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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 FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD VIGIL –
BLESSING OF THE CRECHE AND SUNG EUCHARIST

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CAROLS BEFORE MASS

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Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

CPWI # 82 O little town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in:
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

O&N # 242 Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of
Stephen,
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and
even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost
was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight, gath'ring winter fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me, if you know'st it,
telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his
dwelling?"

"Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the
mountain,
Right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes'
fountain."

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine
logs hither,
thou and I will see him dine, when we bring them
thither."

Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they went
together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament and the bitter
weather.

“Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger,
Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer.”
“Mark my footsteps good, my page, tread now in them boldly,
You shall find the winter’s rage freeze thy blood less coldly.”

CPWI # 88 The first Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

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

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. ***Refrain***

And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country far;

CPWI # 91 While Shepherds watched their flocks by night

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
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

In his master’s steps he trod, where the snow lay
dinted;
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian all, be sure, wealth or rank
possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find
blessing.

to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. ***Refrain***

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. ***Refrain***

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

Then let us all with one accord
sing praise to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought. ***Refrain***

'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.'

THE PREPARATION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CPWI # 665

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that Mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honour and obey,
love and watch the lowly Maiden,
in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.

Once in royal David's city

For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew,
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that Child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
where like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

BLESSING OF CRECHE

The Bishop processes to the Creche with Crucifer, Thurifer and MC

OPENING SENTENCE: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. Psalm 116:15-16

Celebrant: The Word was made flesh

All: And we behold his glory

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen**

The Celebrant blesses the Crèche with Holy Water and Incense

INTROIT HYMN: CPWI # 77

O come all ye faithful

(The altar is censed during this hymn)

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

Refrain:

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

God of God, Light of Light,

lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created: ***Refrain***

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

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

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 and peace and 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.

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

ALL: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

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

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

THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:2-7

SHERRY-ANN CLARKE

A READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD WRITTEN IN ISAIAH

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM: 96

BCP, 594

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

A READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD WRITTEN IN TITUS

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The congregation stands for the sequence hymn

Sequence Hymn: CPWI # 70

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the
earth
to touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, good will to
men,
from heaven's all-gracious
King!'
the world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies
they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled;

It came upon the midnight clear

and still their heavenly music
floats
o'er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing;
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.
Yet with the woes of sin and
strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel-strain have
rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and man, at war with man, hears
not
the love--song which they bring:

O hush the noise, ye men of
strife,
and hear the angels sing.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: THE ALLELUIA CHORUS

ALL remain standing for the Gospel

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 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 2:1-20

Por aquellos días, Augusto César decretó que se levantara un censo en todo el Imperio romano. Este primer censo se efectuó cuando Cirenio gobernaba en Siria. Así que iban todos a inscribirse, cada cual a su propio pueblo. También José, que era descendiente del rey David, subió de Nazaret, ciudad de Galilea, a Judea. Fue a Belén, la Ciudad de David, para inscribirse junto con María, que estaba comprometida para casarse con él. Ella se encontraba embarazada y mientras estaban allí se le cumplió el tiempo. Así que dio a luz a su hijo primogénito. Lo envolvió en pañales y lo acostó en un pesebre, porque no había lugar para ellos en la posada. En esa misma región había unos pastores que pasaban la noche en el campo, turnándose para cuidar su rebaño. Sucedió que un ángel del Señor se les apareció. La gloria del Señor los envolvió en su luz y se llenaron de temor. Pero el ángel dijo: «No tengan miedo. Miren que traigo buenas noticias que serán motivo de mucha alegría para todo el pueblo. Hoy ha nacido en la Ciudad de David un Salvador, que es Cristo el Señor. Esto les servirá de señal: Encontrarán a un niño envuelto en pañales y acostado en un pesebre». De repente apareció una multitud de ángeles del cielo, que alababan a Dios y decían: «Gloria a Dios en las alturas, y en la tierra paz a los que gozan de su buena voluntad». Cuando los ángeles se fueron al cielo, los pastores se dijeron unos a otros: «Vamos a Belén, a ver esto que ha pasado y que el Señor nos ha dado a conocer». Así que fueron de prisa y encontraron a María, a José y al niño que estaba acostado en el pesebre. Cuando vieron al niño, contaron lo que les habían dicho acerca de él 18 y cuantos lo oyeron se asombraron de lo que los pastores decían. María, por su parte, guardaba todas estas cosas en su corazón y meditaba acerca de ellas. Los pastores regresaron glorificando y alabando a Dios por lo que habían visto y oído, pues todo sucedió tal 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

KEVON PAUL

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 Berkely; Diocesan Bishop; The Parish of St. Paul, San Fernando; The Venerable Edwin Primus (Archdeacon South); The Rev Fr. Wayne Maughan, assistant curate; The Rev Jill-Anne McFarlane, deacon; Charities working for the spread of the Gospel: US, SACF & New England Co. San Fernando General Hospital.; 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

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 10th, Wayne Guy 9th, McDonald Ward 8th, Essie Moore-Blake 4th. May they rest in peace

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

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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 B

BCP, 124

ALL: Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

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 A

BCP, 124ff

PRESIDENT: We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

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

ALL: And also with you.

PEACE: CPWI # 63 The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

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

The angels sang when the babe was born,

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

The 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**

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

The Offertory Hymns: 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.'

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**

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

Refrain:

***Hark! The herald, angels sing
glory to the new, born King.***

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.

