13-26 | ± Psalm 37:19-42 ± Isaiah 7:1-9 ± Revelation 2:8-17 |
| FRIDAY 12TH | • Psalm 31 • Haggai 1:1-15 • Matthew 23:27-39 | • Psalm 35 • Isaiah 7:10-25 • Revelation 2:18-29 |
| SATURDAY 13TH | ± Psalms 30, 32 ± Haggai 2:1-9 ± Matthew 24:1-14 | ± Psalms 42, 43 ± Isaiah 8:1-15 ± Revelation 3:1-6 <i>Collect for 3 Advent</i> |

LITURGY OF THE WORD READINGS (Weekends)

EUCCHARIST READINGS FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent— Year A

± **1st Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm: 146:4-9

± **2nd Reading:** James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11