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: O&N # 729 *What child is this who laid to rest*

What child is this, who, laid to rest

Whom shepherds guard and angels sing

On Mary's lap is sleeping

Haste, haste to bring Him praise

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet

The Babe, the Son of Mary!

While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King

Why lies He in such mean estate

Where ox and ass are feeding?
 Come, have no fear; God's son is here
 His love all loves exceeding
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through
 The Cross He bore for me, for you
 Hail, hail, the Saviour comes
 The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
 Come, peasant, king, to own Him
 The King of kings salvation brings
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him
 Raise, raise the song on high
 While Mary sings a lullaby
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born
 The Babe, the Son of Mary!

CPWI # 69 In the bleak midwinter

In the bleak midwinter
 frosty wind made moan,
 earth stood hard as iron, water
 like a stone:
 snow had fallen, snow on snow,
 snow on snow,
 in the bleak midwinter,
 long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold
 him,
 nor earth sustain;
 heaven and earth shall flee away
 when he comes to reign:
 in the bleak midwinter,
 a stable ... place sufficed

the Lord God Almighty,
 Jes us Christ.

Enough for him, whom
 cherubim
 worship night and day,
 a breastfull of milk,
 and a manger full of hay:
 enough for him, whom angels
 fall down before,
 the ox and ass and camel
 which adore.

Angels and archangels
 may have gathered there,
 cherubim and seraphim

thronged the air -
 but only his mother
 in her maiden bliss
 worshipped the Beloved
 with a kiss.

What can I give him,
 poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd
 I would bring a lamb;
 if I were a wise man
 I would do my part;
 yet what I can I give him -
 give my heart.

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!***

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

The shepherds feared and trembled
 when lo! above the earth
 rang out the angel chorus
 that hailed our Saviour's birth. ***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@htcctt.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.
- + **FINAL DISCUSSION SESSION: ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING (MAX LUCADO) – December 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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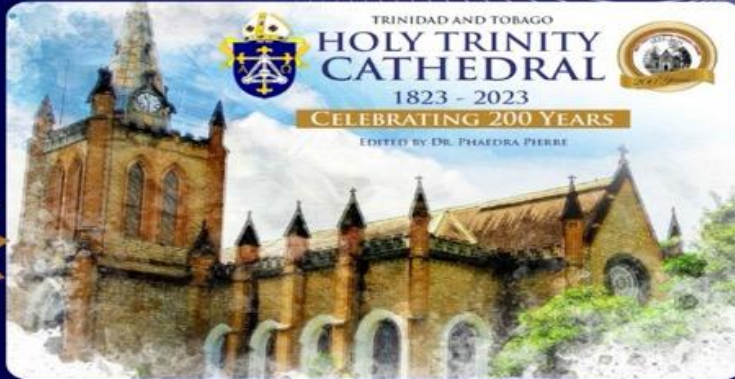
DECEMBER MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES:

- 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

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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

+ **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.



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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2025/2026

Wednesday **24th** December, 2025
7PM - CHRISTMAS VIGIL SUNG EUCHARIST
(Carol Singing & Blessing of the Creche)

Thursday **25th** December, 2025
The Nativity of our Lord
8AM - SUNG EUCHARIST

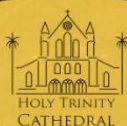
Saturday **27th** December, 2025
Carols by Candle Light
5PM - CAROLS & LESSONS

Sunday **28th** December, 2025
First Sunday after Christmas Day
6AM & 8AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday **28th** December, 2025
11AM - HOLY INNOCENTS SERVICE
4PM - SERVICE OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

29th - 31st December, 2025
Mon, Tues & Wed in the First Week after Christmas
12PM - HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesday **31st** December, 2025
Watchnight - Feast of the Holy Name
7PM - SUNG EUCHARIST



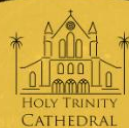
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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2025/2026

Friday 2nd January, 2026
12PM - MIDDAY HOLY EUCHARIST

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

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



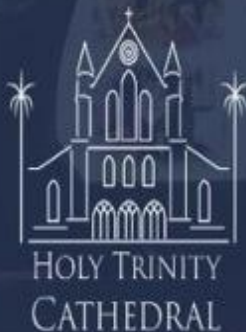
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Notice

**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

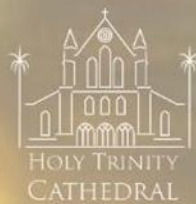
Morning Prayer (Facebook Online)

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**

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|------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| • Mondays at 5:00 PM | Bible Study | Will resume January 12, 2026 |
| • Thursdays at 5:00 PM | Prayer Group | Will resume January 15, 2026 |
| Fridays at 1:30 PM | Bible Study - In person at the Parish Chapel | |

DIVINE OFFICE READINGS

DATE	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY 21ST <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
MONDAY 22ND <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
TUESDAY 23RD	± Psalms 93, 96 ± Baruch 4:21-29 ± Luke 1:67-80	± Psalms 148, 150 ± Isaiah 33:17-22 ± Galatians 3:15-22
WEDNESDAY 24TH <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
THURSDAY 25TH <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
FRIDAY 26TH <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
SATURDAY 27TH <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, 2024

The First Sunday after Christmas — Year A

± **1st Reading:** Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm: 147

± **2nd Reading:** Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Gospel: John 1:1-18